

WEEKLY UPDATE: 06/03/11

NORTH CAROLINA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION

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Mid Atlantic Fisheries Management Council Commerce Secretary reappoints Jule Wheatly to obligatory seat. NCFA applauds the decision to reappoint Jule to the obligatory seat where he will continue to represent the interests of North Carolina. Congratulations Jule.

NCFA will be moving at the end of the month

Please take note, at the end of June 2011 NCFA will be moving its offices from New Bern, NC, to temporary offices in Pamlico County. We have a new post office box for dues, half percent, and other mail communications, and also will have new phone numbers beginning July 1st of this year. Please see below for the new address and phone numbers and make changes to your data files. E-mail addresses for Peggy and Sean will stay same, as will the website.

New NCFA Address beginning July 1, 2011:

North Carolina Fisheries Association

P.O. Box 335

Bayboro, N.C. 28515-0335

Phone for Peggy Page:

252-745-0225

The new address is operational now so you can begin sending mail to that box.

NORTH CAROLINA CALL TO PRAYER DAY JUNE 20, 2011

This historic event will unite North Carolinians for the purpose of:

- Supporting the formation of the North Carolina Legislative Prayer Caucus, a bi-partisan group of state legislators united to defend America's right to trust in God
- Signing the North Carolina Call to Prayer Proclamation
- Re-affirmation of our national motto – In God We Trust

Location: State Capitol, South Lawn

Raleigh, North Carolina

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

www.CallToPrayerNorthCarolina.com

Understanding Butterfish Habitat June 7th 2011 9am-5pm

Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory 1636 Delaware Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204 USA

Garden State Seafood Association (GSSA) and Rutgers University are trying to collect ecological information from commercial fishermen so that industry's practical experience and advice can inform whether habitat models- developed using Ocean Observatories- are accurate. We would like to invite you to a modeling workshop to be held Tuesday, June 7th at The Haskin Shellfish Laboratory in Cape May, NJ with the hopes that industry can comment on the accuracy of existing habitat models and we can build better habitat models based on your experience on the water. If you are unable to attend the workshop in Cape May, we would like to hold additional meetings later this summer in Rhode Island and/or New York at a place that is convenient for you, so please let us know if you are interested. Your input is very valuable for science, especially for species like butterfish where little is known about their ecology. We hope that you will consider participating in the workshop. Breakfast, lunch, and travel reimbursement will be provided. If you plan to attend or have any questions or comments, please contact:

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PROCLAMATIONS:

Details of proclamations are on NCDMF's website www.ncfisheries.net

AREA DESCRIPTIONS/REGULATIONS CRAB, EEL, FISH AND SHRIMP POTS; SHRIMPING AND CRAB TRAWLING:

See Division website: <http://www.ncfisheries.net/procs/procs2011/SH-003-2011.html>

Meetings

June 13 at 6 p.m.

Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee

DENR Regional Field Office

943 Washington Square Mall, Washington

Contact: Sean McKenna or Lynn Henry

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