

NCFA UPDATE: 04/24/2020
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

STATE:

ECONOMIC SUPPORT WORKING GROUP:

The Working Group, ECONOMIC SUPPORT, one of 4 groups under the House Select Committee on Covid-19, met again this week. One of the presenters was Lockhart Taylor from the NC Department of Employment Security. He said that the "system" should be ready to accept PUA claims on Friday. PUA is Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and is explained below. Also is a link with more information.

Please note when you click on the page now, no other link is provided for you to apply. The link will be provided when the system is ready, so keep checking until you see it.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA): This program provides unemployment compensation for individuals not eligible for regular unemployment insurance or any extensions to unemployment insurance. This will provide benefits to eligible self-employed workers and independent contractors. We anticipate the system will be ready to accept claims for this assistance around April 25, 2020.

<https://des.nc.gov/need-help/covid-19-information/federal-unemployment-assistance>

Also, a reminder that the General Assembly is scheduled to begin the short session on Tuesday, April 28th at noon. It's anticipated that only issues concerning COVID-19 will be addressed in the short time they will be meeting and then will recess till a later time to be determined.

The press release states that access to the legislative building and the legislative office buildings will be limited to members, staff and credentialed media beginning on April 20th and extending through May 8th. All entrants will have their temperatures taken before entering.

The ECONOMIC SUPPORT is not scheduled to meet again until after the session begins.

God bless,

Jerry

NOTE: IF YOU ARE RECEIVING ANY COMPENSATION FOR WORK, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

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Industry Funded Economic Survey:

It is very important that all fishermen fill out this survey and return it. This information is so NC can get an accurate value for our fishing industry. Deadline will be extended until April 30, 2020 due to the delays from COVID-19 coronavirus.

If you have not received an economic survey, or need a replacement survey, please contact Chris Dumas 910-962-4026 or via email dumasc@uncw.edu (To be eligible for the survey, a fisherman needs to have had (1) a commercial fishing license in 2019, and (2) trip ticket sales in 2019.