From:	<u>clay walker</u>
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Let them spawn bill.
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 11:55:07 AM

I am very much in support of this bill and hope you will do all that is possible to get it passed.

From:	<u>Henry V Iii, Dr Murray</u>
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Inshore Shrimp Trawl Regulations
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 1:09:22 PM

Dear Dana,

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support for the new inshore shrimp trawl regulations. These regulations are long overdue here in N.C. Fish stocks in our state have been in a horrible decline for years, and it is past time to do something about it. This is certainly a step in the right direction. If we eliminated inshore shrimp trawls and gill nets, N.C. could in time enjoy the fishing that other states like Florida and Louisiana enjoy now. IT IS TIME!

Sincerely, H.V. Murray III, D.D.S.

From:	Bill Morris III
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Cc:	George Clark ; John Murchison); Bryan Meade
	; <u>David Sammons; Wayne Zeigler; Bob Warwick</u>
Subject:	[External] Inshore trawling rule making petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 1:36:52 PM
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Dear Ms. Gillikin,

The Marine Fisheries Commission is expected to vote on the inshore trawling rule making petition proposal on Thursday, August 22. The matters covered by this petition are critical to the protection, preservation and rebuilding of our devastated coastal fishery which for years has been abused and neglected. For shrimp trawls operating in the North Carolina sounds there is 4 pounds of juvenile fish discarded for every pound of shrimp harvested! This is not only disgusting but completely unsustainable as evidenced by the dramatic reduction in harvest year after year.

The N.C. Wildlife Federation is asking the Marine Fisheries Commission to: • Designate new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas in the Pamlico Sound and other internal waters where juvenile fish are abundant;

· Allow the Division of Marine Fisheries to open shrimp season once shrimp reach a certain size, by June 15, in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas;

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 \cdot protect areas essential to the growth and viability of economically beneficial fish species.

As a conservation minded native North Carolinian and Grandparent to 9 Grandchildren I implore you to support the petition being presented, for the good of all who depend upon and enjoy the fishery now and for future generations, before it is gone. Thank you for your consideration, Bill

Bill Morris

From:	Avery Bates
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Let them Spawn
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 3:49:05 PM

Dana,

I'm writing to let you know that I support NCWF Inshore trawling Rule Making Petition to protect juvenile fish and nursery habitat!

I have been following the North Carolina Wildlife Federation's "Sound Solutions" project for about 3 years. I believe they have balanced positions and sound solutions to help our state's fisheries.

I sincerely hope you do too. If you don't agree, I hope you'll let me know why so that I can understand your position.

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Avery

E. Avery Bates



From:	Adam Smith
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] NC Wildlife Federation Petition Support
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 5:54:39 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

-- Adam M. Smith

From:	Daniel Graham
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] NCWF Petition Needs Support
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 11:46:42 AM

Dana:

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Please give serious consideration to these common sense pro-active proposals to protect our marine resources for the long term.

Respectfully Yours, Dr. Dan Graham

(NCWF Member)

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From:	<u>R K bennett</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch.
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 5:52:00 PM

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Ronny Bennet

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From:	Lenny Smathers
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Rule making Petition from NCWF
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 4:33:41 PM

Please move to adopt the provisions of the petition from the North Carolina Wildlife Federation regarding Inshore trawling. The adoption of the rules outlined in the petition will protect juvenile fish and nursery habitat and will increase the NC fisheries, thereby benefiting both commercial and recreational markets.

From:	Mike Hurley
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] shrimp trawling bykill
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 5:53:11 PM

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Thank you for your consideration,

____Mike Hurley______

From:	
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Sound Solutions
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 12:00:16 PM

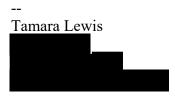
I strongly support this legislation as a sportsman

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From:	Tamara Lewis
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Sound Solutions
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 12:24:58 PM

Dear Dana and the NCDENR,

Please support the upcoming "Sound Solutions" legislation when it comes to you. Everything I read about it points to it being a much needed way to sustain our fishing and maritime industries as well as protecting the aquatic resources of North Carolina. I talked to someone from Florida who was around when they instituted similar programs and he said even though it was a tough pill to swallow at first, it made a marked, lasting difference there. I work with Venturing Scouts here in **Security**, and these science-based principals go hand in hand about what we teach our youth about environmental conservation and sustainable industry. Please think long term and be the "grown up" in the room who plans for what is best for the big picture of our state.



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From: Stuart Creighton

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 9:18 PM

To: c.laughridge.mfc@ncdenr.gov; Bizzell, Rob <r.bizzell.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; b.koury.mfc@ncdenr.gov; Boltes, C <c.boltes.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Kornegay, K <j.kornegay.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Cross, Doug <d.cross.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Blanton, Mike <m.blanton.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Romano, Sam

<s.romano.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Hendrickson, Tom <t.hendrickson.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Murphey, Steve

<steve.murphey@ncdenr.gov>; Regan, Michael S <Michael.Regan@ncdenr.gov>

Cc: Nancy Fish <Nancy.Fish@ncdenr.gov>

Subject: [External] upcoming meeting

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Good evening all,

I would like these comments submitted for the upcoming DMF meeting. As last time, I intend to speak at the meeting, but I am pretty certain that I will exceed my allotted three minutes.

First and foremost, I urge you to follow through and vote to pass Amendment 2 to the southern flounder FMP. The restrictions are painful, but necessary and must be enacted IN THE SHORT TERM.

As we move forward with Amendment 3, I stress to the division and to the commission to make significant and fundamental changes to the means by which flounder are harvested.

Recreational fishermen should be subjected to the following changes. First, ALL recreational commercial gill nets should be permanently banned. Next, all those fishing with live or cut bait should be required to do so with circle hooks to reduce mortality of undersized fish. Finally, recreational creel limits should be kept at 4 fish per person per day with a slot limit of 14 - 20".

Commercial fishermen should be subjected to the following changes. First, ALL large mesh gill nets should be banned. Next, pound nets and gigging should be allowed to continue under a strict quota with seasonal paybacks and daily reporting of their catch. NO NEW POUND NET PERMITS should be approved until the fishery recovers. Finally, an appropriate season for each management area should become a permanent part of the next FMP amendment for southern flounder.

Another consideration as we move forward should be to manage the three different flounder species separately. Currently, summer and gulf flounder are not overfished. They also tend to inhabit the oceans primarily whereas southern flounder spend much of the year in the rivers and sounds. Doing so would allow the oceans to remain open during the important spring and summer seasons.

Secondly, with the current moratorium on striped bass in the CSMA and CFMA, with the likely flounder seasonal closure, and with pending adjustments to the blue crab fishery, it is obvious that speckled trout will be pressured even more extensively by both commercial and recreational fishermen. I URGE the MFC and DMF to get ahead of the situation before it becomes problematic, and, rest assured, it will!! You must ban the use of gill nets and instead give the commercial fishermen a hook and line option, keeping the 75 fish/day limit. Recreational fishermen using live or cut bait should, again, be required to use circle hooks, keeping their 4 fish/day limit. A slot of 14-22" should

also be imposed. Please note that this will not work without a ban on gill nets.

Finally, there are many more issues pending that must be addressed in the short term. Shrimp trawling in the sound must be stopped. More enforcement officers must be hired to adequately cover our vast inshore waters. Sustainable methods of harvest must be invested in and incorporated to ensure that commercial fishing always has its place in North Carolina. Our state has the dubious distinction of mismanaging our marine resources for a long time and it is past time that we start heading in a new direction. Other states have figured it out and it is time we followed suit.

Sincerely,

Stuart Creighton

From:	Harry Swallow
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Proposed Restrictions on Shrimp Trawling
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:32:23 PM

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Thank you for your consideration,

Harry J Swallow

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:29:34 PM

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Sincerely,

Bryan Esterly

From:	Terry McCabe
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Amend shrimp trawling rules
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:35:42 PM

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Wildlife Federation Files Petition for Rule with North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat

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- Allow the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to open the shrimp trawling season once shrimp in the Pamlico Sound reach a designated size (60 count) or by June 15 each Spring;
- ^{3.} Allow shrimp trawling on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays each week in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas; and
- 4. Limit the size of shrimp trawls to 110 foot headropes total length in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas.

Implementation of these researched-based, common-sense strategies will:

- ¹ Put North Carolina's commercial and recreational fisheries on the road to recovery by reducing juvenile fish mortality from trawling bycatch thus allowing more fish to reach maturity and spawn at least once before being harvested; and
- ². Protect essential nursery areas necessary to the growth and viability of fish species of ecological and economical significance.

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Terry McCabe

From:	Donald Meadows
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Do no support let them spawn.
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:10:20 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen, commercial and recreational fisherman, I DO NOT support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish.

I furthermore am definitely opposed to the proposed changes to the NC flounder fisheries. I have been a flounder fisherman since I was old enough to sit on the bow of my fathers boat watching him harvest flounder. I am no scientist, I do not hold a marine biology degree and I have not conducted research along the entire coastline of NC but in the past three years I have harvested more flounder and higher quality flounder than I have ever seen. I am totally amazed at the "claims" that this fishery is suffering. Four nights in the past ten we have harvested double rec limits between sunset and midnight passing up fish less than 16". Again I and many other fishermen are confused as to where this data is being derived.

Long story short is the data that has been presented by far does not match the real life picture that me and many others are seeing. I would love to provide a data collector the opportunity to see what I see under the lights.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Donald R Meadows



Sent from my iPhone

From:	Emerson Dickey
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:13:11 PM

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Emerson Dickey

From:	Mike Ballenger
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] I guess I"m one of those.
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:06:27 PM

I just read a email explaining https://ncwf.org/wp-content/ uploads/2019-05-20-Petition- for-RM-amendedupdated.pdf.

Put me down for getting rid of all commercial fishing in NC, shrimping, menhaden any nets of any kind. I think everyone would be pleasantly surprised with the tourism generated in a state that had fishable numbers of fish for the good old tourist.

I'm just one crazy guy but throughout the 70's and early 80's I traveled to the NC coast and thoroughly enjoyed the fishing and was able to bring home fish to supplement my grocery bill for the year. I spent money like a drunken fisherman or at least a happy inebriated fisherman. Mid eighties I spent my money to go back to the outer banks to bring home some flounder and caught almost nothing while the stake/pound nets snared up every flounder swimming on the water way side brought in 1000's of pounds. I've gone back a few disappointing years but the fishing has been gone from our coast for more than a decade. We sold my parents home on the waterway at Holden Beach and I've never felt any desire to go back and fish our barren waters again. I've got money to spend and a boat to run but not in NC. I'm legally catching some really nice strippers from Baden Lake and would love to go back to the waterway and catch some flounder & trout but you can't catch adult fish while we are running nets in the breeding grounds.

Go big, lose a few votes but bring back the fish and the tourist money. Reducing the limits on the few tourists left does nothing if we net up every adult fish on their way to the breeding grounds and every juvenile on the way out of the same breeding grounds while at the same time other boats are dragging the bottom and netting up all their food/shrimp and menhaden. Mike Ballenger

From:	<u>j.lyndon</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:20:15 PM

What needs to happen is get commercial fishermen out of the sounds. It is not recreational fishermen doing damage. Respect the freedom of citizens to fish not only for recreation but, to feed our families.

Get commercial fishing out of our sounds. Why is NC one of the only states to allow them inside the sounds?

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Wildlife Federation Files Petition for Rule with North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat

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An informed and engaged sporting community is important to the traditions we all value.

Dick Hamilton

NC Camo Coordinator

NC Camo Coalition is a project of the **NC Wildlife Federation**

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From:	John Fischer
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] NCWF Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:53:35 PM

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John Fischer

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From:	Bob O''Keefe
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] NCWF Petition on conditions to decrease bycatch by shrimpers in NC waters
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:36:22 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

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Thank you for your consideration, Bob O'Keefe



From: To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition for Rule with North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habita
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:23:41 PM

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Thank you for your consideration,

John

John H. Sequeira

From:	Stephen Smith
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:47:36 PM

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Thank you for your consideration, Stephen Smith

From:	caricofe50
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:12:48 PM

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From:	Jonathan Borchert
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:01:40 PM

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From:	karl ledeoux
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:51:46 PM

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From:	Larry Offenhauser
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:17:44 PM

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From:	Dan Martin
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition re Inshore trawling
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 2:52:17 PM

Please register my complete support for the petition filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to regulate inshore trawling

Thank you Dan Martin

From:	Ricky Nicholson
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:52:56 PM

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From:	Ed Parks
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition support
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:22:32 PM

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Ed Parks



From:	Brett Horton
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition to Adopt New Shrimp Trawling Rules
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:12:20 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation to adopt rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish. Having seen the amount of by-catch generated first hand, I feel something must be done to reduce it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brett Horton

From:	Kris Eagle
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:12:44 PM

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From:	JAMES HUGGINS
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition to see for shrimp trawling rules
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:09:23 PM

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Sent from my iPad

From:	eagles
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Protect the juvenile fish
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:08:03 PM

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From:	sean scully
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:17:34 PM

I support the proposed changes for inshore trawling Sean scully,

From:	livnh2os
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:06:35 PM

I am not for more management regulations. Please count my opinion as being against this move.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From:	<u>Jim Prah</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] shrimp
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:02:51 PM

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From:	The Byrds
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawl Bycatch
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:55:43 PM

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From:	
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawl Bycatch
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:21:53 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Scott Dickens

Scott Dickens

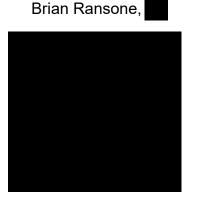


From:	Brian Ransone
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawlers
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:17:25 PM

Please support the petition from the NC Wildlife Federation regarding limiting shrimp trawlers in our sounds and backwaters.

Thank you,

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From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawling amendment
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:27:46 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

George Andrews

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From:	Douglas Elliott
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawling Bycatch
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:20:40 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration

Douglas Elliott

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From:	Mark McDaniel
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawling Concern
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:53:20 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. Not only should this will improve the status of finfish generally, it should improve the stability and sustainability of the shrimp fishery.

As a consumer of NC shrimp, and an avid NC fisherman, I have been concerned with the diminished shrimping activity, partimularly in Brunswick County, which I feel is a result of over-trawling 5+ years ago.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mark D. McDaniel, M.B.A., Ed.D.

From:	<u>Bryan Minihan</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawling Rule Amendment
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:44:59 PM

To the Marine Fisheries Commission:

As a concerned citizen and fisherman who spent most of my life on the NC coast, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

I recently visited the Capt. Willis seafood market in Salter Path, to complete a project for a fisheries course I am taking in order to change my career to become a fisheries biologist. While there, I spoke with the proprietor at length about her son (who trawls for their livelihood), her business, and the difficulties they have managing their family's company. My sincerest hope is to some day soon, work with honest folks like the Willis family, to ensure their business is not only viable, but grows into a model example of how to feed our hungry families and neighbors while keeping our beautiful state as pristine and sustainable as possible for our kids and grandkids.

Thank you so much for your attention to and consideration of this petition.

Bryan Minihan

Dear Ms. Gillikin,

I can personally attest to the dramatic decline in both the inshore & offshore fishery in the area of Hatteras, NC

Therefore, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once.

This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,





From:	Adam Spivey
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Support for Rule Change in Shrimp Trawling
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:00:59 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. These rule changes are long overdue, and the impacts of these practices have decimated fish populations.

Thank you for your consideration,

N. Adam Spivey, Esq.

From:	Dom Canavarro
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] support for shrimp trawling rules petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:59:58 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Dom Canavarro



From:	Patrick
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Support NC Wildlife Federation Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:36:04 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Mr. John Long.

From:	Carlos salsa
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Support statement for shrimp trawling bycatch protection
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:44:02 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will enhance survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally, and support the move toward sustainability in North Carolina waters.

Thank you for your consideration, Carl Hursh

From:	Bo Sullivan
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] sustainable finfish populations
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:24:02 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and recreational fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration.

J. Bolling Sullivan,

From:	Buck Culbreth
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Thursday, August 22, 2019 meeting
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:19:40 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Harvey Buck Culbreth



From:	David Himmel
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] W. F. Petition to amend shrimp trawling rules
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:20:06 PM

Hello.

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

I have been fishing the North Carolina coast for over 30 years and I have seen the fish populations dwindling down to almost nothing. I urge you to finally take action before it's too late.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

David Himmel



From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:10:12 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling by-catch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of fin-fish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, W.P. Wood

From:	George Harris
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Strengthen fisheries regulation
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:08:26 PM

Please

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George Harris

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] NC Wildlife Bycatch Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:15:55 PM

I wholeheartedly support subject petition in hopes that implementation of its proposals will help to at least decelerate the rate of rapid decline in our inshore fish stocks. Most sincerely, Boyd M Brown,

From:	Allen Moore
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Eliminate commercial fishing in our sounds
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:18:25 PM

Fully support all actions to reduce and restrict commercial fishing while allowing recreational anglers to begin enjoying the coast once more. I have not driven to the coast for years due to the limited success we can predict thanks to the over harvest by merchants. Corrupt politicians are to blame for foolish restrictions on our recreational anglers while commercial trawlers take it by the ton.

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From:	Robert Brian Killian
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] marine fisheries
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:26:03 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, _______Brian Killian, _______County teacher_______

Brian Killian, NBCT Head Football, Girls Basketball, Athletic Director

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From:	Robbie Chandler
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Rule with North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:21:59 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From:	mike griggs
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] North Carolina Shrimp Trawl Bycatch Protection Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:26:25 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen I support the proposed Petition to reduce the shrimp trawler bycatch to allow bycatch marine life to have a greater chance to spawn and flourish. This Petition will be considered by your Commission in your August 2019 meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Michael Griggs

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:29:27 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman. I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Scott Sundseth

From:	Emily Orlowski
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:32:18 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherwoman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Emily

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Jack and Nancy Willis
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:32:03 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Jack Willis

Thank you.

From:	William Robinson
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:39:46 PM
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Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Best Regards,

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William Robinson Marine Surveyor SAMS-AMS, NAMS-CMS

ABYC, IAMI Boat US Tech Exchange

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From:	Steve Mcintosh
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:41:31 PM

I agree with the proposal, Florida has this in place and they have plenty of shrimp and fish.

Respectfully Steve McIntosh

From:	<u>Dexter Davis</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:47:13 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

From: To:	<u>Matthew Layell</u> <u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] PETITION FOR RULEMAKING) PURSUANT TO N.C. GEN. STAT. §) 150B-20 AND 15A N.C. ADMIN CODE 3P) .0301 TO AMEND 15A N.C. ADMIN.) CODE 3J .0104, 3L .0101, 3L .0103 &) TO ADD 15A N.C. ADMIN. CODE) 3R.0119
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:50:17 PM

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Thank you for your consideration,

Matt Layell

Matt Layell Sr. Quality Engineer

Sent from mobile device

- 1. Designate new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas in the Pamlico Sound and other internal waters where juvenile fish are abundant;
- 2. Allow the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to open the shrimp trawling season once shrimp in the Pamlico Sound reach a designated size (60 count) or by June 15 each Spring;
- 3. Allow shrimp trawling on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays each week in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas; and
- 4. Limit the size of shrimp trawls to 110 foot headropes total length in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas.

Implementation of these researched-based, common-sense strategies will:

- 1. Put North Carolina's commercial and recreational fisheries on the road to recovery by reducing juvenile fish mortality from trawling bycatch thus allowing more fish to reach maturity and spawn at least once before being harvested; and
- 2. Protect essential nursery areas necessary to the growth and viability of fish species of ecological and economical significance.

Warren Gilmore

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Gregg Mannix
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp travelers
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:02:07 PM

You have my support to limit the amount of by- catch by shrimp travelers in the Pamlico sound.

From:	Paul Fitzgerald
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Inshore trawling for shrimp
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:05:08 PM

I am in favor of banning all inshore shrimp trawls catch shrimp in the ocean where we don't kill ten to one for bycatchvof baby fishes I support commercial fisheries and love their attitude towards life and life in the sea but time has come to save the nursery for baby fin fish I have witnessed dead bycatch by the thousands of pounds pleAse take my vote to ban inshore trawling Paul M Fitzgerald

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Nicole B
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] My support
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:05:24 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Nicole Badeaux

From:	randy fucili
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimping
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:09:07 PM

Shrimping should be stopped in all nursery areas.

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Ralph Reynolds
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:14:16 PM

I support the petition to amend the shrimp trawling rules.

Ralph Reynolds

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Wildlife Federation Petition Support
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:16:01 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, __Bill Brantley

From:	Robert Parker
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawl bycatch
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:21:21 PM

Heya mate, I just got back from delivering a 70' Gillikin from here in North Carolina down to Ft. Myers. Built in 1963, believe she was called the Tradewinds II originally. Lovely boat, still, to this day. Handles like a dream, gets heaps of compliments from fellow boaters.

Trouble is, as you probably know, the fish aren't here like they were back in those days of yore. That's where you come in.

I've been looking at that petition that's going around seeking to lessen the impact of otter trawls on other fish.

I think it's time to follow up on that idea. TED's are great, I reckon, as far as they go, but I've been aboard boats dragging shrimp nets many many times and was never not amazed at the quantity of "trash fish" brought up in every trawl.

I think we can agree that trash fish is a subjective term. Ten thousand dead baby croakers is a lot of "trash fish".

Appreciate anything you can do to help out, Capt. Gilliken. Best regards,

Captain Robert Parker

From:	Tim Hergenrader
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Sound Solution Trawl Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:21:31 PM

I totally support the efforts of the NCWF to improve our inshore fisheries management. Shrimp trawling in our sounds as practiced today is a scourge on our fisheries. It is past time to implement some sensible changes.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

From:	<u>J S.</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] NC Wildlife Federation petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:22:50 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

It's time to limit damage from loose rules on commercial nettings. Protect the resource before fishing declines further and rec dollars move to other states.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Smith

Sent from my iPhone

From:	<u>Herman</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Proposed Petition from NC Wildlife Federation
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:23:19 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. I fish in Germantown, Striking, Spencer and Abel Bays and have noted the significant decline in juvenile and keeper size fish over the last several years. Please consider these common sense recommendations that are proposed by this petition.

Thank you for your consideration,

Herman Sampson



From:	Stephen Macdonald
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] New Fisheries measures
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:34:15 PM

Wildlife Federation Files Petition for Rule with North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat

Dana,

I support these rules to strengthen our shrimp and juvenile fish stocks. Please report annually on the impact of these measures. If stocks benefit from these measures, then said measures should stay in place until such time the fish and shrimp stocks rebound to the benefit of anglers.

Regards, Steve Macdonald

Stephen Macdonald Mobile: Email:

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawl petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:35:13 PM

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Thanks Pete Boelte Sent from my iPhone

From:	Stock10087
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Proposed rules for NC shrimp trawling
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:43:06 PM

As a former County, Maryland resident from 1977-2011, I'm keenly aware of the need for a responsible authority to manage our saltwater resources - the Chesapeake Bay and the oyster and blue crab population are perfect examples.

I moved to **County**, North Carolina, in 2013, for a variety of reasons, but I want to add my full support to your efforts to ensure that the NC shrimping industry, as well as the overall shrimp environment, remain viable long-range resources.

Per the NC Camo email I received, I am adding ----

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely, Dave Stocker From: Luke Gibson Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:50 PM To: Gillikin, Dana < Dana.Gillikin@ncdenr.gov> Subject: [External] NCWildlife Federation Petition

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Mr. Gillikin,

I have been asked to support the attached petition by the NC Wildlife Federation. Let me be clear that I am opposed to this petition as it is written.

As a lifetime resident of , past commercial fisherman, and avid sports fisherman, this proposal misses on several theories. First: Designating shrimp trawling management area is nothing more than a step in closing trawling for good.

Second: Closing shrimping season until shrimp size is viable (hopefully larger than 60 count) is an idea I can support. I recall waiting for the season to open years ago, and shrimp we caught brought a good price.

Third: Monday, Wednesday, Friday sounds good in theory but is ludicrous for fishermen that leave their families for the week to go "bugging" and it certainly would not be economically sound to steam home each day either for them.

Fourth: Limiting headrope length has its merits and I support that.

Please take my comments for consideration as this petition comes before you.

Thank you,

Luther Gibson, Jr.

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From:	David LeMoine
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:53:21 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration, David LeMoine



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From:	Matt Hergenrader
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawling
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:55:14 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Hergenrader

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From:	Chris Powell
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 9:02:31 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Chris Powell

From:	
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] In support of reducing juvenile bycatch when netting shrimp
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 9:11:37 PM

Dana,

I am writing in support of the proposal put forward by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation that I understand will be heard and discussed at the August 22 meeting of our Marine Fisheries Commission.

I believe that it is wrong to destroy any desirable organism without giving it the opportunity to first sexually mature and reproduce at least once. If we don't permit the members of a species to reproduce, then we are destroying that species. And, with the rapidly increasing human population putting more pressure on our food supply, we cannot afford to throw so much potential, nutritious seafood away as juvenile bycatch.

There must be a better way, and I believe that the proposal from the North Carolina Wildlife Federation is a logical one. I want to see it implemented. Then, fish stocks can continued to be studied to determine its effectiveness and to consider additional or replacement approaches to saving these juvenile fish.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Jo Ellen Brandmeyer, Ph.D.

From: To:	David Sammons Bill Morris III
Cc:	<u>Gillikin, Dana; George Clark</u> ; <u>John Murchison</u> ; <u>Bryan Meade</u> ; <u>Bryan Meade</u> ; <u>Wayne Zeigler; Bob Warwick</u> ; <u>Wayne Zeigler</u> ; <u>Bob Warwick</u> ; <u>Bryan Meade</u> ;
Subject: Date:	[External] Re: Inshore trawling rule making petition Tuesday, August 13, 2019 9:21:10 PM
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Thanks Bill! Hope this gets some traction. ds

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2019, at 1:36 PM, Bill Morris III

wrote:

Dear Ms. Gillikin,

The Marine Fisheries Commission is expected to vote on the inshore trawling rule making petition proposal on Thursday, August 22. The matters covered by this petition are critical to the protection, preservation and rebuilding of our devastated coastal fishery which for years has been abused and neglected. For shrimp trawls operating in the North Carolina sounds there is 4 pounds of juvenile fish discarded for every pound of shrimp harvested! This is not only disgusting but completely unsustainable as evidenced by the dramatic reduction in harvest year after year.

The N.C. Wildlife Federation is asking the Marine Fisheries Commission to:

• Designate new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas in the Pamlico Sound and other internal waters where juvenile fish are abundant;

• Allow the Division of Marine Fisheries to open shrimp season once shrimp reach a certain size, by June 15, in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas;

 \cdot Allow shrimping on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays each week in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas;

• Limit the size of headropes - or shrimping nets - to 110 feet total in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas.

These common sense, research-based strategies will:

 \cdot put North Carolina's commercial and recreational fisheries on the road to recovery by reducing juvenile fish deaths and allowing more fish the opportunity to spawn at least once before being harvested.

 \cdot protect areas essential to the growth and viability of economically beneficial fish species.

As a conservation minded native North Carolinian and Grandparent to 9 Grandchildren I implore you to support the petition being presented, for the good of all who depend upon and enjoy the fishery now and for future generations, before it is gone. Thank you for your consideration, Bill

Bill Morris



From:	Matt Mehl
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] amend shrimp trawling rules
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 9:22:20 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Matt Mehl

From:	Billy Sanderford
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawlers
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 9:45:40 PM

As someone who has actually seen the reduction in fish in our sounds in my lifetime, I support restrictions on bycatch by shrimp trawlers. The fish population in our sounds are in pitiful shape compared to what they were when I was young. I can't even begin to describe how great the fishing was. Now it's literally not even worth the price of bait. Please help our sounds recover.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From:	John DeBellis
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 9:46:38 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

John DeBellis

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] NCWF proposal
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 9:49:55 PM

I am completely in favor of the NC Wildlife Federation's "Let 'Em Spawn" (Sound Solutions) initiative to protect juvenile fish and marine nursery habitat, to help our fisheries recover.

The N.C. Wildlife Federation is asking the Marine Fisheries Commission to: • Designate new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas in the Pamlico Sound and other internal waters where juvenile fish are abundant;

 Allow the Division of Marine Fisheries to open shrimp season once shrimp reach a certain size, by June 15, in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas;
 Allow shrimping on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays each week in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas;

 \cdot Limit the size of headropes - or shrimping nets - to 110 feet total in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas.

Thank you for allowing my voice to be heard regarding protecting and promoting the recovery of our marine fisheries.

Jacquelyn Hough

From:	Tony Cutrell
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawler size nets
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 9:51:10 PM

I'm in full support of limiting the by-catch of vunivel fish in the Pamilco Sound and other waters,,Thanks GOD BLESS

From:	Chris Lamb
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Support for the petition to amend shrimp trawling rules to protect juvenile fish
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 9:51:24 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and lifelong fisherman (and father of 3 more fishermen - one pursuing graduate studies in Fisheries and one pursuing vet school), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. I believe the current harvest levels are not sustainable and we do not protect the nursery areas sufficiently.

Thank you for your consideration, Chris Lamb

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 10:13:07 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Keith Hart

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 10:13:42 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Glenda Hart

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] PETITION FOR RULEMAKING
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 10:16:04 PM
Importance:	High

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brad Honeycutt

I support a complete net ban.

Sent from my iPad

From:	David Sammons
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] ACTION NEEDED
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 10:29:37 PM

Dear Ms. Gillikin:

Our fisheries are in shambles. It is an embarrassment to commercial fishermen, to recreational fishermen, and most of all to the citizens of North Carolina. The North Carolina Wildlife Federation has filed a rule to amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat. As a concerned citizen, and an avid fisherman I support this Petition to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish. This common sense, research based strategy will put N.C.'s commercial and recreational fisheries on the road to recovery by reducing juvenile fish deaths and allowing more fish to spawn at least once before being harvested.

For once, let's do what's right for our public trust resources. Please support the petition as presented to preserve, protect, and restore our public trust resources. Thank you, Dave Sammons

Sent from my iPhone

From:	GREG HUNT
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Shrimp
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 10:32:40 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Greg Hunt

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From:	David O"Brien
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawling regulation
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 10:48:10 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, David J O'Brien

Marine Fisheries Commission,

as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I DO NOT support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules. This new rule will be detriment to the families and fishermen's lives by placing these restrictions. This is evident that this will occur due to the restrictions previously (20 years) on trawling for crabs in the Pamlico and Pungo creek areas of eastern NC.

Thank you for your consideration, Nathan Spencer

From:	Carol
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 11:14:13 PM

Dana,

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carol Puckett

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From:	Steve Reynolds
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] MFC August Mtg
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 11:17:29 PM

To Whom it May Concern at the Marine Fisheries Commission:

I am a concerned recreational fisherman who was born in North Carolina during the mid 60's. I have been a lifetime sportsman since I was a teen shortly after the program was started. I have fished in the areas between the Pamlico Sound and Morehead City since I was old enough to hold a fishing rod. I have seen the ridiculous decline in fish so that now I could not even net a spot in Nelson Bay last October. I appreciate the difficulties of changing conditions upon the commercial fisherman, but I also live in a region that was blasted by the demise of the textiles industry. People moved on and found another job or left to go where there was work. If something is not changed, our fisheries will end in a major collapse just like the cod fishing industry. Then nobody will have fish whether it be commercial or recreational. Anyone who says that it is just as good as it always was is not telling the truth. It is bad enough when flounder are impossible to find, but when a fisherman cannot even catch a few spots and croakers, then the time has come for changes. I do not fish for sport. I fish to put food on the table for my family. We eat what we catch so it affects my family just as much as someone else.

I firmly support the proposed petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is coming before you at the August meeting to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. I also support the proposal of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee to restrict the harvest of summer flounder by both commercial and recreational fisherman although I do not agree that the percentages should remain the same with an extreme advantage given to commercial fishermen.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter that affects everyone in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Reynolds

From:	<u>leonhutson</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawlers
Date:	Tuesday, August 13, 2019 11:54:29 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you <u>today</u> to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

James Leon Hutson

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From:	Kruske, Frederick C CIV USN (USA)
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawl Bycatch
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 6:40:41 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Freddy Kruske

Freddy Kruske Construction Engineering Technician

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From:	John King
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Wildlife Federation Petition for Shrimp Trawl Rules
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:51:59 AM

I support the WF petition to amend the rules to create a new designation for Internal Coastal Waters—Shrimp

Trawl Management Areas—to be delineated under 15A N.C. Admin. Code 3R .0119.

Thank you.

John S. King



From:	Tim Spruill
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Adoption of rules proposed by NCWF to reduce juvenile fish bycatch
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:19:36 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tim Spruill

Sent from my iPad

From:	Kevin Woodward
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Agree with reducing bicatch of small fishes
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:12:38 AM

My grandpa was a commercial fisherman and he owned a 65 foot trawler and all his brothers were also fishermen who fished for shrimp in Georgia and in NC Pamlico sound. I was just amazed at the millions of tiny fish that were catching unintended to catch shrimp. Because of long trawling times 2 hours most fish were dead. Mountains of small fish killed as bicatch. I agree with you that something is required.

I always wonder why such strong laws are in place for the guy with a fishing pole and commercial fishing vessels are wiping out whole populations unchecked.

I know that they need to make a living but can't they stay away from areas where guvanal fish abide? Thanks

Kevin

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Greg Grotyohann
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:03:18 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Greg Grotyohann

From:	Ken Coblentz
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 9:33:40 AM

Please do something, I can not image fishing to get any worse then it is. I recently took early retirement and moved from to to fish. Spend a ton of money fishing, and rarely catch a fish over 20 inches which is my threshold of size to keep a fish to eat.

Anglers know nothing as usual will happen with this bill. Glad wife and I are only renting, because we are seriously considering of moving out of the state were fishing is MUCH better.

Thanks, Ken Coblentz

From:	Paul McMahan
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Amend the rule for shrimp trawling
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:56:34 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Paul W. McMahan, SR/WA

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From:	Don Ward
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Fish and aquatic sustainability
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:55:29 AM

Being a native and current resident of North Carolina, I heartily support all of our natural resources. Many are concerned anent human overpopulation and it's effect on the entire planet's ecology. There must be a balance achieved to address the issues of the encroaching problems thus manifesting accordingly. I support all measures reasonably appropriate.

Thank You, Don C. Ward Sent from my iPhone

From:	Nichols, Ray
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Amind Shrimp trawling rules
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:30:01 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, _Luther R Nichols_____

From:	Fred Stanback
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Fisheries rule
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:59:07 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission:

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration.

Fred Stanback

From:John BellTo:Gillikin, DanaSubject:[External] FW: Act Now to help NC Marine FisheriesDate:Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:29:27 AM

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Dana,

Thank you for the work you do for North Carolina. I support this proposal.

Thanks,

John Bell

From: NC Camo <camo.coalition@ncwf.org> Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 5:51 PM To: John Bell Subject: Act Now to help NC Marine Fisheries

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Wildlife Federation Files Petition for Rule with North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat

The Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) is expected to vote on this proposal on Thursday, August 22, 2019. The proposed Rule amendment would place certain conditions on shrimp trawling to reduce the bycatch of juvenile fish, mainly spot, Atlantic croaker, and grey trout. The fishing mortality on these juvenile fish from shrimp trawling bycatch annually is unsustainable and has led to major declines in the health of these fish populations over the past twenty years. The Petition calls on the MFC to:

- Designate new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas in the Pamlico Sound and other internal waters where juvenile fish are abundant;
- 2. Allow the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to open the shrimp trawling season once shrimp in the Pamlico Sound reach a designated size (60 count) or by June 15 each Spring;
- 3. Allow shrimp trawling on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays each week in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas; and
- 4. Limit the size of shrimp trawls to 110 foot headropes total length in new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas.

Implementation of these researched-based, common-sense strategies will:

- 1. Put North Carolina's commercial and recreational fisheries on the road to recovery by reducing juvenile fish mortality from trawling bycatch thus allowing more fish to reach maturity and spawn at least once before being harvested; and
- 2. Protect essential nursery areas necessary to the growth and viability of fish species of ecological and economical significance.

The entire Petition can be accessed here:

https://ncwf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019-05-20-Petition-for-RM-amended-updated.pdf.

Make your voice heard before final action is taken by MFC on the Petition. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 am on Thursday, August 22, 2019 in Raleigh, NC 27605 at the Doubletree by Hilton-Brownstone University, 1707 Hillsborough Street where you can provide remarks. You can attend or send your support for the Petition by e-mail to: Dana.Gillikin@ncdenr.gov

You can copy, insert your name, and paste the following statement to DMF at the given e-mail address. You may wish to compose your own statement. Public input showing support for attention to the problem of shrimp trawl bycatch and possible remedies set forth in the petition will be important. Thank you, NC Camo.

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, _____

An informed and engaged sporting community is important to the traditions we all value.

Dick Hamilton

NC Camo Coordinator

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Joseph Campbell

Joseph Campbell Construction Engineering Technician

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From:	Preston McQueen
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] I support our NC fish - Let em Spawn
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 9:38:45 AM

Dear Marine Fisheries Commission,

I love our tasty NC seafood, we've got to figure out how to effectively harvest shrimp without negatively impacting others species like fish.

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling by catch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Preston McQueen

From:	Tripp Tower III
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana; Tripp Tower</u>
Subject:	[External] Marine Fisheries Commission - Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:30:00 AM

Ms. Gillikin and Marine Fisheries Commission,

as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Tripp Tower III.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

--Tripp Tower III <u>Licensed NC B</u>uilding Contractor

From:	Debbie Scarlata
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Marine Fisheries Commission
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 9:03:12 AM

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From:	Hugh Bryan III
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Cc:	Dick Hamilton
Subject:	[External] Rule with North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:31:02 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hugh B. Bryan, III



"The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety; a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe." John Walter Wayland

From:	<u>Newell, William Y</u>
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	Marine fisheries petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:37:53 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

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From:	Warren Mooring
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] NC MFC
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:47:10 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Shawn Mooring.

From:	Albee iMac
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition for Rule to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:39:09 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert Albee

From:	Rodney Taylor
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition for Rule with NC MFC Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 9:17:41 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, <u>I support</u> the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today. NC is one of the only states that has not taken action to save this public resource; it's shameful! I am old enough to remember the way our costal fishing resources were in the distant past and I have experienced, firsthand, the depleted state in which they are currently. We have allowed the interest of a few commercial fishermen to deplete the resource that belongs to all of us. Although this measure does not go far enough in my opinion, it is a step in the right direct. It will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Rodney S Taylor,

From:	Ashley Contristan
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition from NCWF
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:25:10 AM

Dear Dana Gillikin & Marine Fisheries Commission,

I spent summers on the workboat with Captain Richard Erdt (deceased) following regulations of Marine Fisheries and continually adapting fishing practices. We understood that a regulation put in place, if for the right reasons, will ensure that generations can continue benefitting from our waters. I studied Fisheries Science at Virginia Tech in the mid-90's and know that these decisions are not taken lightly to impose restrictions and that it takes a lot of research to make small changes. As a resident of County, I have seen how small changes can make a huge impact.

I support the Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish. I understand this may affect the livelihood of shrimpers in the short run but could lead to greater catch results in less days in the longterm. In addition, it may help provide an opportunity for the food chain to continue by continuing viability of other species. Improving survival of the fish to age of maturity and allowing them to spawn will improve the status of finish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration!

Ashley Contristan, REALTOR®



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From:	Casey Brock
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:15:32 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Casey Brock

Casey Brock



From:	Robert Willis
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:00:46 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert Willis

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, John McKeithan

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Good morning,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed petition. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help in the effort to sustain our coastal ecosystem.

Respectfully,

Jacob Compher

From:	Rosanne Perricone
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition to add restrictions to shrimping in the Pamlico Sound
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 9:43:22 AM

Dear Dana,

I'm in complete agreement with the petition referenced in the subject of this email. I believe we need these types of regulations in order to sustain our fisheries here in North Carolina. I've seen the positive results of regulations such as this in the come back of striped bass in New York (specifically Long Island).

Please use this email to show my support. I will do my best to attend the event on August 22nd.

Sincerely, John H Perricone

From:	Todd Fincher
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:01:03 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

Marine Fisheries Commission,

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Todd Fincher

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From:	Louis Eubanks
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Please support
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:48:12 AM

I would like for you to support the NCWF Inshore Trawling petition.

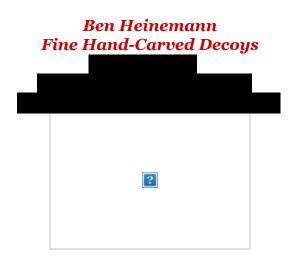
Louis Eubanks

From:	<u>Jim</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Proposed net restrictions.
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 6:08:49 AM

The restrictions proposed are long overdue. I believe we are only southeastern state that allows nets to be pulled through our sounds and waterways. I have watched are recreational fishing decline over the last 30 years. It is time to make reasonable changes. I grew up on the gulf coast of Florida I moved here 30 years ago. I saw the improvements made when they banned all nuts to three miles off the coast of Florida. It is long overdue that we make these changes. sincerely James Heine

From:	Dr Duck
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:31:09 AM

A very tough road to decide, please think on both sides, this will put commercial fisherman out of a job. 3 times a week?... how about cutting back on pleasure fishing to three days a week.. u think that would pass? our fisheries are all headed south, for what reason? try pollution in our upper streams... that empty into our coastal bays.. !! and it is all over the east coast not just NC...



From:	Brian Bishop
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Protect juvinile fish
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:07:14 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, _____

Brian Bishop



From:	Brian Blackman
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Reduce Shrimp Bycatch
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 9:53:18 AM

Dana,

I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Please protect our coastal nurseries for all species by regulating all forms of indiscriminate netting where fish breed and spawn future stocks of fish; to include gill netting within estuaries and other areas where our fish repopulate.

best

Brian Blackman NC Coastal Fisherman

From:	Kendall Hocutt
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Save our fish
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:20:38 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration Kendall Hocutt



From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Save the fish
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 9:54:58 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

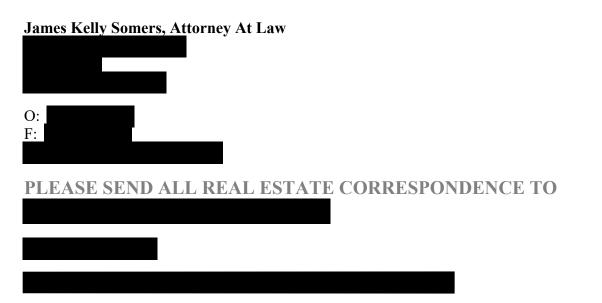
From:	
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] shrimp trawlers in fish nursery
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 5:18:38 AM

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From:	
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp netting and by-catch
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:49:14 AM

I support the petition to further regulate the shrimp netting in North Carolina. I have personally witnessed a huge amount of by-catch being released back into the water with a smaller amount of shrimp being taken.

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, J.K. Somers, Attorney and life long coastal resident.



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From:	<u>J Shaw</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:22:52 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Jose Cardona.

R/S

JA Cardona

From:	Paul Gaskins
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] shrimp petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 6:15:13 AM

im all for it to protect our stock

From:	Rodney Tumlin
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:15:53 AM

Please support new designation for Internal Coastal Waters—Shrimp

Trawl Management Areas—to be delineated under 15A N.C. Admin. Code 3R .0119; designate all Internal Coastal Waters not otherwise designated under 15A N.C. Admin. Code 3R .0103 (Primary Nursery Areas), 3R .0104 (Permanent Secondary Nursery Areas), 3R .0105 (Special Secondary Nursery Areas), 3J.0104(b)(3) (Trawl Net Prohibited Area), 3R .0106 (Trawl Net Prohibited Areas), or 3R .0114 (Shrimp Trawl Prohibited Areas) as Shrimp Trawl Management Areas; close Shrimp Trawl Management Areas from 12:00 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; establish criteria for the opening of shrimp season in Shrimp Trawl Management

Areas; and reduce total headrope length for shrimp trawls operating in Shrimp Trawl Management Areas and other areas described in 15A N.C. Admin. Code 3L .0103(d) from 220

Rodney D. Tumlin Environmental Science Teacher, AP Environmental Science Teacher, BA., M.Ed., Ed.S. Fly Fishing & Cold Water Conservation Club Sponsor Bass Fishing Team Coach

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From:	Cleve Nordeen
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawl Bycatch
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:55:20 AM

To whom it may concern, Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. I grew up in Swansboro and New River area and have seen first hand for years the damage that is being done. Flounder have been decimated by all the exaggerated pressures and now as you are probably aware are being completely restricted for a long period of time. This could have been avoided with better regulation which has been nonexistent.

Thank you for your consideration, ____Cleve Nordeen._____

From:	<u>jjclaorm</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawl Management Areas
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 6:04:20 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration

Jim Ormiston

From:	<u>steve</u>
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawl Regulations
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 9:40:32 AM

Dana,

Please, please take all measures possible to regulate shrimp trawling to reduce mortality of fin fish and other by-catch. I have sadly watched countless times the culling/dumping of dead juvenile fish from the trawlers as hundreds of gulls and dolphin feed on a free lunch. The numbers I have seen suggesting the ratio of by-catch to usable shrimp is appalling.

I don't know what the answer is, but there must be ways to save those small fish, conchs, starfish, jelly fish and anything else that gets in the nets as they drag the bottom. I was a Marine pilot flying out of **and the set of and watched** many times the plumes of mud in the Pamlico Sound showing where the trawlers had been as they drag the bottom of the Sound, probably killing any vegetative life on the bottom and catching and killing anything from the bottom to the surface. I would think every square foot of that sound has been scraped multiple times over the years. Shrimping is ecologically indefensible but I know economics is important as well. I love to eat shrimp but would give them up altogether and contribute to a fund for the State would buy out the shrimp trawlers and end the practice. I am guessing a lot of what is being sold as 'local' shrimp is imported anyway. Import more.

And while I am on a soap box, I would like to complain about the practice of gigging flounder at night. If the State doesn't allow the spotlighting of deer because of its' unfair advantage, why does it allow the same for flounder? It makes no sense for the State to feel the need to close the flounder season because of over fishing and allow gigging to continue in the future. Just saying....

Hopefully, you will find the time to read this among all the many other emails your receive and I thank you in advance.

Steve Fort

From:	Phil Ubinger
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawler changes
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:46:09 AM

I have read the petition support the changes to the Shrimp Trawler laws. Sincerely Phil Ubinger

From:	Matthew Denney
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawling bycatch petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:22:50 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Sincerely,

Matt Denney

From:	Crew, Mike (CONTR)
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawling bycatch petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 9:22:05 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration!

Michael Crew

From:	Rich Falcone
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawling
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 6:13:25 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration.

Rich Falcone

From:	David Berk
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawling Rule Amendment
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:03:37 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration.

David Berk

From:	Capt. Craig
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawling rules amendment
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:46:16 AM

Dear Sir,

As a concerned citizen, angler, and outdoor enthusiast, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is to be voted on soon to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Capt. Craig Price



From:	David Waugh
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawling Rules
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:29:42 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration.

David Waugh

From:	Joe Pivar
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawling rules
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:35:16 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joseph C. Pivar

From:	Thomas P. Bell, P.A.
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] shrimp trawling rules
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:48:41 AM

hello, my name is tom bell, my wife and i retired to **second** nc, about ten years ago. shortly after arriving i noticed small boats trawling in the intercostal water way, pitching over alot of by-catch. this has always concerned me as this is clearly a nursery area, the trawling is taking place in a narrow stretch and must be having an affect on the nursery population.

during the last ten years many more recreational boats are are fishing the area, (of course the people that were here when i arrived talk about how much better the fishing use to be! that said i do feel the fishing has dropped off since my arrival.)

tom bell

From:	<u>Mat Thomas</u>
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Shrimping Regulation Changes
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:58:01 AM
Attachments:	Document1.docx

Please accept my signature for the petition pleading for changes to shrimping regulations as proposed by the NC Wildlife Federation.

The petition: https://ncwf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019-05-20-Petition-for-RM-amended-updated.pdf

Dana: Yes I agree with the new proposed amendment. Thanks Steve Campbell

From:	Dianne Mercer
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Support
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:46:20 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisher person I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dianne Mercer

From:	George Laney
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Support of Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:13:31 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

I grew up fishing at Wrightsville Beach. You could surf fish or fish in Banks Channel and always catch fish. My kids did not have the opportunity to experience the joy of fishing because there are no fish around to catch any more. In my opinion, this petition does not go far enough. The shrimp trawlers should not be allowed to drop nets in the sounds and nursery arears. My understanding is that we are the last State on the coast that still allows this practice. And we wonder why there are no fish here and everyone has to leave the state to enjoy fishing. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, George Laney

From:	Greg Roels
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Support PEtition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:51:10 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Greg Roels

From:	Douglas Goddard
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Support
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:08:47 AM

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From:	Lynn Hinshaw
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] ban shrimp trawling
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:01:14 AM

I believe shrimp trawling is one of the things killing NC sport fishing. Shrimp trawling should stop even if I never eat another shrimp. Lynn Hinshaw

From:	nathan henry
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] NC Wildlife Federation Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:03:34 AM

Dear Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling by-catch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nathan Henry



From:	Mike Young
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:18:12 AM

I support the petition! Thanks, Mike Young

From:	Tracy Shultz
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawling Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:20:12 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherwoman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tracy Shultz

From:	Jeff Hodge
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Fishing
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:19:20 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Jeff Hodge

Sent from my iPhone

From:	<u>Mlaw270</u>
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Modification of Shrimp Trawling in the Pamlico Sound
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:26:12 AM

I wanted to let you know about my support for the amendment to modify Shrimp Trawling in the Pamilico Sound. As you know this fishery destroys large numbers of juvenile fish that are critical for the stability of a number of important commercial and recreational fisheries that are economic engines for coastal N.C. Please support this amendment so this resource will remain renewable.

Mark Lawson

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Tem McInville
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawling
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:32:14 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Thomas E McInville JR

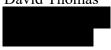


From:Dave ThomasTo:Gillikin, DanaSubject:[External] Proposed changes to shrimp regulationDate:Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:38:50 AM

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I support the proposed amendments to the shrimping industry to help increase the survival of juvenile fish .

Thank you, David Thomas

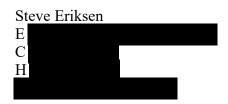


From:	Steve Eriksen
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Proposed amendments to the Shrimp Trawling Rules
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:39:34 AM

Good morning,

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,



From:	<u>D G BOXMAN</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Marine Fisheries new proposed "shrimp trawling regulations"
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:18:54 PM

I am a disabled veteran and have my "lifetime" license for hunting and fishing. I am very much in favor of the new proposal, please add my name, Adrian(Andy) F Boxman to the petition. Thank you for your diligence in monitoring these situations.

From:	Laurie Harding
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:21:38 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Robert Harding.

From:	Ron McCoy
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Cc:	Smith, Tricia
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:40:30 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Ron McCoy.

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Ralph Lassiter
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Support of Petition to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:42:12 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ralph Lassiter

From:	Kim Weaver
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:45:39 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Kim Weaver

From:	Ken Shivar
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawl Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:47:47 PM

It is my understanding that the above captioned will be heard by the MFC 8/22. I will be in attendance but wanted to write and state that I unequivocally support this. Pamlico Sound is in fact a nursery area and should be treated as such. Spot, croaker and weakfish will never recover as long as the trawling there continues. It is no secret but no one has been willing to act. The time has come. Ken Shivar (

From:	Ken Kennedy
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Support for the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:51:03 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration, Ken Kennedy

From:	Robert Sparrow
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Stop trawlers in our inland waters!!! Thanks
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:54:10 PM

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Zshawn Sullivan
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 1:15:22 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling by-catch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of fin-fish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Owen J Sullivan

From:	Barb Rote
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Reduce shrimp trawling bycatch
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 1:25:26 PM

Dear Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

Barb Rote

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 1:26:14 PM

We support this cause .

Malcolm & Dana Stanton

Have a nice day!

From:	David Sammons
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Please save our fisheries!!
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 1:38:11 PM

>> Dear Ms. Gillikin:

> My husband and I are recreational fishermen/fisherwomen and are concerned about how our fisheries are being depleted. The North Carolina Wildlife Federation has filed a rule to amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat. As a concerned citizen, and an avid fisher woman I support this Petition to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish. This common sense, research based strategy will put N.C.'s commercial and recreational fisheries on the road to recovery by reducing juvenile fish deaths and allowing more fish to spawn at least once before being harvested.

>> How can anyone expect our fisheries to survive when our shrimp trawlers catching a pound of shrimp kills four lbs of juvenile fish in our nursery areas??

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>> We live on the coast of N.C. but spend thousands of dollars fishing with guides in other states because our fisheries are so bad.

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>> For once, let's do what's right for our public trust resources. Please support the petition as presented to preserve, protect, and restore our public trust resources.

>> Thank you,

>> Betty Sammons

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>> Sent from my iPhone

From:	Russell Luhm
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawling
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 1:55:01 PM

I support the change

Sent from my iPad

From:	Elizabeth Loftin
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Cc:	
Subject:	[External] Rule amendment for new Shrimp Trawl Management Areas
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 1:58:51 PM

I, Elizabeth Giles Loftin, support the Wildlife Federation's Petition for Rule with NC Marine Fisheries Commission to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish Nursery Habitat. These rule changes will greatly improve the sustainability of finish in our NC waters. Regards,

Elizabeth G Loftin

From:	Smith, Frank
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Please Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 2:44:20 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission:

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your careful consideration,

Francis T. Smith

From:	Donnell, Stratford
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] shrimp trawling bycatch
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 3:40:11 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, _Stratford Donnell III_____

In addition I'm 48 years old and have been fishing the inland waters of NC my entire life. The inland fisheries on trout/flounder/spot/croakers/drum has dramatically decreased in my life almost to the point of not being worth the effort to fish. These inland fish have absolutely been decimated by nets in NC for far too long! If NC doesn't change the regulations my children and future generations will never have a fraction of the good fishing we used to have in NC inland waters. NC has the largest estuary system in eastern US with potential to have the best inland fishing in the USA. Please help make NC sounds great again!



From:	Matthew Byrd
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] NC Marine Fisheries
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:06:07 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Matthew T. Byrd.

From:	Steve Martin
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:32:49 PM

I support the protection of juvenile fish from shrimp boats.

Stephen R Martin

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration, Mike Meyer

From:	Bert Owens
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Trawl petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 5:12:31 PM
Importance:	High

As a native os eastern N.C., a fisherman and conservationist, I wholeheartedly support the Wildlife Federation's petition regarding Shrimp trawling in our internal waters. The once vibrant Spot fishery tat so many youngsters and working families enjoyed has been decimated due to the waste in this fishery. It is long past time for action to be taken to stop the waste. Thank you.

Bert Owens



From:	P. Simpson
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Support for New Shrimp Trawl Rules
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 5:19:30 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, _Pete Simpson_____

Pete Simpson

From:	Stephan Mindel
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] NC Wildlife Federation Petition to Reduce Shrimp Trawling Bycatch of Juvenile Fish
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 5:37:19 PM

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Dear Ms. Gillikin,

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I strongly support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Now is the time to act, to risk losing this important natural resource is unacceptable. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Yours,

Stephan and Martha Mindel



From:	Jimmy Boykin
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawling
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 6:34:17 PM

I support the amendment change for shrimp trawling.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From:Lawrence AlbrightTo:Gillikin, DanaSubject:[External] Petition from the NC Wildlife FederationDate:Wednesday, August 14, 2019 6:35:11 PM

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From:	<u>johnbatts</u>
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Stop Commercial Fishing
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 6:37:54 PM

Stop commercial fishing

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From:	Duffy Lincoln
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawl by-catch petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:29:17 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Duffy Lincoln



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From:	Bob Blackert
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Fishing ban
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:41:21 PM

Please pass on my thoughts to the decision makers of the proposed fishing ban. Closing the fishing season as I am sure you are aware will be quite the hardship to many. The tax revenue loss will have an impact from the loss of sales on so many products combined with the loss of incomes.

Present size and legal limits could be changed to help quanities increase. The use of gill nets should really be looked into. The keeping of everything legal and not legal is really a prime abuser. What's just as bad is the unattended nets that trap partially devoured fish.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and hopefully considering a different solution.

Sincerely. Bob Blackert

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From:	Garth Walker
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 9:47:29 PM

Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, _____

From:	Jake Robertson
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] NC Wildlife Federation Shrimp Trawling Petition
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:02:35 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration



From:	Wildlifer O.
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Vote for new rules regarding shrimp trawling
Date:	Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:24:31 PM

Greetings,

I wanted to write to voice my support for the DMF to approve regulatory changes regarding shrimp trawling. I live in **Section** and try to purchase North Carolina seafood, including shrimp, whenever possible. However, in regards to shrimp, I find myself more and more making the decision not to buy NC shrimp. I don't buy any shrimp, but have slowly stopped buying NC shrimp due to the impacts to bycatch and other fish species.

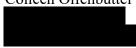
Please let the commercial fisheries know that many of us would buy more NC shrimp if we knew it was harvested in a responsible manner that didn't impact other marine species and fisheries.

It is my understanding that the rules are intended to reduce bycatch of juvenile fish and I fully support all rule changes related to this.

If these rules are not approved, I would choose to no longer buy NC shrimp due to the impacts on bycatch...we must do things sustainability. I predict some commercial shrimpers are concerned about how this will impact their profits/business, but their business will be impacted regardless due to their refusal to have sustainable fisheries model and many of us choosing not to buy their shrimp. I like to buy local and support local business, but they must also support good practices.

Thanks,

Colleen Olfenbuttel



From:	<u>Miller, Kris I</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 7:22:27 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Kris Miller

From:	Steven Evans
To:	<u>R K bennett</u>
Cc:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Re: Petition to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch.
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 7:46:13 AM

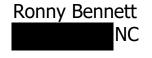


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On Aug 13, 2019, at 5:51 PM, R K bennett < vrote:

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I am concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration!

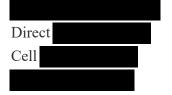


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From:	Sandy Marley
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Please Reduce trawling by-catch
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:11:34 AM

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Sandy Marley Facilities Manager -South Division



From:	Ashley King
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:55:59 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, _____Capt. D. Ashley King

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From:	
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Petition for Rule changes of Shrimp Trawling
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 12:50:42 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, _Joe Varnell_____



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From:	David Rouse
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition for Rule-making related to Shrimp Trawling in North Carolina
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 10:06:39 AM

Good morning Dana, I hope this email finds you well. I am writing you to imply my support of the petition present by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. This petition seeks to designate new shrimp trawl management areas in the Pamlico Sound and other internal waters where juvenile fish are abundant. It also allows the Division of Marine Fisheries to open shrimp season once shrimp reach a certain size, only allows shrimping on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week in new designated areas. Furthermore it limits the size of head-ropes (shrimping nets) to 110 feet total. Out of all these propositions I feel the new management areas to be of the highest importance. Out stocks cannot properly replenish themselves if they are unable to survive through their juvenile years and go on to reproduce themselves. This mainly happens in our sounds and in the lower part of rivers that feed into our sounds where trawlers are currently allowed to shrimp. we are the only eastern facing state that still allows extensive inshore trawling. I hope that you will strongly consider supporting this petition. I thank you for your time and I hope that you have a great day.

Sincerely, David Rouse

From:	Henry Rehder
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] petition
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 10:05:47 AM

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Henry Rehder

From:	Mark Cable
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 11:02:47 AM

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Mark Cable Facilities Operations

From:	Aol
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 9:27:38 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Joseph Savarese

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From:	Lyman Smith
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] petition
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 1:36:25 PM

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Regards,

Lyman Smith Vice President

From:	Ron Dove
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Proposed Rule Amendment
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 10:05:06 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Ron Dove

From:	Jeff Hergenrader
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Petition Support
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 11:21:05 AM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeff Hergenrader

From:	rick sasser
To:	Gillikin, Dana
	Boltes, C; Kornegay, K; Bizzell, Rob; Hendrickson, Tom; Posey, Martin H; McNeill, Robert B; Blanton, Mike; Cross, Doug; Romano, Sam; Murphey, Steve; Nicholson, John A.; Tim Gestwicki; Louis Daniel
Subject:	[External] Public Comment: NCWF Petition for Rule Making
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 1:02:06 PM

Dear Chairman Bizzell and Commission Members,

In regards to the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, (NCWF)- I respectfully submit the following comments and ask that you support the NCWF in its endeavors to properly classify non-designated nursery areas and to reduce shrimp trawl bycatch, both are much needed measures.

It is clear that critically important nursery areas are not properly protected.

Noble and Monroe in their <u>Classification of Pamlico Sound Nursery Areas:</u> <u>Recommendations for Critical Habitat Criteria- Project No. 89-09</u>, Elizabeth B. Noble and Dr. Robert J. Monroe, NC Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, Division of Marine Fisheries, February 1991, clearly said

"Species which were present in very low numbers (spotted seatrout, weakfish and silver perch) in the riverine systems had their highest class means in the Pamlico Sound core group. So, differences in abiotic and biotic variables do exist in these "traditional" nursery area environments. Also, there are habitats in these areas that qualify for nursery area designation, but are not as yet protected."

The Coastal Habitat Protection Plan (CHPP) acknowledges both the need to

Protect habitat from fishing gear effects through improved enforcement, establishment of protective buffers around habitats, modified rules, and further restriction of fishing gears, where necessary. Page 457, 2010

and to

Identify, designate, and protect Strategic Habitat Areas. Page vii, 2010.

The NC Marine Fisheries Commission has failed to protect important nursery areas and strategic habitats through proper designation.

North Carolina's designated Primary Nursery Areas are the settlement areas for post-larvae offshore winter spawners and were based on surveys in shallow waters less than 2 meters in depth. Those surveys today equate to the NCDMF P120 Estuarine Trawl Survey.

The DMF's estuarine trawl sampling program (Program 120) provides data to identify nursery areas. It also provides a long-term database of annual juvenile recruitment of economically important species as provided by the core stations. This database has been used for designation of new nursery areas in the past and continues to be the *main source of data and information used to designate future potential nursery areas.* North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Draft Amendment 1, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, page 169.

CHPP (2010) acknowledges that additional nursery area protection is needed.

The current MFC restrictions on trawling protect PNAs. However, there are productive shallow water areas of soft bottom that are not designated as primary or secondary nursery areas but still serve as important habitat to many juvenile fish and invertebrates. Shallow areas where trawling is currently allowed should be reexamined to determine if additional restrictions are necessary, (page382).

The Pamlico Sound is an undesignated nursery for economically important fin and forage species such as Atlantic croaker, spot, weakfish, flounders and blue crab that must be protected.

It is important to recognize the distinction between the generic term "nursery area" and the specific regulatory designations of "Nursery Area". For example, Pamlico Sound maintains a diversity of habitat functions. Its abundance of young finfish as well as shrimp and crabs is well documented and therefore is often termed a nursery area. North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Draft Amendment 1, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, page 170

Current designated nursery areas have failed to protect the deeper more open waters of the Pamlico Sound Complex and therefore have left unprotected the primary and secondary nursery areas.

In addition to juvenile species present in lower salinity areas, spotted seatrout, weakfish, silver perch, and red drum are also abundant in these moderate-salinity estuaries (Noble and Monroe 1991). Young weakfish and silver perch tend to occupy deeper waters of the moderate and high-salinity zones, while young blue crabs and other demersal species prefer shallow areas (Epperly and Ross1986). Nursery habitats for North Carolina juvenile weakfish are reported to be in deeper portions of coastal rivers, bays, sounds and estuaries (Mercer 1989, DMF unpublished program 195 data). As they grow, juvenile weakfish have been found to be most abundant in shallow bays or navigational channels that are characterized by moderate depths, slightly higher salinities, and areas with a sandy bottom (ASMFC 1996). CHPP, 2010, page 50.

Anne Deaton (NCDMF) in a personal email dated August 23rd, 2013 confirmed that our current designated nursery areas are not designed to protect the weakfish's preference for the deeper more open water nursery areas.

"Here is a table with the acreage and percent of estuarine waters. It is important to note that the nursery designations don't represent all nursery areas for all species. They were targeting the offshore winter spawning estuarine dependent species."

Deaton has also acknowledged the critical importance of taking action to properly identify strategic habit areas, which include nursery areas necessary for productivity and viability.

The CHPP recommends that some areas of fish habitat be designated as "Strategic Habitat Areas" (SHAs). Strategic Habitat Areas are defined as specific locations of individual fish habitat or systems of habitat that have been identified to provide critical habitat functions or that are particularly at risk due to imminent threats, vulnerability or rarity. While all fish habitats are necessary for sustaining viable fish populations, some areas may be especially important to fish viability and productivity. Protection of these areas would therefore be a high priority (Deaton et al. 2010). North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Draft Amendment 1, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, page 171.

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

After forty years of delay, it is time for this commission and the division to properly identify and delineate all of our critical habitat nursery areas. The petition will reduce trawling bycatch until that process is completed. Please vote to move the NCWF Petition forward.

Sincerely and Best Regards, Rick Sasser

Gillikin, Dana

From:	Gillikin, Dana
Sent:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 4:14 PM
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	FW: [External] Correction Re: Shrimp Trawl Bycatch- The Need For True Reductions

From: rick sasser <rick.sasser@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 3:14 PM

To: Bizzell, Rob <r.bizzell.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Boltes, C <c.boltes.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Kornegay, K <j.kornegay.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Hendrickson, Tom <t.hendrickson.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; McNeill, Robert B <Robert.McNeill.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Cross, Doug <d.cross.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Posey, Martin H <Martin.Posey.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Blanton, Mike <m.blanton.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Romano, Sam <s.romano.mfc@ncdenr.gov>; Gillikin, Dana <Dana.Gillikin@ncdenr.gov>; Murphey, Steve <steve.murphey@ncdenr.gov>; Nicholson, John A. <John.Nicholson@ncdenr.gov>;

Subject: [External] Correction Re: Shrimp Trawl Bycatch- The Need For True Reductions

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Correction below to insert slides that failed on the first attempt.

From: rick sasser

Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 3:06 PM

To: Bizzell, Rob <<u>r.bizzell.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; <u>c.boltes.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u> <<u>c.boltes.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; <u>j.kornegay.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; <u>j.kornegay.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; Hendrickson, Tom <<u>t.hendrickson.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; <u>robert.mcneill.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; <u>orobert.mcneill.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; Cross, Doug <<u>d.cross.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; <u>martin.posey.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u><<u>martin.posey.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; Blanton, Mike <<u>m.blanton.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; Romano, Sam <<u>s.romano.mfc@ncdenr.gov</u>>; <u>Dana.Gillikin@ncdenr.gov</u><<u>Dana.Gillikin@ncdenr.gov</u>>; Murphey, Steve <steve.murphey@ncdenr.gov>; john.nicholson@ncdenr.gov <john.nicholson@ncdenr.gov>; Subject: Shrimp Trawl Bycatch- The Need For True Reductions

Dear Chairman Bizzell and Commissioners-

The MFC voted in February 2015, as part of the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan, to require that the industry test various gear configurations to reduce shrimp trawl bycatch to the greatest extent practicable, with a 40-percent target reduction being the goal. Three years of testing was conducted

by an industry lead stakeholder group consisting of fishermen, net and/or gear manufacturers and scientific and/or gear specialists. Those trials occurred in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

At your August-2019 meeting you will hear the NCWF present their Petition for Rule Making to address measures necessary to immediately reduce bycatch in the shrimp trawl fishery. I am sure that you will also hear others state that the Petition measures are unnecessary- that bycatch has been reduced through the addition of a second BRD...that the industry made more than a 40% reduction in bycatch after implementing gears tested during the bycatch reduction trials.

What the MFC asked for in 2015 was a 40% reduction from the perceived "normal" level of bycatch at the time, which was approximately 4:1.

The Division issued a news release on May 18, 2018 declaring that the trials were a success and that the a 40% or greater reduction had been accomplished-

http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/nr-40-2018trawls?p p id=56 INSTANCE 2GPr&p p lifecycle=0&p p state=exclusive&p p mode=view&p p col id=column-2&p p col count=2& 56 INSTANCE 2GPr struts action=%2Fjournal content%2Fview& 56 INSTANCE 2GPr groupId=38337& 56 INSTANCE 2 GPr articleId=31853274& 56 INSTANCE 2GPr viewMode=print

The four new gear configurations that achieved at least 40 percent finfish bycatch without significantly reducing shrimp catch were:

• Double federal fisheyes used with a 1 7/8-inch stretch mesh tailbag and a 4-inch spaced bar turtle excluder device

- Achieved a 40.8-percent finfish bycatch reduction with a 1-percent increase in shrimp

• Double federal fisheyes used with a 1 3/4-inch stretch mesh tailbag and a 4-inch spaced bar turtle excluder device

· Double federal fisheyes used with a 1 3/4-inch stretch mesh tailbag and a 3-inch spaced bar turtle excluder devise

- Achieved a 44.9-percent finfish bycatch reduction with a 4.9-percent decrease in shrimp

• A single state fisheye used with a 1 3/4-inch stretch mesh tailbag and a Virgil Potter bycatch reduction device

- Achieved a 44.3-percent finfish bycatch reduction with a 5.5-percent decrease in shrimp

⁻ Achieved a 57.2-percent finfish bycatch reduction with a 12.1-percent decrease in shrimp

That 40% reduction didn't happen. It was a false reduction accomplished by dumbing down the control net.

You can find a copy of the Division's presentation of the 2016 Bycatch Reduction Trial at this link- <u>https://ldrv.ms/b/s!ArHvxdSx-xlqggaSTVI8eiH2Jn_x?e=m7Wn26</u>

The following slide from the presentation shows the gear configuration that provided the greatest reduction.

Results

Conclusion:

• 4 inch grid, 2 Federal Fisheyes, 1 ¾" Tailbag

Species	100		Catch All (kg) Percent C		t Change	Ρv	P value	
Group	n	Control	Experimental	all	w/drops	t-Test	Random	
Shrimp	8/24	27.7	23.3	-15.9	-6.32	0.294	< 0.001	
Finfish	8/24	167	76.0	-54.5	-51.9	< 0.001	< 0.001	
Other Inverts	8/24	5.24	4.98	-4.96	-0.289	0.989		
Sharks	8/24	2.00	2.78	39.0	83.2	0.285		
All Bycatch	8/24	175	83.7	-52.2	-48.9	< 0.001		
Total Catch	8/24	202	107	-47.0	-43.4	0.001		
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Significant decrease or no change in shrimp catch (depends on test). Significant decrease in finfish catch. Let's do some simple math-

In the control net the study found 27.7 kg of shrimp and 175 kg of bycatch. That is a 175 to 27.7 ratio or 6.3:1.

In the test net the study found 23.3 kg of shrimp and 83.7 kg of bycatch. That is a 83.7 to 23.3 ratio or 3.6:1.

In 2010 Kevin Brown conducted extensive bycatch characterization studies on the Pamlico Sound- <u>https://ldrv.ms/b/s!ArHvxdSx-xlqgjCKKBbEKpKkpsVt?e=GhNZur</u>

Those studies for NOAA were published as <u>Characterization of the inshore commercial shrimp trawl fishery in the Pamlico Sound and its tributaries</u>, <u>North Carolina</u>. Brown found a total bycatch ratio (by weight) of 3.3 pounds of bycatch to 1 pound of shrimp in 2010.

Below is my analysis of Brown's 2010 findings-

Kevin Brow	n Study: All Nets.	Number		
Top Twelve Non-Target Specie Landed		Of Fish	Weight	# Fish
		Landed	Pounds	Per Pound
1	Atlantic Croaker	787,633	40,493	19.5
2	Spot	404,076	15,495	26.1
3	Weakfish	213,578	7,783	27.4
4	Mantis Shrimp	185,545	5,033	36.9
5	Atlantic Brief Squid	148,065	3,226	45.9
6	Blue Crab	14,585	2,006	7.3
7	Atlantic Menhaden	10,532	1,421	7.4
8	Southern Kingfish	6,314	957	6.6
9	Pinfish	10,058	894	11.2
10	Summer Flounder	5,275	877	6.0
11	Atlantic Cutlassfish	1,862	716	2.6
12	Atlantic Thread Herring	8,305	537	15.5
	Total	1,795,828	79,440	22.6
	Other Non-Target Species	196,706	11,923	16.5
	Total Non-Target Species	1,992,534	91,363	21.8
Kevin Brow	n Study: All Nets.	Number		
	hrimp Specie Landed	Of Shrimp	Weight	Shrimp
		Landed	Pounds	Per Pound
	White Shrimp	16,274	753	21.6
	Pink Shrimp	50,884	1,605	31.7
	Brown Shrimp	511,395	25,590	20.0
	Total	578,553	27,948	20.7
Grand Tota	I- Target and Non-Target Species	2,571,087	119,311	

Let's again do some simple math-

Brown found 91,363 pounds of non-target species and 27,948 pounds of shrimp which is a 3.3:1 bycatch ratio, which is pretty much equal to the 3.6 ratio that the 2016 industry bycatch reduction trial found in the "TEST NET".

The industry dumbed down the trials by running a non-standard 1.5" mesh tail bag on the control net, which artificially increased bycatch to 6.3. The industry standard bycatch ratio was already in the 3 to 4 range because the industry was already using the 1-3/4" and 1-7/8" tail bags that the trials "tested". The "test gear" took bycatch back to what the industry had been doing since at least 2010.

I sat in the 2016 meeting in New Bern where the trial results were discussed. The late Steve Parrish was a member of the reduction team as a net maker/gear manufacturer. Parrish warned the group at the time that the reductions were overstated due the control net having a smaller mesh size for the tail bag than gears the industry was already using.

There was NO REDUCTION.

We know from years of bycatch trials that bycatch is highly variable from tow to tow and season to season, but on average it is about 4:1.

For the industry to meet a 40% reduction, the average ratio should have be reduced to 2.4 to 1. That didn't happen.

Please vote to move the NCWF Petition forward to address bycatch issues.

Thank you, Rick Sasser Goldsboro

From:	<u>Donandlou</u>
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawling rules amendment
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 11:57:17 AM

Please add my name to the list supporting this amendment. Thank you

Don Stallman

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From:	Stephen A Bernard
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] sustainability of fish populations
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 3:06:28 PM

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This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephen Bernard

From:	Ashley King
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Trawlers
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:58:27 AM

This is a start but it would be nice to get the trawlers out of the sounds all together!! Where are these boundaries going to be in the sound? Right now they are shrimping right outside of Oriental.

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From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Support
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 5:25:45 PM

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From:	<u>Stuart Davis</u>
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External]
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 7:36:55 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration,

____Stuart Davis_____

From:	Ken Klotz
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Reduction of shrimp trawl bycatch mortalities
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:03:44 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission,

I have long been appalled at the destructive waste of economically valuable fish species by shrimp trawl nets. As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration, *Ken Klotz*

From:	MICHAEL BISHOP
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:22:28 PM

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael P. Bishop

From:	Keith Hunter
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Bycatch reduction petition
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:09:23 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Roy Keith Hunter,Winsotn-Salem, NC.

From:	Paul Kizen
To:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] Petition
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:39:59 PM

I support the petition to protect juvenile fish from shrimp Trawling. Paul Kizen 4

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From:	Martin McCabe
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Trawl
Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2019 9:55:36 PM

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Marty McCabe

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Redd Boelte
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Wildlife Federation Files Petition for Rule with North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules to Protect Juvenile Fish and Nursery Habitat
Date:	Friday, August 16, 2019 1:29:54 AM

Mrs. Gillikin,

As a concerned citizen and fisherman, I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Edwin R Boelte II

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Cc:	Joe Albea
Subject:	[External] Petition NC Wildlife Federation
Date:	Friday, August 16, 2019 7:20:02 AM

I have fished the inland waters of North Carolina since the 1960's.

I have witnessed the steady decline of spot, croaker, flounder, and whiting over the past 30+ years.

I know NC commercial fishermen personally and had and uncle who commercial fished. I want them to succeed as well as my being able to catch and keep legal sized fish. I do have a major problem with out of state commercial fishermen coming to NC to fish our waters because they are not

allowed to fish there protected sounds.

It is irrelevant to argue why this happened, it is time to do something about it. We subsidize farmers, we can subsidize commercial fishermen for a limited time while we bring fish stock levels back to sustainability.

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration

Alan Joyner

From:	
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Amend Shrimp Trawling Rules
Date:	Friday, August 16, 2019 9:16:18 AM

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This only makes sense to improve the population – let the fish spawn even if it means changing the minimums and slots!

I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability.

Thanks,

Steve Moore

From:	William Service
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Cc:	Terry Hackett
Subject:	[External] Letter from Triangle Fly Fishers for the MFC meeting next week
Date:	Friday, August 16, 2019 10:28:51 AM
Attachments:	Letter to MFC - Trawling Petition 08162019.pdf

Ms. Gillikin,

Attached you will find a letter from Triangle Fly Fishers regarding the inshore trawling petition submitted to the Marine Fisheries Commission in May of this year.

Please provide this letter to the commissioners prior to the commission vote on the petition at the August 22 meeting in Raleigh.

If you can, please send a note to acknowledge receipt of this message. Thank you for your help.

Regards,

William Service



Triangle Fly Fishers

A Triangle Area, NC Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Fly Fishers International

August 16, 2019

Ms. Dana Gillikin North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission 3441 Arendell Street Morehead City, NC 28557

Ms. Gillikin,

Triangle Fly Fishers (TFF) is a recreational fly fishing club that meets in Durham. Our club currently has almost 1300 dues paying members from central and eastern North Carolina, many of whom (including the signatories of this letter) are avid coastal fishers.

We are writing on behalf of TFF and its members to voice full support for the Petition for Rulemaking with regard to inshore trawling as submitted to the Commission by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation on May 20, 2019. We encourage the Commission to vote to initiate the rulemaking process at their meeting on August 22 in Raleigh.

Triangle Fly Fishers believes that the rules proposed by NCWF are scientifically sound, common sense measures that will allow juvenile finfish to survive in important fish nursery areas so that they can grow to spawn. We believe these measures will aid in the recovery of important inshore fish stocks, as predicted by NCWF, which will benefit recreational and commercial fishermen and the businesses that serve us.

Our observations are anecdotal, but there is no disagreement among our members that when viewed in total, catches of sportfish including red drum, speckled and grey trout, striped bass and southern flounder have declined precipitously over the years. Increasingly our members travel to coastal states such as Louisiana, South Carolina, and Texas to fish where fish stocks are stronger and catch rates are greater. Not only does this represent the exodus of valuable tourism dollars from North Carolina, it is a loss for those of us who are proud of our state and would prefer to enjoy great fishing at home.

Therefore, Triangle Fly Fishers encourages the Commission to vote to initiate rulemaking as proposed in the petition to improve the health of these fisheries to the benefit of commercial and recreational fishermen and related business in North Carolina.

Thank you for providing this letter to the commission prior to the meeting August 22, 2019.

Respectfully,

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Terry Hackett, President Triangle Fly Fishers

William Service, Conservation Committee Chair Triangle Fly Fishers





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From: Ronnie Johnson Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 11:24 AM To: Bizzell, Rob Subject: [External] Fisheries

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Mr Bizzell: NC is the only east coast state that still allows trawler and shrimpers to destroy the fisheries hatching habitat in the inland waters. Please put a stop to it. Pass a moratorium on flounder, shrimping, netting and trawling. Give our fisheries a chance to rebound. My seventy five year old wife loves to fish, has a passion for it but she can not catch any thing she can keep in the surf or inter coastal waters. She knows how to fishes and still fishes all day some days.

From:	ktcwebuildyourdreams
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Subject:	[External] I support petition to redoce shrimp trawling by catch
Date:	Friday, August 16, 2019 3:34:38 PM

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From:	Lenell Henry
То:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Sustainable Fishing
Date:	Friday, August 16, 2019 3:36:51 PM

Marine Fisheries Commission, as a concerned citizen and fisherman (woman), I support the proposed Petition from the NC Wildlife Federation that is before you today to adopt Rules to reduce shrimp trawling bycatch of juvenile fish, which will improve survival of these fish to the age of maturity and allow them to spawn at least once. This will improve the status of finfish generally and begin the move toward sustainability. Thank you for your consideration, Lenell C. Henry

As a native of the source, N.C. I spent much of my summers on the sound at in the source, N.C. My grandparents owned a small cottage there and kept a small, homemade wooden boat my granddaddy built at the landing. The Mercury motor housed in a little wooden shed nearby along with the oar pole, life vests and such. We often ate fish for breakfast either left over from last eve's supper or fresh caught that morning if Granddaddy was there. He would push off into the waterway and catch all kinds of fish. He'd keep just enough to feed however many was waking up in the "The Fish Hawk Nest." Twelve was all of us.

The creek across the landing branched off the waterway and provided certain kinds of fish depending on which hole or bank we fished. Granddaddy would stick his arm under the sheerest marsh bank and pull out a stone crab. He'd pop off the largest claw and let it fall back into the sound. I never volunteered to learn that. We crabbed in the Crab Hole, caught "whit-ens" in the Whit-en Hole, went oystering on ROCKS in the winter and swam in the Swimming Hole at the east end of the creek close to the banks channel behind Topsail Island.

I'm still here in the store of the store of

Sincerely, Mrs. Lenell Henry

From:	
To:	<u>Gillikin, Dana</u>
Subject:	[External] Shrimp trawling in Pamlico Sound
Date:	Friday, August 16, 2019 3:47:13 PM

I totally support NCWF petition for Rule Making regarding shrimp trawling in Pamlico Sound. The excessive waste of a public resource by shrimp trawlers must be corrected immediately. Other states allow trawling in ocean waters and not inshore nursery areas. Those other states commercial fishing industries are thriving and prosperous and so will North Carolina's under the adjusted rules. My name is Johnny Canup,

From:	Jordan Jernigan
То:	Gillikin, Dana
Cc:	Bizzell, Rob; Boltes, C; Hendrickson, Tom; Kornegay, K; Posey, Martin H; McNeill, Robert B; Blanton, Mike; Cross, Doug; Romano, Sam; Nicholson, John A.; Bryant, Stephen
Subject:	[External] Shrimp Petition/Flounder Amendment
Date:	Friday, August 16, 2019 1:03:08 PM

I ask for the MFC to approve the following:

- Vote to approve the entirety of Amendment 2 of the Southern Flounder Management Plan
- Vote to approve the NC Wildlife Federation's Petition for Rulemaking regarding shrimp trawling.

Thank you for your time.

Jordan Jernigan

Patricia Smith Communications Director Division of Marine Fisheries/Division of Coastal Management 252-808-8025 (Work) 252-342-0642 (Mobile) <u>Tricia.Smith@ncdenr.gov</u>

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Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 9:26 AM
To: nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov; Smith, Tricia <tricia.smith@ncdenr.gov>
Cc: Murphey, Steve <steve.murphey@ncdenr.gov>; Senator Norman Sanderson
<Norman.Sanderson@ncleg.net>; Rep. Pat McElraft <Pat.McElraft@ncleg.net>; HouseEmail@ncleg.net; SenateE-mail@ncleg.net;

Subject: [External] August 2019 MFC Meeting Public Comment

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August 2019 Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting Public Comment

Decades of mismanagement have left our fisheries on the brink of collapse. It is time we started focusing more on enhancing our fisheries and food supply than restricting the public's freedom to access them. Habitat degradation has negatively impacted the spawning capabilities of many species. Regionally stocking larval-stage fry can help solve this problem and produce a sustainable supply of local seafood for everyone to enjoy. The alternative is stricter regulations resulting in more closures and regulatory discards. This will create more pressure to farm caged fish in public waters. There are many negative impacts that come from raising large concentrations of fish in cages including the spread of disease, parasites, and pollution to surrounding ecosystems. Massive cages will also restrict public access to public waters.

Releasing fry to live wild and free creates more recreational opportunity and seafood while generating eco-friendly revenue. Having abundant seafood available to everyone promotes

food security. Our fisheries can thrive at historically high levels even as we harvest more if we will use proven management tools that focus on enhancement. We can tap the talent at universities, organizations, and agencies to find the best ways of improving NC's fisheries if that is our goal. We can set an example for sustainable fisheries that others around the globe will want to follow. We can keep NC's fish and fishermen wild and free as nature intended if enough people will support this concept.

The status quo is no longer an option. It is time for those of us who appreciate our freedom to fish and eat local wild-caught seafood to stand united in support of positive solutions that preserve these privileges.

I am always happy to answer any questions and/or go into greater detail.

Thank you,

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