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CCA LAWSUIT

The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of NC has filed a lawsuit against the State of North Carolina that could severely restrict the rights of fishermen and consumers to access local wild caught North Carolina seafood!

**YOU CAN HELP US WITH THIS
FIGHT- DONATE/JOIN NCFA
TODAY!**

NCFA ANNUAL MEETING:

Members in good standing are invited to NCFA's Annual Meeting via Zoom. You must register as soon as possible due to limited entry.

When: Feb 23, 2021 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMlfu-rqT8uGNGLsL6P0jD78Dn8mfkZC0qx>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE for 2/19/2021:

GOVERNOR COOPER NAMES NEW DEQ SECRETARY

From the Governor's press release:

Governor Roy Cooper announced that Dionne Delli-Gatti will replace EPA Administrator Designate Michael Regan as Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

"Dionne Delli-Gatti is an experienced leader and champion for a safer, healthier environment. I'm confident that she is the right person to continue the progress we've made over the last four years with cleaner energy, air and water," said Governor Cooper.

Delli-Gatti most recently served at the Environmental Defense Fund as the Director of Southeast Climate and Energy following six years at the Atlanta EPA Regional office as Congressional and Governmental Liaison. Her environmental experience includes government service at the Ohio EPA and the City of Dallas, as well as an Environmental Specialist at Turner Collie & Braden, Inc. An Air Force veteran, Delli-Gatti holds a B.A. from Wright State

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in Environmental Geology and a Master of Science from the University of North Texas in Environmental Science."

You can view the full press release here:
<https://governor.nc.gov/news/governor-cooper-names-new-department-environmental-quality-secretary>

For more information about her position with EDF:
<https://www.edf.org/people/dionne-delli-gatti>

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

This week the General Assembly was slow made even slower by a weather report. Wednesday afternoon saw calendar changes to accommodate the projected freezing rain for Wednesday evening, Thursday morning.

There was one other coastal bill introduced although not directly related to fishing: H-87: FUNDS/NEW NORTH CAROLINA MARITIME MUSEUM, primary sponsor is Rep. Pat McElraft. The measure allocates \$3million for advance planning for a new museum at Gallants Channel in Carteret County.

S-26 TERMINAL GROIN DEFINITION;

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/Senate/PDF/S26v0.pdf>

Currently in the Senate Agriculture, Energy & Environment Committee

H-2 BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN AS STATE MARINE MAMMAL

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H2v1.pdf>

Currently in the House State Government Committee; if favorable to House Marine Resources Committee

H-87 FUNDS/NEW NORTH CAROLINA MARITIME MUSEUM

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H87v1.pdf>

Currently in the House Committee on Appropriations; if favorable Rules.

God bless,

Jerry

Marine Fisheries Commission reopens appointment process for shrimp advisers

MOREHEAD CITY – The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission is reopening

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the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee appointment process to ensure adequate representation from all user groups.

The commission seeks a cross-section of applicants representing the various commercial and recreational shrimp fisheries, scientists with expertise in the areas of habitat or bycatch and gear innovation, especially with trawls and bycatch reduction devices, as well as individuals interested in shrimp fishing issues. Certain fisheries stakeholder

groups were found to be underrepresented in the original applicant pool, specifically those who fish with large trawlers and those who fish in the Pamlico Sound.

The Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee will join the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries in workshops over several days in March 2021 to develop Amendment 2 to the plan.

Advisers will review scientific documents and issue papers and provide input to the division on refining management options in draft Amendment 2. Workshop-style meetings allow scientists, managers, and stakeholders on the committee to address questions, comments, and concerns more effectively and in a less formal setting.

Amendment 2 will examine management strategies to further reduce bycatch of non-target species in the shrimp trawl fishery, habitat protections, as well as potential changes to existing shrimp management. Topics under review include effort controls (e.g., fishing day restrictions, headrope limits, etc.) and shrimp trawl area restrictions for both habitat protections and potential reductions in bycatch.

Individuals interested in serving as an adviser should be available to attend and actively participate in the workshops scheduled for:

DATE	TIME
March 2	6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
March 4	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
March 9	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
March 10	3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
March 11	3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
March 15	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, the workshops will be held via web conference. Therefore, individuals interested in serving are strongly encouraged to have access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone with an internet connection.

The Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee workshop documents are currently available on the [Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee Workshops Page](#). More information is available on

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the [Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Amendment Information Page](#).

Advisers who submit required travel expense documentation complete the necessary paperwork will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in relation to their official duties.

To be qualified to serve on the committee, applicants may not have had a significant fisheries violation within the past three years.

Upon confirmation of their continued willingness to serve, all previously appointed advisers will be considered for reappointment during this process.

Adviser applications are available online [here](#) or at Division of Marine Fisheries' offices or by calling 252-808-8022 or 800-682-2632. Applications must be received by noon on Feb. 25, 2021. Applications may be submitted by email to Dana.Gillikin@ncdenr.gov or by mail to: N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, N.C. 28557, Attention: Dana Gillikin.

[DENR.DMF.Proclamation] FF-13-2021 FLOUNDER – COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS – ATLANTIC OCEAN- TWO-DAY HARVEST PERIOD EXTENSION

SEE PROCLAMATION FOR FULL DETAILS – LINKS PROVIDED BELOW

Proclamation: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/proclamations-current#finfish>
PDF

- http://portal.ncdenr.org/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=21352e03-b0dd-43fa-a991-adb67a34cebd&groupId=38337