

**WEEKLY UPDATE: 3/9/2018**  
**NORTH CAROLINA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION**  
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**SEAFOOD RECEPTION AND LOBBY DAY PLANNING IN THE WORKS!**  
**Event will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

**NEW INFORMATION:** We have a permit to rally on the south side of the Capitol from 9:00am till 1:00pm!

Also, if you want to stay overnight we have a room block with special rates for the evenings of May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>! Here are the details:

**Red Roof PLUS on South Saunders Street**

Rates start at \$63.74 and you can reserve for only one night or both.

To reserve, call 1-800-733-7663 and mention the North Carolina Fisheries Association and Code B256NFISH

NCFA is making final preparations for a Seafood Reception and Lobby Day for May 23<sup>rd</sup>! This will be an especially important time for you to make plans for going to Raleigh to talk to legislators during the day and attend a legislative seafood reception in the evening.

Last year was the first year for Seafood Lobby Day, which we hope to make an annual event in conjunction with the Legislative Seafood Reception. The Reception was started several years ago by NC Watermen United (NCWU) and NCFA was invited a few years ago to participate. NCFA had the first Seafood Lobby Day last year, primarily to address H-867 which was basically a rewrite of the Fisheries Reform Act without any commercial fishing input.

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**CCFA SETS DATE FOR ANNUAL FISH FRY!**

The Carteret County Fisherman's Association has set May 5<sup>th</sup> as the date for its Annual Fish Fry at Wheatly Boys Tire in Otway! Hours are 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Sponsorships are \$250 & up; Memorial/Honorarium \$100; Raffle tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20  
Plates are only \$10 each!

For sponsorships or honorariums or for more info, call Aundrea O'Neal: 252-503-8302.



**May 5th**

11AM to 4PM

\$10 Per Plate

**LOCATION: Wheatly Boys Tire & Auto**

760 Hwy 70 E. OTWAY, NC

for more information call 252.269.5020 or 252.503.8302

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## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET IN CARTERET COUNTY**

The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00pm at the Aquarium in Pine Knoll Shores. Here is a list of topics:

- DNCR – Roanoke Island Commission/Roanoke Island Historical Association Update
- DEQ – Marine Fisheries Update on Implementation of S.B. 410, The Marine Aquaculture Development Act
- DEQ – Marine Fisheries Update on Oyster/Shellfish rehabilitation program
- UNCW – Oyster Research Update
- DNCR and DACS – CWMTF and ADFPTF updates on military buffers and REPI grants
- WRC – Update on Lake Mattamuskeet
- DACS – Corner Store Initiative

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## **SOUTHERN FLOUNDER FMP ADVISORS TO MEET**

The Southern Flounder FMP Advisory Committee will meet on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm at the DEQ offices in Washington, NC.

The purpose of the meeting is to continue assisting the Division of Marine Fisheries with the development of Amendment 2 to the N.C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan. The committee will receive a presentation reviewing the data sources considered for the southern flounder stock assessment. A document containing the data from the January 2018 Southern Flounder Stock Assessment is enclosed so you can review the material prior to the presentation.

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## **CAMPAIGN EVENTS**

**Rep. Bob Steinburg of Edenton** is a candidate for NC Senate, and he is having a fundraiser at the Culpepper Inn on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Sponsorships are available for \$2500, 2000, 1500, 1000 and 500. To attend the cost is \$75 or \$125/couple. For more info, call Bob at 252-333-8498.

**Rep. George Cleveland of Jacksonville** is an incumbent candidate for NC House and is having an event on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The event is 6:00 – 8:00pm at The Osprey Grill, Gum Branch Rd in Jacksonville. Sponsorships available: \$5200, 2500, 1000, 500 and 250. To attend the cost is \$110 or 150/couple. For more info, contact Todd Batchelor (919) 818-4370.

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## CALENDAR

March 10; 6:30-8:30pm; Bob Steinburg fundraiser; Culpepper Inn; Elizabeth City NC  
March 13; 1:00pm Joint Legislative Oversight Committee; Aquarium, Pine Knoll Shores  
March 20; 6:00-8:00pm; George Cleveland campaign event; The Osprey Grill in Jacksonville  
March 21; 6:00pm; Southern Flounder FMP Advisory Committee; DEQ office; Washington, NC  
May 5; Carteret County Fisherman's Association Fish Fry  
May 23; ALL DAY; Seafood Lobby Day in Raleigh

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