

WEEKLY UPDATE: 3/2/2018
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SEAFOOD RECEPTION AND LOBBY DAY PLANNING IN THE WORKS!
Event will be on May 23rd!

NCFA is making final preparations for a Seafood Reception and Lobby Day for May 23rd! 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.

NCFA POSITION ON EXPLORATORY DRILLING OFFSHORE

NCFA's Board of Directors discussed the issue of exploratory drilling offshore for oil and natural gas and reaffirmed previous positions on the issue. While not proclaiming "Drill, Baby, Drill", our position is not in opposition either, but a cautious movement to move forward in a sustainable manner.

You can access our statement here or call the office for a copy.

UPDATED NCFA WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING!

Check out the new and improved NCFA website! Weekly Updates are posted on the site and you can fill out a membership application and pay your dues online! Check it out!

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CCFA SETS DATE FOR ANNUAL FISH FRY!

The Carteret County Fisherman's Association has set May 5th as the date for its Annual Fish Fry! More details to come!

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 13th 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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CAMPAIGN EVENTS

As noted in last week's update, we want to keep you informed of campaign events being held on the coast. We can only list what we know about and there's only one that we know of:

Rep. Bob Steinburg of Edenton is a candidate for NC Senate, and he is having a fundraiser at the Culpepper Inn on Saturday, March 10th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. For more info, call Bob at 252-333-8498.

CALENDAR

March 5 – 9; South Atlantic Council; Jekyll Island, Georgia
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
May 5; Carteret County Fisherman's Association Fish Fry
