

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 02/21/2020
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Legislative Update

Nothing new to report from Raleigh this week.

NCFA Annual Board Meeting:

NCFA held its Annual Board Meeting on Monday, February 17 at the *Inlet View Bar & Grill* in Shallotte, NC. We would like to thank Samantha Hughes and her staff for the warm welcome and great southern hospitality. (As well as the great local seafood they provided). We also want to thank our Members and Board Members that took time out of their busy schedules to be in attendance.

Industry Funded Economic Survey-

It is very important that all fishermen fill out this survey when they receive it in the mail. This information is so NC can get an accurate value for our fishing industry. If you have any questions, feel free to call Glenn Skinner at 252-646-7742

Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment

Scoping and public comment meeting
Tuesday, Feb 25 6PM-8PM
NCDMF Office
943 Washington Street, Washington, NC

NC Catch Summit-2020

Winter Seafood Jubilee - *Sunday March 1 (12p-4p)*

- FREE Raw Oyster Samples
- FREE event
- Fish Fry
- Oyster Roast
- meet commercial fisherman, oyster farmers and industry professionals
- education booths from various seafood-related organizations
- RSVP via Facebook

NC Catch Summit - *Monday March 2 (9:30a-3:30p)*

- first time to be hosted in Raleigh!
- FREE educational event for the public
- speakers and discussion panels from industry professionals all day
- [RSVP encouraged](#) via EventBrite

SAMFC & NOAA Dolphin Wahoo Participatory Workshops.

Monday, March 9, 2020 315 Front St, Beaufort NC
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Coastal Studies institute, Rm 242
850 NC 345, Wanchese, NC

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 Surf Rider-Cypress Point
928 Diamond Springs Rd., Virginia Beach, VA

*Workshops are from 9am-4pm.
Coffee and Lunch are provided!*

RSVP: Mandy Karnauskas, NOAA Fisheries
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Or online: <https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/mqhuxe91dv0ft6>

State to Review Small Mesh Gill Net Regulations

RALEIGH- The Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality has directed the Division of Marine Fisheries to conduct a thorough review of the regulations governing the use of small mesh gill nets in North Carolina fisheries. After decades of actions by numerous Marine Fisheries Commissions (MFC), the department, the division and federal agencies, the regulations have become complex, difficult for stakeholders to understand and create an enforcement challenge.

A review to simplify the regulations with a goal to reduce bycatch and sustain our stocks is important to commercial and recreational fishermen. The Division of Marine Fisheries will:

- Begin a review of existing MFC small mesh (less than 4 inches) gill net rules and proclamations to identify potential amendments with respect to minimum mesh size, total yardage and attendance requirements; and
- Issue a proclamation this spring to limit yardage for small mesh nets with reasonable upper limits based on analysis of average, minimum and maximum yardages currently used and address attendance requirements in certain 'hot spot' areas.
- Present rule change options to the MFC later this year.

We will provide a detailed update from the MFC meeting next week (hopefully on Monday or Tuesday). We want to get all motions that were passed in their full context.



The poster features a background image of a large flock of waterfowl flying over a field. In the center, there is a circular logo for the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center, which includes a silhouette of a waterfowl in flight. Below the logo, the text reads "CORE SOUND WATERFOWL MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTER". The main title of the event is "Winter Taste of Core Sound 2020" in a stylized font. Below the title, the location and address are listed: "SOUTHERN SALT | ON THE WATERFRONT | 701 EVANS ST | MOREHEAD CITY". A dark brown horizontal band contains the date and time: "FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28 @ 6 pm". Below this band, the word "MENU" is centered, followed by a list of food items: "Oyster Bar - Fried Oysters - Scallops - Shrimp - Chicken & Pastry - Stewed Duck Collards - Sweet Taters - Cornbread & Light Rolls - Albert's Lemon Pie". Below the menu, it says "Silent Auction, Live Auction, Full Buffet of Winter Seafood & Game, Cash Bar, Oyster Bar". The word "TICKETS" is centered, followed by the pricing: "\$75/person (members) LIMITED SEATING - RESERVE NOW" and "\$85/person (non-members, includes one-year membership)". Below the tickets, it states "All Proceeds go to Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center Redhead Society for Education Programs". At the bottom, the word "SPONSORS" is centered, followed by a list of sponsors: "Chadwick Tire, Eastern Aviation, Trader Construction, B & J Seafood, Beaufort Inlet Seafood, Acculink, Knott's Warehouse, Piggly-Wiggly of Kinston & New Bern". At the very bottom, it says "Photo Credit: Gordon Allen".