

RADICAL ANGLER GROUP FOUNDED IN TEXAS TRYING TO STEAL ALL THE FISH IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), founded in Houston, Texas in 1976 by Texas oil barons, is up to its old tricks of stealing the people's fish for their personal pleasure under the guise that sport fishing is more valuable than commercial fishing that provide North Carolina seafood to non-boaters and citizens who live far from the coast. They have a legislator who said pleasure fishing is worth much more to North Carolina than commercial fishing because the commercial catch of a red drum is worth a mere \$1.50 per pound while a pleasure caught red drum is worth \$300 a pound. The old adage of, "Figures don't lie, but liars figure," has never been truer.

North Carolina Representative Darrell McCormick, R-Yadkin, evidently the most strident CCA voice in the assembly, heads a Marine Fisheries study committee. His trashing of the North Carolina seafood industry follows the same political plan CCA used in Florida and other states. It appears McCormick calculated his "economic survey" on the back of a napkin. McCormick didn't mention anywhere that making red drum, trout and other species he wants to make a game fish means that 3% of the people in NC will be able to catch and eat a red drum and trout etc, while 97% of the people who really own the public resource will be denied from eating even one serving of these fresh fish he wants to reserve to the CCA organization.

McCormick didn't mention that the commercial harvest is the non-boaters share of the commonly owned marine resource. McCormick leaves the impression that the commercial fishermen consume their entire harvest fish. Many consumers don't realize if commercial fishermen aren't allowed to harvest part of the fish for sale on the market, they are excluded from sharing in the state's marine resources. Rep. McCormick is trying to take fresh North Carolina harvested fish out of the mouths of all his constituents, and other members constituents who don't own boats and can't afford to charter one.

McCormick didn't mention the \$1.50 per pound paid to the fishermen will substantially increase many times as the fish moves through the market from boat to throat. He didn't mention that commercial fishing creates wealth while pleasure fishing expends wealth earned somewhere else. He didn't mention that this is just another marine resource grab orchestrated by a Texas based group dedicated to stealing all the fish for the benefit of their members.

There is no conservation aspect from destroying seafood producers. This group, CCA, is not satisfied with taking most of the fish, they want them all and they don't want non-boaters to have even one. It's another example of Wall Street types sticking it to the rest of the nation. Do the citizens of North Carolina really want to give all the bounty from the sea to the CCA?

Hopefully there are enough legislators in the North Carolina General Assembly who recognize the heifer dust being spread by CCA and will kill their takeover over saltwater fish and tell them to head on back to Texas.

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Bob Jones is a property owner in Avery County, NC. He knows if North Carolina commercial fishermen aren't allowed to catch fish, all citizens in Avery County and all other counties will have to eat seafood from Asia unless they catch their own seafood. North Carolinian's should not be banned from eating seafood from North Carolina waters unless they belong to CCA and have money to buy a boat and travel to the coast. A ban on harvesting impacts all restaurants that tout North Carolina seafood.

Bob Jones descends from the Adam Brinson family from Onslow County, NC.

Adam Brinson fought in the American Revolutionary War in the NC Militia according to:

Colonial Records of North Carolina

Roster of Captain John Shackelford's Company of the Onslow County Militia

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