

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The General Assembly gets back into work mode next week, allowing for the public to also access the two legislative buildings, although using safety measures. Temps will be taken for all entering the buildings and they ask that those attending only do so if necessary.

We are now sifting through a lot of bills that are being filed. So far, H-1045, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN is the only bill affecting commercial fishing and it remains in the House Rules Committee.

I will be watching the daily calendars and decide which days I'll be going to Raleigh.

God Bless,
 Jerry

Division of Marine Fisheries urges fishermen to promptly complete license/permit renewals for FY 2021

Renewal packets for fiscal year 2021 commercial and for-hire fishing licenses and permits are in the mail, and the Division of Marine Fisheries is asking fishermen to complete and return the applications without delay.

Division offices are currently closed to the public, and the division is only facilitating license purchases and renewals through mail or through a combination of mail and over the phone.

Fiscal year 2020 commercial and for-hire licenses and permits will expire June 30, 2020, but due to the delay that mail processing may cause, it is important that fishermen not wait until the last minute to renew.

As an alternative to the mail, fishermen also may submit completed applications with payment (check, cashier's check, or money order only) in drop boxes provided at the following division offices:

Further information regarding individual commercial and for-hire license and permit renewals is included in the renewal packets.

<p>DMF Headquarters 3441 Arendell St. Morehead City Phone: 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632</p>	<p>Manteo Field Office 1021 Driftwood Dr. Manteo Phone 252-473-5734 or 800-405-7774</p>
<p>Pamlico District Office 943 Washington Square Mall, Highway 17 Washington Phone: 252-946-6481 or 800-338-7804</p>	<p>Southern District Office 127 Cardinal Drive Extension Wilmington Phone: 910-796-7215 or 800-248-4536</p>

Fishermen who have questions should call their local license office at the number listed above or email License@ncdenr.gov.

Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses can be purchased or renewed online at www.ncwildlife.org or by calling N.C. Wildlife Resource Commission at 888-248-6834 during office hours.