

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 6/28/2019
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

The budget was approved yesterday by the Senate and House and presented to the Governor. How long the session goes on depends on whether or not Governor Cooper approves the budget.

Committees are still meeting on issues other than the budget in an effort to clear their plate in preparation for adjournment. There is a chance they will be coming back sometime this year for a special session, but much of it depends on whether or not Governor Cooper vetoes the budget.

The House is taking off next week and the Senate working just Monday and Tuesday in preparation for the July 4th holiday.

H-483, LET THEM SPAWN, as noted in last week's update, was passed by the House and sent to the Senate. It's currently in the Senate Rules Committee where it's doubtful it will be heard before they adjourn. At least that's what several Senators have told me. Keep in mind that's what we were also told on the House side several weeks ago! The bill will remain alive for the short session which will begin in May of 2020. You can see the chronology of the bill at the link below. If you want to see how they voted, just click on the appropriate link.

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2019/h483>

If you look it up, make sure you're looking at the version that passed which was Version 4. It was amended on the House floor to address much of the concern about bait.

Last week I listed those legislators we need to thank in the House for all the hard work on the bill and I *omitted* one:

Rep. Ed Goodwin of Edenton.

~Jerry

UPDATE ON BILLS:

The only other thing to report regarding fisheries is H-597 WILDLIFE RESOURCES AMENDS, which was discussed in the Rules Committee on Thursday and got a favorable report. It now goes to the House floor.

THIRD DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE

The two top vote getters from the Republican Primary will be in a runoff on July 9th. They are Greg Murphy from Greenville and Joan Perry from Kinston.

Allen Thomas Meet and Greet; Saturday, June 29th;
Fat Fellas BBQ and Grille in Newport; 7:30 – 9:00am
Also, Meet and Greet; Tuesday, July 2nd;
Diamond Insurance Agency in Greenville; 6:00 – 8:00pm

Joan Perry July 4th Parade
River Bend in Craven County; 10:00am.

Greg Murphy Summer Reception; Friday, June 28th;
Home of Charlie & Susan Creighton in Nags Head; 6:00pm
RSVP: Lynda Blount: 252-714-1164
Also, July 4th Parade
Beaufort, NC

The **NCF**A office will be closed on July 4th and will reopen on July 8th. We hope you all have a Happy, Safe and Blessed 4th of July.

Calendar

July 10, 2019

NCF A Board Meeting

2019 W. 15th Street, Washington, NC

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