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FISHERIES ARTICLES IN THE NEW BERN SUN JOURNAL:

Two articles appeared in today's issue of the New Bern Sun Journal. The first originated in the Wilmington Star News and quote two of NCFA's Board members about increasing shark populations:

<http://www.newbernsj.com/news/20170319/shark-populations-are-increasing-again>

The other front page article was about an update on the shrimp petition issue that will take place at a meeting of the Pamlico Chamber of Commerce. The meeting will be held at the Pamlico Community College beginning at 7:00pm with NCFA's Jerry Schill as the speaker.

<http://www.newbernsj.com/news/20170319/pamlico-chamber-to-host-meeting-on-shrimp-proposals>

JONES TESTIFIES ON BEHALF OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SHRIMPERS

WASHINGTON, DC – Today at the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), Congressman Walter B. Jones (NC-3) testified on behalf of Eastern North Carolina shrimpers in strong support of continuing anti-dumping duty orders against imported warmwater shrimp from Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam. The ITC first enacted these orders more than 10 years ago to offset cheating by foreign producers, and to help level the playing field for American shrimpers.

“Shrimping is an integral part of Eastern North Carolina’s heritage and economy,” said **Congressman Jones**. “Hard working Eastern North Carolina fishing families have been devastated by unfairly traded foreign shrimp. If these orders aren’t continued, I have no doubt that producers from communist China, Vietnam and elsewhere will start illegally dumping shrimp into our market again. That is unacceptable, and I hope the ITC will stand up for American workers.”

View his testimony here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yupas21PCAc>

T-SHIRTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED:

T-shirts have been delivered! Call for information about availability and locations for picking the up.

NORTH CAROLINA SHRIMPERS: UNITED WE STAND!



NCFA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET:

The next meeting of NCFA's Board will be on Monday, March 27th, at the Civic Center in Washington, NC. Meeting begins at noon.

CARTERET COUNTY FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION PLANNING FISH FRY:

CCFA is looking for sponsors and memorials. They will be raffling a print from Core Sound Museum called "Core Sound by Firelight" by Alan Cheek. The date has not been finalized but it will be in May.

FROM THE DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES:

State searching for head of N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries – State environmental officials are conducting a nationwide search for a director for the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries. For the past 11 months, Braxton Davis has served as the director for the state divisions of Marine Fisheries and Coastal Management. The divisions had their own directors before April when Davis – then director of the Division of Coastal Management – was named to also lead the Division of Marine Fisheries. "Braxton has been an outstanding leader for our agency and has served admirably as the chief for these two divisions for almost a year," said Michael Regan, secretary for the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality. "Braxton and I and our leadership team have discussed the workload of managing two divisions, and we all agree that oversight of both divisions is more than one person can handle in a long-term situation." Davis will continue serving as the director for both divisions until a new director for the Division of Marine Fisheries is named. At that time, Davis will resume his previous role as director of the Division of Coastal Management. Davis has led the Division of Coastal

Management since September 2011. The position was posted today on the state's job posting website and will remain open until 5 p.m. March 22. People interested in applying for the state Division of Marine Fisheries' position or learning more about it can visit:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina/jobs/1682472/division-director-division-of-marine-fisheries>.

CALENDAR

March 27; NCFA Board Meeting; Civic Center; Washington, NC

April 5; Seafood Legislative Reception; 5:30 – 7:30pm; Raleigh

April 11 – 13; MAFMC Meeting; Avalon, NJ

April 17 – 18; Snapper Grouper AP Meeting; Charleston, SC

April 19 – 20; Mackerel Cobia AP Meeting; Charleston, SC

May 10; Joint MAFMC & ASMFC; Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Board; Alexandria, VA

May 17 – 18; NC MFC Meeting; New Bern, NC