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URGENT CALL TO ACTION #2

TRAWL BAN HAS PASSED COMMITTEE

An amendment to H.B. 442 has passed Committee and will likely be passed by the full Senate with language to ban shrimp trawling in all inside waters and ½ mile off the beach!

PROHIBIT SHRIMP TRAWLING IN ALL INSHORE FISHING WATERS AND WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF THE SHORELINE

SECTION 3.(a) G.S. 113-187(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Any person in charge of a commercial fishing operation conducted in violation of the following provisions of this Subchapter or the following rules of the Marine Fisheries Commission; and any person in charge of any vessel used in violation of the following provisions of the Subchapter or the following rules, shall be guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor. The violations of the statute or the rules for which the penalty is mandatory are:

(3a) Taking or attempting to take shrimp using a trawl net in any coastal fishing waters other than areas of the Atlantic Ocean located more than one-half mile from the shoreline.

This trawl ban has been fast tracked and we need you to contact your House of Representative members right now!

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This Bill is very likely to pass in full Senate either by the time you read this or by the end of the day tomorrow (Tuesday)! We ask as many of you as possible to also be ready to head to Raleigh and face this issue head on before it goes before the House of Representatives for a final vote!

Contact your county Representative and tell them to stop this and let them know how much this ban will affect your communities!

WE NEED YOU TO SPEAK AGAINST THIS AMENDMENT!

"I oppose the trawl ban amendment and support H.B. 442 as approved by the House of Representatives!"

[House Member List By County](#)

Click on each member at the link above and email and/or call!

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And please, if you can, be on standby to travel to Raleigh on last minute notice this week. This is a serious and dire situation!

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