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Story from the Cape Fear Beacon

New Report Claims Wilmington Diners are Being Swindled, Likely Paying More for Imported Shrimp with Health Risks

Wilmington's seafood promises a taste of the Carolina coast, but many restaurants aren't delivering on that claim. What's often advertised as local shrimp is actually imported, leaving customers unaware they're being deceived.

A recent [investigation](#) found that 77% of Wilmington-area restaurants surveyed are fraudulently mislabeling shrimp, passing off imported, farm-raised products as fresh, locally caught. The results, based on randomized genetic testing at 44 restaurants, point to a widespread pattern of deception that harms both consumers and the local shrimping industry.

From beachside spots in Wrightsville to historic riverfront eateries downtown, an April study by [SEAD Consulting](#), backed by the [Southern Shrimp Alliance](#) (SSA), is raising serious questions about seafood sources across the local restaurant scene. Using on-site genetic testing, the research team sampled shrimp from 44 restaurants across Wilmington, Carolina Beach, and Wrightsville Beach. Only 10 of those restaurants were found to be serving authentic U.S. wild-caught shrimp.

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ASMFC Meeting This Week

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) meets this week for their Spring quarterly meeting. The meeting will be May 5th - 8th at the Westin Crystal City Hotel at 1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 2220.

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Red Drum, Atlantic Croaker, Atlantic Striped Bass, and Horseshoe Crab are a few items on the agenda. Although it does not look like there are any hot topics on the agenda for this meeting, we will be listening nonetheless. Public comment can be given in person, through the webinar, or written.

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[Agenda](#)

[Meeting Webpage \(Written Comment\)](#)

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