

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 01/17/2020**  
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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

The Senate and House went into session on Tuesday but failed to override any of Governor Cooper's vetoes. They adjourned until April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**FEDERAL:**

NCFA has decided to postpone the trip to Washington DC due to the impeachment proceedings. We are still working with congressional staffs on the H2B guest worker program.

**F/V Sea Angels:**

On Thursday morning, January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Sea Angels was finally off the bar at Brown's Inlet. After 37 days of bureaucratic wrangling, she was finally under tow by sister vessel Lady Deborah to Jarrett's Bay where she will be surveyed and repaired. In the meantime, for over 4 weeks 4 families were unable to fish to provide for their families. More information will be provided about this horribly frustrating experience later.

**NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE RACES FOR 2020 PRIMARY:**

As we've done in the past, we will attempt to let you know of any candidate gatherings where you can meet those candidates running for NC House and Senate. Candidates need to advise us of what they're doing so we can advise you.

The God and Country Christian Alliance will host a meeting this coming Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at Moore's BBQ in New Bern at 7:00pm. Attending will be three of the four candidates for the Republican primary, NC House District 3. Michael Speciale is not running for re-election so it's an open seat. Those 3 who have said they'll be there are: Jim Kohr, Steve Tyson and Guy Smith. Eric Queen was invited but has not responded. The Democrat in the race does not have opposition for the primary, which is March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Candidate Jim Kohr will host a public Meet & Greet on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at Moore's BBQ in New Bern at 6:00pm.