

**WEEKLY UPDATE: 11/28/2016**  
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**NCFA BOARD TO MEET:**

NCFA's Board of Directors will meet next Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at noon at the Civic Center in Washington.

**NCFA ANNUAL MEETING DATE SET FOR JANUARY 9, 2017:**

NCFA's Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017, beginning at 3:00pm at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern.

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**GOVERNOR'S RACE:**

Roy Cooper's lead continues to grow as counties finish counting their ballots. As of Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, his lead over Governor McCrory is about 9,700 votes with a few counties still to finish. If that lead goes to 10,000 or more, the Governor cannot ask for a recount according to current law. (He did request a recount on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, but the state cannot act on that request until all county votes are in.) Legal remedies are an option for a recount as well.

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**South Atlantic States Schedule Public Hearings on Cobia Public Information**

**Document** – The South Atlantic states of Virginia through Florida have scheduled their hearings to gather public comment on the Public Information Document (PID) for the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Cobia. The details of the scheduled hearings follow.

Meetings in our area include:

**Virginia Marine Resources Commission**

*December 6, 2016; 6 PM*  
2600 Washington Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Newport News, Virginia 23607  
Contact: [Joe Cimino](mailto:Joe.Cimino@vmarc.com) at 757.247.2236

**North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries**

*December 8, 2016; 6 PM*  
Doubletree by Hilton Atlantic Beach  
2717 West Fort Macon Road

Atlantic Beach, North Carolina  
Contact: [Michelle Duval](#) at 252.808.8011

*December 15, 2016; 5 PM*  
Dare County Government Administration Building  
Room 168  
954 Marshall C. Collins Drive  
Manteo, North Carolina  
Contact: [Michelle Duval](#) at 252.808.8011

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**Mid-Atlantic Council to Meet** – The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will meet Dec. 12-15 at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore, 550 Light St., Baltimore, MD.

**Webinar:** For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/december2016>.

**Meeting Materials:** Briefing documents will be posted at <http://ww.mafmc.org/briefing/december-2016> as they become available.

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### **States schedule hearings on Atlantic Menhaden Draft Amendment 3 Public**

**Information Document** – The Atlantic coastal states of Maine through Florida have scheduled their hearings to gather public comment on the Public Information Document (PID) for Draft Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden. The North Carolina hearing is:

#### **North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries**

Nov. 30, 2016; 5:30 p.m.  
5285 US Highway 70 West  
Morehead City, North Carolina  
Contact: [Michelle Duval](#) at 252.808.8013

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### **SOUTHERN FLOUNDER LAWSUIT:**

We would like to thank all of you who have donated to the Southern Flounder Fund so far. We will send a special update out soon listing those who have contributed to the fund.

As noted previously, we have had two hearings on our lawsuit on southern flounder before two judges. Both judges ruled in our favor. However, it's not over! There will be a hearing at some point and we need to be prepared!

Whether you are a commercial fisherman, dealer, or recreational fisherman, if you are pleased that we took this legal action and your season did not close on October 16<sup>th</sup> as the MFC planned, we need your help!

Checks can be made payable to:

NCFA Southern Flounder Fund  
2807 Neuse Blvd.; Suite 11  
New Bern, NC 28562

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## CALENDAR

Nov 30; ASMFC Menhaden Hearing; 5:30pm; DMF Regional Office; Morehead City, NC  
Dec 5; NCFA Board; Noon; Civic Center; Washington, NC  
Dec 6; SAFMC Hearing on Cobia; 6:00pm; VMRC; Newport News, VA  
Dec 8; SAFMC Hearing on Cobia; 6:00pm; Hilton; Atlantic Beach, NC  
Dec 5 – 9; South Atlantic Council meeting; Atlantic Beach, NC  
Dec 15; SAFMC Hearing on Cobia; 5:00pm; Dare County Admin Bldg. in Manteo  
Dec 12 – 15; Mid Atlantic Council Meeting; Baltimore, MD  
Jan 9, 2017; NCFA's Annual Meeting; 3:00pm; Convention Center; New Bern, NC