

WEEKLY UPDATE: 11/3/2017
NORTH CAROLINA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION
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LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN JONES:

Addresses shark issue to U.S. Commerce Secretary Ross

“If foreign countries are failing to manage their shark populations appropriately, they should change their ways,” said **Congressman Jones**. “But we should not put U.S. fishermen out of business in the process.”

Congressman Walter B. Jones (NC-3) is moving to help Eastern North Carolina fishermen who could be hurt by legislation pending before Congress. The bills threaten America’s domestic shark fisheries. A significant piece of those fisheries is in Eastern North Carolina. They are sustainably managed and help support the economy in coastal North Carolina and other small fishing communities around the country.

[Click here for the press release.](#)

[Click here for Walter's letter to Secretary Ross.](#)

Senate bill is S-793 and House bill is HR 1456. The House bill has 4 North Carolina co-sponsors: David Price, Alma Adams, both Democrats; and David Rouzer and Ted Budd, both Republicans.

We appreciate Congressman Jones taking an active part in opposing this horrible bill and are working to find out why North Carolina Congressmen: David Price, Alma Adams, David Rouzer and Ted Budd have signed on to such a job-killer!

MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

We’ve heard that Governor Cooper has made his decision about 3 MFC seats but the formal announcement won’t be made until next week. The appointees will be sworn in at the MFC meeting in Kitty Hawk on November 15th.

The meeting on the 15th & 16th will be held at the Hilton in Kitty Hawk. The agenda for that meeting is not yet available, but we’ll post it as soon as we get it.

NCFA BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED

The NCFA Board meeting that had been scheduled for November 8th, has been changed. The new date is Monday, November 27th at Noon at the Civic Center in Washington, NC. This will be a November/December meeting.

CALENDAR

Nov 13-14; ASMFC Menhaden Management Board: BWI Marriott at Baltimore
Nov 15-16; NC Marine Fisheries Commission; Kitty Hawk
Nov 27; Noon; NCFA Board of Directors; Civic Center; Washington, NC
Dec 4 – 8; South Atlantic Council; Doubletree; Atlantic Beach, NC
Dec 11 – 14; Mid Atlantic Council; Westin Annapolis; Annapolis, MD
