

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 02/22/2019**  
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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There were no bills relating to fishing introduced this week. The shellfish bill we've been waiting on is still being drafted. A "certain organization" sent a note to legislators saying things are terrible for recreational fishermen in North Carolina and it's all the fault of inshore trawling and gillnets, so that could be a sign something is coming.

Most of the legislative committee meetings have been background information on various state agencies and preliminary discussions on appropriations. The General Assembly will remain in session until a budget is passed by the Senate, House and signed by the Governor.

### FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NCFA has been in attendance this week during the Marine Fisheries Commission meeting in Williamston and will provide a detailed update in next week's Weekly Newsletter.

#### **Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.**

Public Input on Potential Management Measures for Spot and Atlantic Croaker  
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries  
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office  
5285 Highway 70 West, Morehead City  
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### CALENDAR

#### **Feb. 27 at 6 p.m.**

Public Input on Potential Management Measures for Spot and Atlantic Croaker  
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries  
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality Southern Regional Office  
127 Cardinal Drive Extension, Wilmington  
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#### **Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.**

Public Input on Potential Management Measures for Spot and Atlantic Croaker  
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries  
Dare County Commissioners Office  
954 Marshall Collins Drive, Room 168, Manteo  
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#### **March 6, 6 p.m.**

Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee Meeting  
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Washington, NC  
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