

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CHARLES “PETE”
PETERSON**

Whereas, Charles “Pete” Peterson was born February 18, 1946 in Lawrence, New Jersey and graduated from Princeton University before obtaining a master’s degree in zoology and a PhD in population biology from the University of California Santa Barbara; and

Whereas, Pete Peterson came to North Carolina in 1976 to join the faculty of the UNC Institute of Marine Sciences and the UNC Department of Marine Sciences and remained until his retirement as distinguished professor emeritus in 2019; and

Whereas, Pete Peterson mentored over fifty graduate students and hundreds of undergraduate students, creating an ongoing legacy of scientific research in marine science and ecology; and

Whereas, Pete Peterson generously donated his time and scientific expertise to the citizens of North Carolina through 16 years of service on the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission’s Science Panel on Coastal Hazards, contributing to our understanding of coastal ecology; and

Whereas, Pete Peterson donated his time and scientific expertise to the citizens of North Carolina through twenty-four years of service on the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission where he was a consistent voice for protection of the State’s water quality and marine resources; and

Whereas, Pete Peterson also shared his scientific knowledge through national scientific organizations and special commissions, including the federal commission that investigated the impact of the Exxon-Valdez oil spill; and

Whereas, Pete Peterson had a gift for communicating scientific knowledge to non-scientists interested in developing and promoting public policies to protect coastal resources; Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission:

The Coastal Resources Commission honors the memory of Dr. Peterson and expresses appreciation for his service to the State of North Carolina in research, teaching and public service and his contributions to the understanding of coastal ecology and measures critical to protection of the State’s coastal resources.

The Coastal Resources Commission joins the family and friends of Dr. Peterson in mourning the loss of a great teacher, scientist and friend of the North Carolina coast.

This the _____ day of February 2021.

Renee M. Cahoon, Chair
North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission