

From: Rick Joyner <rickjoyner@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 12:01 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

My name is Rick Joyner. I live at 8655 Oak Level Church Road, Stokesdale, NC 27357, I am almost 62 years old and have saltwater fished along our coast for 40 years. I have had a Lifetime Sportsman License for 28 years. My two sons age 32 and 28 have had Lifetime sportsman licenses all their lives. Now I have two grandchildren and they have Lifetime Sportsman Licenses.

I have watched over the years as our saltwater fishery has declined due to the poor management of the Marine Fisheries Division which is held hostage by the politicians. Former State Legislature Leader Marc Basinight single handedly just about destroyed our saltwater fishery. Time and time again recreational anglers have had to absorb the size limit and creel limit cuts for the damage done by over fishing by the commercial interests. We are the only state in the whole country that continues to allow inshore netting. That should speak for itself. Now once again, we are back talking about regulations due to depleted species of saltwater fish.

My wife and I are at retirement age. We have been spending at least two weeks each year fishing along the coast. We spend approx \$2000 each trip on lodging gas, food, tackle, etc. One of my sons now has a saltwater boat. Grandchildren are now coming as part of our family. We are looking to buy a place in the near future, but if any more regulations are passed against the recreational angler, then we are leaving NC and taking our fishing and money to South Carolina where they manage their saltwater fishery. It is a sad state of affairs if a family that has lived all their lives in NC have to leave and take five Lifetime sportsman Licenses and go to South Carolina to fish.

I support total elimination of inshore netting. You have had years to slowly phase out the netting but have not done so. Simply look at SC, FL and La fishery management and the size and creel limits in these states. Can we not manage as good as these states? Why are we considered the poorest managed state in the country?

In your August meeting, I hope you will listen to the citizens of this state when you decide the latest flounder regulations.

Rick Joyner
336-643-4360

From: mackallenmoore@reagan.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 6:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Mack Moore
2314 Maplewood Ave
Winston Salem, NC 27103-3655

July 15, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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Sincerely,
Mack Moore
2528859114

From: klucas12@carolina.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 5:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

GRADY LUCAS
1012 SOUTH FRANKLIN ST
CHINA GROVE, NC 28023-1912
July 14, 2015
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GRADY LUCAS

From: jack.dunn@sdsww.org
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2015 11:07 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jack Dunn
908 Harvey street

Raleigh, NC 27608-2330
July 11, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Jack Dunn

From: Robert Bailey, W <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 11:51 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Robert Bailey
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nchuntingandfishing@yahoo.com

From: Rollie Tillman, III <rollietillman@me.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 9:39 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Rollie Tillman III
101 Hudson St
Raleigh, NC 27608

From: garycolesr@embarqmail.com
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 9:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Gary Cole
1449 Cedar Grove Rd.
Asheboro, NC 27205-1012

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Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Gary Cole
336-629-4459

From: Michael Oppegaard <m_oppegaard@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 9:16 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Capt Michael Oppegard, Native Son Guide Serv
PO Box 868
Hampstead, NC 28443

From: kyle.tutwiler@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 8:51 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

As a lifelong NC resident and fisherman, I know all too well the damage done to fisheries by allowing large mesh nets in our waters. Please help fix this problem by voting for proposal 1 and banning large mesh gill nets from our waters!

Respectfully,
Kyle Tutwiler
Havelock, NC

Sent from my iPadFrom: Scott Hanback <rs.hanback@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 8:26 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Option 1

To the State Marine Fisheries Commission,
Please vote option one and remove large mesh gill nets from our waters.

Sincerely,
Scott Hanback
John 16:33

From: LARRY <todd50@centurylink.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 7:01 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

We are the only state on the east coast that allows netters and trawls in the inlet. That's the reason we have a problem with the fish population. Times change over the years and it's time to make the change of no netters or trawlers inside waters. Most of commercial fisherman does not do this for their income. Then if either way the marine fisheries gives them money not to fish or say they didn't make enough. It's time to change all that. Put these guys out to 1 Mile offshore if they want to fish for a living. You are going to kill the rec. fisherman and the business they bring to the local beaches.

From: jamie ward <diamondshoalspoolinc@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 6:40 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: flounder supplement

My name is Jamie ward I am a commercial fisherman from kitty hawk. I disagree with the flounder supplement you have no fmp to back up your actions. moving to a 15 inch commercial minimum will hurt many dare county fishermen.

From: GREGORY MARTIN <BOATLIFT.GREG@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 6:11 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
GREGORY MARTIN
PO Box 3532
Topsail Beach, NC 28445

From: William Todd <tbf816@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 5:49 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

As a resident of North Carolina I am very concerned for the future of our Southern flounder fishery with that being said I think raising the size limit is pointless because a sexually mature male only grows to be thirteen inches Wichita means all that will be caught are the breeding females. Next the flounder fishery is an important fishery to commercial fisherman. To reduce the amount of fish that can be caught to commercial gigging is Ludacris. Gigging is the most clean fishery when it comes to catching flounder. I would agree that gull nets are not a very clean fishery but I believe other options need to be looked at. Also if your going to lower the recreational limit of flounder why not increase red drum. The red

drum population is a lot better than it use to be and would solve the problem of the upset recs. The information that is being used to determine all this is not accurate at all and should not be used in the first place so please think about what you are doing and collect some accurate data before you decide to do anything. I am a hard worker when it comes to flounder gigging and the weather is bad enough on me I don't need anything else hurting me.

Sincerely,
WILLIAM K TODD
1950 Robinsonville Rd SW
Supply, NC 28462

From: Joan Miller <joankmiller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 4:59 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Joan Miller
11300 Centaur Rd
Wake Forest, NC 27587

From: Sally Jo Glendenning <sjseekingtruth@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 4:34 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Public Comment
Attachments: Vote Prop 1.pdf

Please see attached statement regarding the southern flounder amendment proposals the NCDMF Commission is considering.

I am in favor of Proposal 1 as illustrated by the attached.

Thank you.

See attachment on next page



Recreational Fishing Alliance of North Carolina

Southern Flounder Public Comment

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Commissioners and Division Staff,

My name is Sally Jo Glendennina.

I live and vote in New Hanover County.

My address is 1505 Carolina Bch Ave N # 2E

Carolina Bch, NC 28428

Email Sjseekingtruth@yahoo.com

Phone 910-470-5240

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the public comment on the management of Southern Flounder. Based on options given to the public by NCDMF staff and commissioners, I believe option:

one (1) is the best for management of Southern flounder. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the management of North Carolina's fisheries.

Thank you,

Sally Jo Glendennina

You can email this form: flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov

You can mail this form:

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, N.C. 28557

The deadline for public comment is July 10th, so have your comments sent in by July 7th at the latest!!

From: oldglenn61@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 4:05 PM
To: samjcorbett@gmail.com; annabarriosbecwith@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; sobxll@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Comment Regarding upcoming vote - Southern Flounder Comments

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you to voice my concern for your upcoming vote on the six proposals for Southern Founder Management. I am now a resident of North Carolina, for the last twenty years what started out as a vacation became longer and longer and I am now a resident. I chose North Carolina coasts because I have a passion to fish and I take pride in sitting on my boat, taking my children and their grandchildren fishing and teaching them the ways. I would like to think the commission and others would have this same passion. Understanding without policy and management we will lose and deplete our flounder for good. When with regulations and policies to hold us accountable we could stabilize and continue this recreational fishing and provide for our future.

There needs to be standards set for BOTH recreational and Commercial fisherman and we need to be held accountable for our actions. I would like to see the a BAN on all inshore netting and a BAN to Gigging. There is no need for such fishing measures and those whom embrace this idea do not understand the error of their ways and elimination of our fishing areas. With continued practices we will all no longer benefit from the our waterways and this will cause a downfall in peoples positions and livelihood. I am complete support of the following action for the recovery of our Southern Flounder:

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2. A TAC limit on commercial harvest hat would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%
3. A closure of the flounder larger mesh gill net fishery in estuarine water. I support the recover of our coastal marine resources by the use of cleaner more efficient commercial gear specifically pound nets and commercial gigging
4. A UNIVERSAL 15 inch minimum size for BOTH commercial and recreational fisherman.
5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and PERMITS until the stock has recovered with a provision for the event of death or disability of the owner.

I would like to think you remember back when you first began your passion for fishing. It was the time, it as not a easy catch, it was the ability to bring in something worth and returning of others to continue to the ability to fish the next day. We need to conserve our stock. Our current practices and suggestions are not doing this. We need to respect our waters and conserve. I would like for you to consider the list above, I would invite you to speak to the recreational fisherman and explain the issues. As an avid fisherman, I love the peace that comes with throwing my line in the water. I don not want to deplete my passion due to commercial and others not caring about the passion and understanding the need to conserve in order to stay in business and continue.

Thank you for your time. I hope you understand the urgency to implement methods to assist in growth instead of continuing down the path of depletion.

Thank you.
Glenn Moss
Sent from Windows Mail

From: Lester Atkins <tatkins8@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 4:20 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Lester Atkins
1609 Elbow Rd
Chesapeake, VA 23320

From: chipper thomas, e <chip5069@carolina.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 4:16 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

Pound nets must be stopped as they not only kill small fish but alot of other kinds,
Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
chipper thomas e
PO Box 400
Granite Quarry, NC 28072

From: Larry Hunt <larryhuntconstruction@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 3:56 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: flounder management plan

My name is Larry Hunt. I have been a commercial fisherman for most of 40 years. I have fished the Outer Banks (lived in Hatteras and Ocracoke) and have gill netted and fished pound nets for flounder. I am now living in Wilmington NC and have lived here for about 12 years. I fish the Cape Fear River and its estuaries for flounder. I know that you have a concern about the stock of the flounders, but there are so many variables, that its almost impossible to know how many fish are there or not there. I have had no fluctuation in the amount of fish I catch in the areas that I work in year after year. The only changes that

effect my catch generally come from the weather or the imposed regulations that are in place. I use 6 inch stretch mesh for flounder. It consistently catches the proper size fish. I use this so I don't catch small fish. I believe its the right thing to do. The restrictions that are in place now (time sets and limited amount of nets that can be used /1000 yards where I am) are a fair compromise. Stock status, from my 40 years of experience with flounder, has not changed for me. I believe using the right size gill net and abiding by the rules that you already have in place is sufficient to sustain the fishery for years to come. More regulations would be detrimental to the fishermen and the 100s of people that I have provided food for in NC over the past 40 years. The public deserves to have healthy alternatives and to be able to eat fish and seafood products caught locally is the best choice. What commercial fishermen do is provide for the public and work really hard. Your policies are working. Please let us fish!

Larry Hunt

From: hubert WALKER <walkerhfred@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 3:48 PM
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Sincerely,
hubert WALKER
449 Old River Acres Dr
Burgaw, NC 28425

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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 3:34 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Hello,

My name is Capt. Chad Davis and I am a full time working waterman dependent on our state managed fishery for my livelihood. I am writing you today to express my concerns for the Southern Flounder. I strongly encourage the supplement be implemented asap. I encourage no changes tot he recreational sector. I encourage the removal of large mesh gill nets, there is better and cleaner gears available to harvest flounder. I encourage a minimum 40% reduction in commercial harvest. I encourage a moratorium on new pound nets sets until the stock is recovered. I strongly encourage a TAC on yearly harvest as well as a daily creel limit of 35 per vessel per day to be implemented to the commercial sector. It is well past the time to start making changes in our fishery management to which the fish are the benefactors. We need to start putting the resource first. Without it we all lose.

Thank you,

Capt Chad Davis From: Anne Goins <annegoinsprs@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 3:27 PM

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I respectfully request that the NCDMF does not accept or take action on any of the 6 summer flounder proposals, but to do an amendment. The statistics that have been released are sending mixed messages as to the duties of this committee. The committee could not of looked at the evidence, nor could the majority of the committee be following procedure or accountability. The language states - not possible or could not be used to determine, but yet how did the majority vote? Now the public is being asked to make a decision that the evidence shows that the data is not possible to determine a clear answer. How can the committee expect the public to be educated on data that the NCDMF is clearly not possible to determine?

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The NCDMF own statistics clearly shows that an amendment is the proper procedure for the committee to proceed with.

As stated in the NCDMF Press Release, May 18, 2015, ...quote:
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Quote News Release Date: July 1, 2015

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Please address these questions and concerns on the southern flounder;

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NC Division of Marine Fisheries
3441 Arendell Street
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July 10, 2015

Dear NCDMF

Re: Southern Flounder Comment

I respectfully request that the NCDMF does not accept or take action on any of the 6 summer flounder proposals, but to do an amendment. The statistics that have been released are sending mixed messages as to the duties of this committee. The committee could not of looked at the evidence, nor could the majority of the committee be following procedure or accountability. The language states - *not possible* or *could not be used to determine*, but yet how did the majority vote? Now the public is being asked to make a decision that the evidence shows that the data is not possible to determine a clear answer. How can the committee expect the public to be educated on data that the NCDMF is clearly *not possible to determine*?

It is time to admit that a speedy decision was made without allowing the time for the evidence to be collected and evaluated properly before a decision or ruling is made. If this is not the case, then this only leads me to believe that the power of pressure from outside influence is ruling how decisions are being made. The Governor recently stated that the employees of government positions' should follow the law of which they took an oath for.

The NCDMF own statistics clearly shows that an amendment is the proper procedure for the committee to proceed with.

As stated in the NCDMF Press Release, May 18, 2015, ...quote:

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Quote from NCDMF web site <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/southern-flounder-hot-topic> :
"Without an approved stock assessment it was not possible to determine if the stock is overfished or overfishing is occurring" ...;

Quote News Release Date: July 1, 2015

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Please address these questions and concerns on the southern flounder;

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Release: Immediate
Date: May 18, 2015
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Commercial fishing harvest increases, recreational harvest decreases in 2014

MOREHEAD CITY – North Carolina’s commercial fishing harvest increased by 23 percent in 2014, boosted by higher landings of blue crabs, spiny dogfish and summer flounder.

Commercial fishermen sold 61.7 million pounds of fish and shellfish to North Carolina fish dealers last year, according to the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries’ Commercial Trip Ticket Program. It was the first year commercial fisheries landings rose since 2010, an upward tick in a long declining trend since the late 1990s.

The estimated dockside value of the commercial harvest climbed 19 percent in 2014 to \$93.8 million, continuing an increasing trend since 2011.

Recreational fishermen harvested approximately 9.6 million fish, weighing about 9 million pounds in 2014, a 25 percent decrease in pounds from 2013, according to the division’s Coastal Angling Program. It is 29 percent lower than the average of recreational landings from 2010 to 2013.

Commercial

As usual, hard blue crabs topped the state’s commercial harvest in 2014, followed by spiny dogfish, shrimp, summer flounder and Atlantic croaker.

Commercial fishermen sold 2.9 million pounds of summer flounder to North Carolina dealers in 2014 - five times more than in 2013. The increase was a direct result of a more restrictive state policy on allowing boats to land their harvest in Virginia and other states. In previous years, the state allowed more boats to do this because of shallow waters in Oregon Inlet. It required North Carolina to transfer much of its summer flounder quota to other states, causing federal quota allocation concerns.

Hard blue crab harvests increased by 18 percent from 2013, as the number of fishing trips with crab pots rose by 5 percent and the average catch of hard blue crabs in the pot fishery increased by 42 pounds per trip. The estimated dockside value of blue crabs in North Carolina rose by 13 percent, as well.

Spiny dogfish landings rose by 88 percent to 5.7 million pounds due to an increase in the state’s allotted quota.

Shrimp harvests decreased by 4 percent from 2013 to 4.7 million pounds in 2014.

Atlantic croaker landings increased 36 percent to 2.6 million pounds.

Overall, commercial finfish harvests increased by 34 percent to 29.4 million pounds in 2014. Shellfish and crustacean harvests increased by 15 percent to 32 million pounds.

Recreational

The top recreationally harvested fish (in pounds) in 2014 were dolphin, bluefish, yellowfin tuna, spot and red drum.

Recreational dolphin landings decreased by 14 percent to 1.3 million pounds, bluefish landings decreased by 3 percent to 961,222 pounds, yellowfin tuna landings decreased by 37 percent to 913,785 pounds.

Red drum harvests decreased by 12 percent to 598,166 pounds, after the highest landings on record in 2013.

Spot, however, returned to the top five after an absence since 2007. Recreational spot harvests increased by 53 percent in 2014 to 704,445 pounds.

While the number of private boat and for-hire fishing trips dropped by 18.7 percent and 8 percent, respectively, the number of beach and bank fishing trips increased by 37.3 percent.

For a full landings report, click on the "Commercial Landings Query Tool" link at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/marine-fisheries-catch-statistics>.

For more information, contact division License and Statistics Section Chief Don Hesselman at 252-808-8099 or Don.Hesselman@ncdenr.gov.

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From Jerry Schill - President, NC Fisheries Association: Plans are to hold a press conference in New Bern on Monday.....No proposal is acceptable

Pat McCrory, Governor
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N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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Marine Fisheries Commission announces

MOREHEAD CITY – The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission will accept **public comments between June 10-July 10** on six proposals for southern flounder management.

The public may submit comments in writing and at a **public meeting from 1-5 p.m. June 17 at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, 203 South Front St., New Bern.**

At the meeting, members of the public may speak for **three minutes** each until time runs out. Due to the time constraint, the commission chairman urges individuals to bring written comments to submit in case the meeting ends before they have an opportunity to speak.

Beginning June 10, written comments may be submitted electronically to flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov.

Written comments may also be submitted to:

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, N.C. 28557

No oral comments will be accepted outside of the public meeting for this comment period.

The six proposals are part of a draft supplement to the N.C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan. The proposals can be found online at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/> under Hot Topics.

The commission is scheduled to vote on what management measures to implement at its August business meeting in Raleigh.

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Marine Fisheries Commission moves forward with southern flounder management

MOREHEAD CITY – The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission moved forward with southern flounder and sheepshead management at its meeting last week.

The commission chose six potential management proposals to include in a draft supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan that the commission will put out for public review.

The six options range in impacts to different fisheries and gears. They can be found on the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries website at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/may-2015-briefing-book>.

The commission decided to hold a public comment period from June 10 to July 10 and include a public meeting as well. Details of the comment period, with the location, date and times of the meeting, will be announced later.

The commission also chose the following management measures for sheepshead:

- 10-inch fork length minimum size limit (all commercial and recreational fisheries)
- 10-fish bag limit (recreational)
- 10-fish per person per day limit or per trip limit if multi-day trip (commercial spears and gigs)
- 300-pound trip limit (all other commercial gears, except pound nets)

Sheepshead is a highly sought recreational fish and is caught in a variety of commercial fisheries. Until 2012, sheepshead was managed under the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Snapper-Grouper Fishery Management Plan, and was included in a 20-fish snapper-grouper recreational bag limit aggregate. When sheepshead was removed from the South Atlantic plan, management of the fishery was left up to the state.

The new sheepshead regulations will be implemented by a proclamation later this week, and be effective June 1.

In other business, the commission voted to:

- Review the N.C. Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan in 2017 instead of this year, aligning the review with a statutorily required five-year review schedule. The decision

followed a presentation on the latest stock assessment that showed that the stock is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring.

- Fund up to \$10,000 from the Marine Fisheries Commission Conservation Fund for the James Francesconi Memorial Artificial Reef project
- Begin the rulemaking process this summer to adopt an amendment to the N.C. Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan later this year.
- Proceed with a review of the N.C. Kingfish Fishery Management Plan as an information update, which means no management changes are proposed.

Audio of the meeting can be found online at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/may-2015-briefing-book>. For more information, contact Nancy Fish in the Marine Fisheries Commission Office at 252-808-8021 or Nancy.Fish@ncdenr.gov.

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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 2:35 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
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From: James Hayes <james.hayes@oracle.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 2:24 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I am a lifelong resident and avid outdoorsman of North Carolina and in my opinion the coastal recreational fishing has deteriorated continually over the course of my 58 years. While I understand there are a lot of factors for this, I strongly believe that North Carolina continues to gravitate too much to the commercial fishing groups. Not only with flounder but with redfish and spotted trout. Almost all other southern states have designated these as gamefish and prohibit commercial fishing. My travel and discussions with friends in other states shows that the recreational fishing is significantly better in those states.

So as it relates to the 6 proposals. I dont think any of them go far enough in reducing the commercial take of flounder. The strongest reduction in netting, poundage, and size limits should be implemented until there is significant improvement in the quantity and average size of flounder in our waters.

And for additional input. Designate red drum and spotted trout as gamefish and stop the commercial harvest. It sickens me to walk into the coastal fish market and see these being sold.

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From: Melba Milak [mailto:melba.ncwu@gmail.com] Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 1:44 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Southern Flounder Comments

Nancy,

I have attached two letters from NCWU regarding the proposed southern flounder fishery management plan. I also emailed it to Director Daniel.

I was unable to get a "POP" connection on the DMF website to send in our comments (Just not "techy" enough to ever get one!)

Thank you.
Melba Milak
Secretary, NCWU

See attachment on next page



NC Division of Marine Fisheries
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July 6, 2015

Director Daniel,

The North Carolina Watermen United (NCWU) does not support the process, the science or the procedure in the southern flounder management plan.

In May, 2015 we joined with many fishermen and other groups, including the North Carolina Fisheries Association (NCFA), the Ocracoke Working Waterman's Association (OWWA) and the Carteret County Fishing Association (CCFA) on this issue. Our members worked with many Boards of Commissioners including Carteret, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Tyrrell Counties that have issued Proclamations against the supplement process and the 25 – 60% reduction because of the economic impact to each County.

There is concern by scientists, biologists and NCWU that the supplement process is too quick, does not require an FMP Advisory Committee for the MFC, does not require MRC Regional Advisory Committee review and does not require a report to an appropriate Committee of the NC General Assembly. We would like an independent review of the supplemental (temporary) management measures and we would like a "new" stock assessment.

In February 2015, we asked that no action be taken in the flounder fishery, because the Peer Review for the stock assessment had rejected it. NC scientists and biologists believe that the 2007-2008 model does not take into account the migration of the southern flounder and should not have been used for the 2014 assessment. Neither the state nor the stakeholders know the flounder population status. Many of the scientists and biologists also believe that the 25 – 60% reduction was selected arbitrarily with an explanation that catch efforts are "trending downward."

One of our NCWU Board members, Andrew Berry, has compiled data showing that the landings of southern flounder by the commercial fleet have remained consistent from 2004 – 2013, in spite of the

limitations imposed, mostly because of the ITP for Sea Turtles, to reduce the fishery from 365 days per year to about 70 days per year. Because of severe restrictions and closures, the 2014 landings were less. A copy of his May 2015 letter is attached.

In 2013, NCWU requested that the minimum size for flounder be reduced to 14 inches for the recreational and charter/headboat sectors. Many of our non-commercial fishermen are being disenfranchised because of the large number of flounder just under the minimum retention size. Reducing the size by merely an inch would take the pressure off, as anglers would more quickly catch their limit - or enough to eat – and stop targeting flounder.

Since we do not support the process, the science or the procedure, we do not support any of the six options that have been proposed for the southern flounder fishery.

Yours truly,

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May 14, 2015

Director Daniel,

This letter is to help you understand that there is no depletion in North Carolina's southern flounder stocks. I want to insure that there are no changes to the southern flounder fishery that is so important to our NC economy and to our state's coastal communities. The value of the southern flounder fishery is one of the highest of any seafood that is available to the consumer in our state.

I am providing facts and figures below that will help you understand that there is no need for further restrictions or a closure. The commercial southern flounder fishery is not "trending downward" -

- From 2004 through 2013, the 10-year average landings of southern flounder were just over 2 million pounds.
- From 2004 to 2009, fishermen were allowed to catch and set flounder nets 365 days per year.
- Beginning in 2009-2010, a new regulation restricted large mesh nets to 40 hours per week. Over half the state is restricted to 4 days per week with night time soaks only.
- In 2011, there were only 1.2 million pounds caught by commercial fishermen.
- In 2013 there were close to 2.2 million pounds caught by commercial fishermen.
- In 2013, southern flounder landings in Dare County were 1.3 million pounds.
- In 2013, from June 1 to November 30, there were only 70 days in which large mesh nets were able to be used from Oregon Inlet down to South Carolina. Fishermen could only set nets 4 days per week. Plus, there was a 2-month closure during this time frame to all large mesh nets.
- The point being, the largest body of water in the state had only 70 days that allowed fishermen to use nets for southern flounder in 2013, and still the commercial landings exceeded the 10-year average by 200,000 pounds, even though half of the 10-year average allowed flounder fishing with nets 365 days per year.
- In 2014, southern flounder landings went down to 1.66 million pounds because the state shut down fishing with large mesh nets during peak flounder fishing times, in peak areas.

- In 2014, from Currituck and Albemarle Sounds south to the SC line, there were only 82 days open to set large mesh gill nets for flounder.

In summary, more southern flounder are being caught with much less fishing time.

The southern flounder fishery management plan cannot compare landings from years ago when fishermen could 365 days a year, and now only about half of the state's coastal areas allow flounder nets to be used 70 days per year. Even the NC State Biologist disagrees with the MFC about a depletion of southern flounder.

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Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

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July 10, 2015

Director Daniel.

The North Carolina Watermen United (NCWU) has been asking for a new stock assessment for southern flounder since the 2014 assessment was rejected by peer review. I have found research that was reported by Jerald Horst, Fisheries Specialist at Louisiana State University Ag Center, a Sea Grant College for Research & Extension. He was the publisher and writer for the *LSU AgCenter Lagniappe Newsletter*. Horst cited many studies with information from Louisiana, Florida, Texas and Georgia.

The findings included –

- The southern flounder male seldom grows larger than 10 – 12 inches in length.
In LA, the largest male southern flounder was 13.5
In TX, the largest male southern flounder was 12.8 inches
- Almost NO male flounder lives past the age of three years; females seven.

In light of this information, the North Carolina Division view that we are catching juvenile flounder might be wrong; we may be catching male flounder.

We are asking, again, for a new stock assessment before any new Fishery Management Plan be adopted by the NCDMF.

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From: Pete Stafford <spstafford@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 1:08 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: My comments on southern flounder

Commissioners,

As a concerned citizen, I am aware of the continued downward slide of North Carolina's depleted southern flounder stock. It is well past time to reverse this slide and you now have a real opportunity to make that happen at the Marine Fisheries Commission meeting in August.

I would like to see you do everything necessary to place into temporary rule under the supplement process to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan measures that will support and ensure the following:

1. Reduce the harvest of southern flounder by commercial fishermen by at least 60%.
2. Implement a yearly Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for commercially harvested southern flounder. This TAC should be at least 60% lower than the average commercial southern flounder harvest of the last 3 years. Without a TAC, you cannot have a harvest reduction that will work. An unlimited harvest has led to our depleted fish stock and these fish will not recover until a TAC is in place.
3. Suspend the harvest of southern flounder by any and all gill nets. Doing this will achieve most of the 60% reduction requested above and solve many problems for our inshore marine fisheries. The management costs, conflicts, bycatch issues and unsustainable harvest associated with the use of gill nets has created an unmanageable situation for marine fisheries in North Carolina. It's time to stop the use of this highly destructive gear.

Please support these three simple changes and help our southern flounder stock begin the recovery that it deserves and many citizens expect.

Thank you,

Pete Stafford

From: Capt. Tom Roller <capttom@waterdogguideservice.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 1:01 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment
Attachments: TomRollerFlounderSupFinal.pdf

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NCDMF data clearly indicates that even though the recreational size limit has been increased, the average size of southern flounder is decreasing. This clearly indicates that commercial harvest continues at an inappropriate level.

Since the passage of FRA-97, the NC MFC has failed to make any meaningful reductions in commercial catch to curb the overharvest of southern flounder. By ignoring past NCDMF data and recommendations we have witnessed past commissions, by default, allocate what is left of this depleted stock to the large mesh gill net fishery at the expense of all recreational anglers, consumers, pound netters, giggers, and the public.

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Of all the Commission's recommendations for reducing southern flounder harvest through the supplement, – none, other than option 1, provides the necessary cuts to rebuild this fishery.

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Past attempts at effort reductions demonstrate that changing the size of minimum allowed mesh will not in any way recover the stock.

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Subject: Southern flounder public comment
Attachments: NCGA Letter_final.pdf

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The NCGA is extraordinarily concerned about the future of our southern flounder fishery. Southern flounder are one of our most important and valuable recreational species. As data clearly indicates, recreational anglers have incurred the vast majority of harvest cuts during the last two decades. In return, we have watched the fishery decline to a population comprised mainly of young, sub-legal fish unavailable to recreational anglers. Meanwhile, commercial industry—and in particular large mesh gill nets—enjoy a smaller size limit and a de facto majority allocation.

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From: seaviewcrabcompany <seaviewcrabcompany@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 12:39 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Supplement Proposal

I am speaking as a Concerned NC Citizen, Commercial Fisherman, and Co-Owner of Seaview Crab Co., a local seafood market that serves NC citizens at 4 retail venues. I am deeply troubled by the unscientific, "emergency proposal" to manage the Southern Flounder Fishery in North Carolina. Circumventing this scientific study by way of a loop-hole in fisheries management is bad enough. But considering this emergency proposal comes on the heels of an unsuccessful "Game Fish Bill", A Federal Sea Turtle Lawsuit, and NCDMF regulations that have reduced commercial effort substantially makes this part of a "witch hunt" to chip away at our Commercial Fisheries. I know North Carolina can do better.

Managing Fisheries is a task that needs good scientific data, smart scientific assessment and leadership from all user groups that work to build a consensus in management solutions. This proposal comes during the height of the Summer Flounder Harvest (when most commercial fisherman are hard at work) and is clearly lopsided in its proposals to limit commercial fisherman. It's hard not to see how this is reckless, deliberate, and clearly aimed at chipping away at the livelihood of our State Commercial Fisherman. This sort of political maneuvering in fisheries management must stop. My hope is that this rushed proposal shines light on a broken system that needs less conflict driven decision making and more positive, creative solutions based firmly in the scientific community to protect our resources, our commercial harvesters, and our public access to fish. Whether you are here to support this measure or not, rushed, one sided politics that exploit fisheries management loopholes is not the way to move forward!

If you find it easy to lobby against NC Commercial Fisherman, then I ask you to sit down in their homes and listen to their stories as Fisherman, Parents, Small Business Owners, and passionate people who love the science, hardships, and natural rewards of bringing wild nutritious food to market. This pattern of attacking commercial fisherman from all angles with one sided regulation has to stop! We need good leadership from recreational and commercial fisherman to block this divisive short sighted maneuvering. Underneath all this conflict is a huge opportunity for the State of North Carolina. Alaska has figured out a way that both commercial and recreational fisherman can utilize the iconic Salmon fishery that is thriving every year. We can set the East Coast example of a collaborative fishery for our iconic fish, if we can collect good data, get great leadership from different groups, and work together to come up with a way moving forward that allows all the people of NC to continue to catch, eat, and appreciate one of the best fish in the world.

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From: David Sneed <david@ccanc.org>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 12:29 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: Sammy Corbett; Anna Barrios Beckwith; Chuck Laughridge; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; Kelly Darden; Mike Wicker; Alison Willis; Mickey Daniels; Mark Gorges
Subject: Support for the Southern Flounder Supplement
Attachments: southern flounder petition MFC.pdf; southern flounder Petition Report Details.pdf; southern flounder OnlineAdvocacyPetioners.pdf

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All,

Please accept the attached reports listing the over 1600 signatures we have garnered thus far in support of the Marine Fisheries Commission's efforts to restore our Southern flounder fishery. We will continue to gather signatures in support of these efforts up to the August 19th MFC meeting in Raleigh.

Thank you for your service to our great state,

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"Take care of the fish and the fishing will take care of itself" – Art Neuman
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June 2, 2015

CALL TO ACTION: Petition to Restore Estuarine Finfish in North Carolina

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For now, we are asking you to sign a Petition to Restore Estuarine Finfish in NC so we can supply thousands of names to the Commission prior to their final Supplement vote at the August MFC meeting. We want these names to give the Commissioners the support they need to take the necessary action to restore Southern flounder to viable limits. These steps include, 1) a 15" minimum size limit across all sectors, 2) a commercial Total Allowable Catch (TAC) to provide a measureable harvest limit, 3) prohibiting the use of anchored large mesh gill nets in inshore waters effective January 1, 2016, 4) status quo for recreational limits, and 5) support for a commercial pound net and gig fishery.

Petition to Restore Estuarine Finfish in NC

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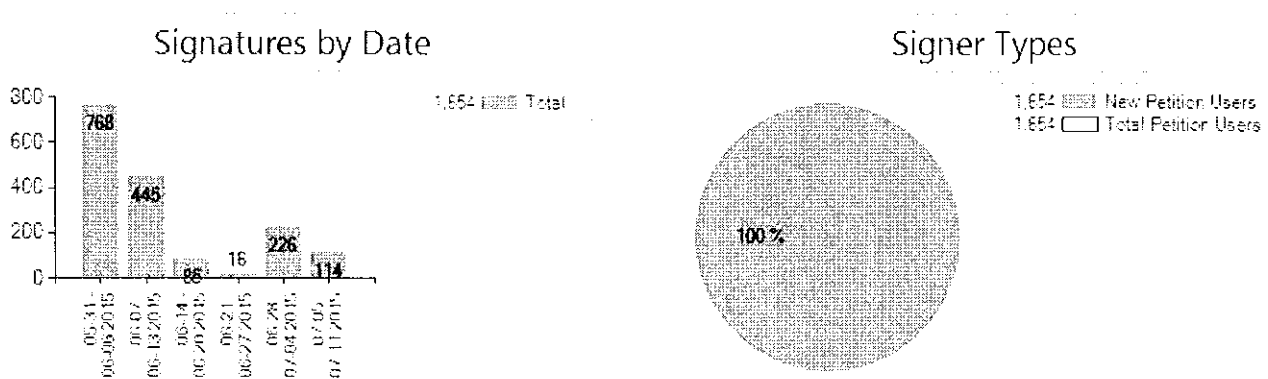
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Gillespie	William	643 Raymond Dr	Arapahoe	NC	28510
Hardison	John G	11 Creek Side Dr	Arapahoe	NC	28510
Stewart	Dave	36 Country Club Dr	Arapahoe	NC	28510
Honeycutt	Breck	127 Calico Ln	Ararat	NC	27007
Anderson	Otis	928 Bunting Rd	Asheboro	NC	27205
Eastlack	Lloyd	1901 N Fayetteville St Apt 4A	Asheboro	NC	27203
Gaccione	Craig	1005 Worth St	Asheboro	NC	27203
Julian	Robert	PO Box 994	Asheboro	NC	27204
PLEMMONS	HOYLE	11 Good Intentions Rd	Asheville	NC	28806
Ray	Stephen	31 Homeway Rd Apt Apta	Asheville	NC	28806
Barnhill	Don	5880 Point Caswell Rd	Atkinson	NC	28421
RAMOS	HECTOR	PO Box 505	Atkinson	NC	28421
Bobbitt	Eugene	205 Shore Dr Apt li	Atlantic Beach	NC	28512
Byrd	Bryan	108 Hoffman Beach Rd	Atlantic Beach	NC	28512
Dunnivant	William-Rusty	129 Sound Dr	Atlantic Beach	NC	28512
GASKINS	ALLEN	400 N Kinston Ave	Atlantic Beach	NC	28512
Gyure	Mike	540 N Kinston Ave	Atlantic Beach	NC	28512
Harris	William	1918 W Fort Macon Rd	Atlantic Beach	NC	28512
pate	Gayle	106 Bowen St	Atlantic Beach	NC	28512
White	Thomas	216 Bay View Blvd	Atlantic Beach	NC	28512
Williamson	Bill	220 Old Causeway Rd	Atlantic Beach	NC	28512
Mclaurin	John	1848 Halltown Rd	Autryville	NC	28318
Coltrain	Kathy	892 NC 102 E	Ayden	NC	28513
Coltrain	Thomas	892 NC 102 E	Ayden	NC	28513
DeLisi	Ben	703 3rd St	Ayden	NC	28513
Moore	Robert	4336 Juanita Ave	Ayden	NC	28513
cresswell	bill	PO Box 412	Badin	NC	28009
Denton	SD	1788 Bloomery Rd	Bailey	NC	27807
Winstead	Dennis	11000 Simms Rd	Bailey	NC	27807
Respass	Diana	381 Maritime Loop	Bath	NC	27808
Brown	Ray	5822 Red Oak Battleboro Rd	Battleboro	NC	27809
Elmore	Thomas	1250 Ralph Moore Rd	Bear Creek	NC	27207

Ballard	Robert	272 Royal Rd	Beaufort	NC	28516
champion	doug	885 Osprey Point Rd	Beaufort	NC	28516
Dunn	Lee	2690 Lennoxville Rd	Beaufort	NC	28516
Howe	Karin	106 Charles St	Beaufort	NC	28516
Littiken	Daphne	136 Charles St	Beaufort	NC	28516
Olsen	Rich	1015 Front St	Beaufort	NC	28516
Paul	James	310 Joan Ct	Beaufort	NC	28516
Pierce	Ron	1610 S River Rd	Beaufort	NC	28516
ROBINSON	DONNA	313 Joan Ct	Beaufort	NC	28516
Roller	Thomas	807 Deerfield Dr	Beaufort	NC	28516
Zeko	Sam	100 Olde Towne Yacht Club Rd	Beaufort	NC	28516
Ammons	Kirk	1197 Little Creek Road Ext	Belhaven	NC	27810
Ammons	Edward	1197 Little Creek Road Ext	Belhaven	NC	27810
Hawley	Joseph	671 E Main St	Belhaven	NC	27810
Webb	Jamie	8 Hillcrest Dr	Belmont	NC	28012
McLamb	Ashley	4675 NC Highway 50 S	Benson	NC	27504
Harrington	Clark	165 Nelson St	Bethel	NC	27812
Fry	Richard	411 Hallsville Rd	Beulaville	NC	28518
Humphries	Wayne	107 Arabian Cir	Beulaville	NC	28518
MERCER	DAVID	396 Edwards Rd	Beulaville	NC	28518
Rogers	Earl	PO Box 297	Beulaville	NC	28518
shiver	warren	PO Box 775	Biscoe	NC	27209
smith	Craig	432 Catfish Farm Rd	Bladenboro	NC	28320
Thompson	Buster	PO Box 54	Blounts Creek	NC	27814
Warren	Brian	PO Box 134	Blounts Creek	NC	27814
caison	Greg	1655 Sea Horse Run	Bolivia	NC	28422
Lechtrecke	R. Scott	2923 Aranda Grv SE	Bolivia	NC	28422
Rivenbark	Rachel	2525 Midway Rd SE	Bolivia	NC	28422
Sellers	Timothy	1863 Clemmons Rd SE	Bolivia	NC	28422
Kerner	Walter	PO Box 712	Bridgeton	NC	28519
Wilson	Ron	472 Shue Rd	Broadway	NC	27505
Wrenn	James	2106 Northbay Dr	Browns Summit	NC	27214
Whitt	Greg	171 Hodges Rd	Buchanan	VA	24066
WHITE	SAMMIE	101 NC 98 Hwy E	Bunn	NC	27508
West	Dean	49 William Pearsall Cir	Bunnlevel	NC	28323
Hewett	William	665 Meadow Ln	Burgaw	NC	28425
King	Michael	8549 NC HIGHWAY 53 E	BURGAW	NC	28425
Murray	Millard	1280 Whitestocking Rd	Burgaw	NC	28425
Walker	Jean	449 Old River Acres Dr	Burgaw	NC	28425
Walker	Patrick	262 Morgan Cove Dr	Burgaw	NC	28425
walker	fred	449 Old River Acres Dr	Burgaw	NC	28425
wilder	olivia	575 Harrell Rd	Burgaw	NC	28425
Wilder	William	575 Harrell Rd	Burgaw	NC	28425
Abbott	Cheryl	188 Lake Cammack Ct	Burlington	NC	27217
Abbott	Bud	188 Lake Cammack Ct	Burlington	NC	27217
Botzis	Chris	4815 N NC Highway 62	Burlington	NC	27217
Brown	Callum	1120 E Willowbrook Dr	Burlington	NC	27215
Champion	Robert	1127 Wyatt Rd	Burlington	NC	27217
Draughn	Meredith	2406 Blanche Dr	Burlington	NC	27215
Draughn	Michael	2406 Blanche Dr	Burlington	NC	27215
Hunnicuttt	Harold	703 W Front St	Burlington	NC	27215
Little	Daniel	228 Meadowood Dr	Burlington	NC	27215
Mitchell	Melissa	2404 Blanche Dr	Burlington	NC	27215
Moore	Keith	4051 Keepee Trl	Burlington	NC	27215
Moser	Sam	2966A Maple Ave	Burlington	NC	27215

Moser	Eddie	2482 Harrison Dr	Burlington	NC	27215
nicholson	John	2714 W FRONT ST APT C6	BURLINGTON	NC	27215
Parker	Stephen	3970 Yount Ct	Burlington	NC	27215
Pitts	Rodney	833 Indian Valley Dr	Burlington	NC	27217
Scott	Steve	2513 Ferndale Dr	Burlington	NC	27215
Sharpe	Geraldine	2613 Saddle Club Rd	Burlington	NC	27215
Walker	Will	2819 Birch Ln	Burlington	NC	27215
Welborn	Brian	801 Warwick Ct	Burlington	NC	27215
Richard	Anthony	1905 W B ST	BUTNER	NC	27509
Miraglia	Paul	16 Sunfield Dr	Calabash	NC	28467
Watts	Keith	761 Macon Ln SW	Calabash	NC	28467
Games	William	105 Mandy Ln	Camden	NC	27921
Kornegay	Pete	306 Japonica Dr	Camden	NC	27921
Cross	Rick	210 Yaupon Dr	Cape Carteret	NC	28584
BRADISH	JANIS	203 N 7th St	Carolina Beach	NC	28428
Hodges	Kenneth	712 Saint Joseph St	Carolina Beach	NC	28428
schoonmaker	robert	404 Fern Creek Ln	Carolina Beach	NC	28428
Snow	Carl	1328 Saint Joseph St	Carolina Beach	NC	28428
Zweidinger	Roy	301 Rainbow Dr	Carrboro	NC	27510
Dana	Richard	450 Roundabout Rd	Carthage	NC	28327
andrews	Molly	304 Vinca Cir	Cary	NC	27513
andrews	James	304 Vinca Cir	Cary	NC	27513
Edmonds	Richard	301 Boltstone Ct	Cary	NC	27513
evenson	eric	101 Donna Pl	Cary	NC	27513
Gebarowski	Fred	139 Arvind Oaks Cir	Cary	NC	27519
Godwin	Ray	100 Delchester Ct	Cary	NC	27513
Hall	Wes	209 Tellico Pl	Cary	NC	27519
HALTOM	BRYAN	609 Canon Gate Dr	Cary	NC	27518
Herrmann	Nathan	418 S West St	Cary	NC	27511
Hilgers	Ken	211 Kilmorack Dr	Cary	NC	27511
Horton	Timothy	1300 Kingston Ridge Rd	Cary	NC	27511
Jones	Will	109 Keystone Dr	Cary	NC	27513
Knight	John	402 Ryan Rd	Cary	NC	27511
Kramer	Robert	106 Fairgrove Way	Cary	NC	27511
Kuruc	John	104 Larkwood Ln	Cary	NC	27518
Lane	Marlin	105 Juliet Cir	Cary	NC	27513
Lorch	Jason	106 Arbuckle Ln	Cary	NC	27511
Magnanini	James	125 Killingsworth Dr	Cary	NC	27518
Mauney	Justin	706 Austin Ave	Cary	NC	27511
min	Akira	508 Millsfield Dr	Cary	NC	27519
Rice	Dave	303 Devonhall Ln	Cary	NC	27518
Roche	Peter	1312 Doylin Dr	Cary	NC	27511
Roels	Greg	105 Schaffer Close	Cary	NC	27518
Sampson	wendy	1504 Primrose Ln	Cary	NC	27511
Sampson	James	1504 Primrose Ln	Cary	NC	27511
Sampson	Jeff	1504 Primrose Ln	Cary	NC	27511
Sawall	Martha	105 Copper Green St	Cary	NC	27513
Smith	Jospeh	310 Promontory Point Dr	Cary	NC	27513
Sweetland	Scott	302 King George Loop	Cary	NC	27511
TATE	CHRISTIAN	111 Morninghills Ct	Cary	NC	27518
Wylie	Dave	1204 Wicklow Dr	Cary	NC	27511
Wylie	Dave	1204 Wicklow Dr	Cary	NC	27511
CHENAULT	MARK	7 Twin Oaks Dr	Castle Hayne	NC	28429
HUNT	ALLISON	7 Twin Oaks Dr	Castle Hayne	NC	28429
HUNT	JASON	7 Twin Oaks Dr	Castle Hayne	NC	28429

Lucas	Daniel	104 Fairford Rd	Castle Hayne	NC	28429
Reeves	Douglas	6250 Sycamore Ave	Castle Hayne	NC	28429
Spivey	Chris	3205 Hemlock Rd Apt N	Castle Hayne	NC	28429
Shirkey	Robert	130 Caswell Beach Rd	Caswell Beach	NC	28465
Stewart	Darrell	PO Box 181	Catawba	NC	28609
Waddell	Joel	910 Cedar Point Blvd Lot 31	Cedar Point	NC	28584
YANCEY	JEREMY	101 Sunburst Cir	Cedar Point	NC	28584
Redwine	David	1609 Page Mill Rd	Cerro Gordo	NC	28430
Adams	David	1700 Ferrell Rd	Chapel Hill	NC	27517
Andrews	Paul	3711 High Meadow Rd	Chapel Hill	NC	27514
Billings	Charles	357 Wesley Dr	Chapel Hill	NC	27516
Davis	Christopher	102 Vickers Rd	Chapel Hill	NC	27517
Forbes	Jane	635 Bear Tree Crk	Chapel Hill	NC	27517
Halsey	Trish	917 Crestwood Ln	Chapel Hill	NC	27517
Hardy	Thomas	106 Ridge Ln	Chapel Hill	NC	27514
Jenkins	Sydney	PO Box 2097	Chapel Hill	NC	27515
Johnson	Philip	12 Clover Dr	Chapel Hill	NC	27517
Lee	Bruce	218 Granger Rd	Chapel Hill	NC	27516
Marshall	Tim	301 Cates Farm Rd	Chapel Hill	NC	27516
MAULTSBY	DREW	101 Catesby Ln	Chapel Hill	NC	27514
Smith	Chris	1152 Pinehurst Dr	Chapel Hill	NC	27517
Smithwick	Edward	20110 Scott	Chapel Hill	NC	27517
Stevens	Gary	525 Vickers Rd	Chapel Hill	NC	27517
STURDIVANT	JILL	3930 Crawford Dairy Rd	Chapel Hill	NC	27516
thomason	Johnny	368 White Oak Trl	Chapel Hill	NC	27516
Waugh-Duford	Elizabeth	104 Edgehill Pl	Chapel Hill	NC	27516
AUSTIN	BILL	1530 Queens Rd Apt 602	Charlotte	NC	28207
biddix	Matthew	13830 Firenza Cir Apt 103	Charlotte	NC	28273
Boyte	John	2544 Roswell Ave	Charlotte	NC	28209
Brewer	Danny	15128 Dartford Ln	Charlotte	NC	28227
Brown	Marc	6631 Pueblo Ln	Charlotte	NC	28227
Brown	Brett	15735 Youngblood Rd	Charlotte	NC	28278
Campbell	Cary	5610 McAlpine Farm Rd	Charlotte	NC	28226
Capitano	Todd	1301 Andover Rd	Charlotte	NC	28211
Dail	John	13109 Whisper Creek Dr	Charlotte	NC	28277
Dail	Jay	13109 Whisper Creek Dr	Charlotte	NC	28277
Davidson	Martin	3401 Seward Pl	Charlotte	NC	28211
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Detter	Tim	10011 Mountain Apple Dr	Charlotte	NC	28227
Ferone	Michael	2800 Wamath Dr	Charlotte	NC	28210
gestwicki	tim	410 Lorna St	Charlotte	NC	28205
hall	Veronica	6332 Salamander Run Ln	Charlotte	NC	28215
Harris	Joseph	938 Hawthorne Bridge Ct	Charlotte	NC	28204
HOUSTON	DAVID	8322 Houston Ridge Rd	Charlotte	NC	28277
Jenkins	James	2212 E 5th St	Charlotte	NC	28204
Jordan	Neal	2921 Hampton Ave	Charlotte	NC	28207
KENNERLY	MICHAEL	2413 Richardson Dr	Charlotte	NC	28211
kirkman	barry	6500 Randy Dr	Charlotte	NC	28215
KUSHER	HANNAH	6130 Dwightware Blvd	Charlotte	NC	28227
Laster	Gil	6560 Folger Dr	Charlotte	NC	28270
Murray	William	401 Meadowbrook Rd	Charlotte	NC	28211
Porter	John	253 King Owen Ct	Charlotte	NC	28211
Speckman	Jon	14532 Adair Manor Ct	Charlotte	NC	28277
Speir	Ben	4720 Aspen Ct	Charlotte	NC	28210
STEPHENS	GARY	7137 Scuppernong Ct	Charlotte	NC	28215

Yopp	Ben	10535 Royal Winchester Dr	Charlotte	NC	28277
Young	Clay	2414 Forest Dr	Charlotte	NC	28211
Zimmerman	James	10730 Coachman Cir	Charlotte	NC	28277
Eurey	Chad	811 Settlers Dr	Cherryville	NC	28021
rhodes	phil	1340 Requa Rd	Cherryville	NC	28021
Atkins	Lester	1609 Elbow Rd	Chesapeake	VA	23320
DAVIS	JEFFERY	10901 Qualla Rd	Chesterfield	VA	23832
Lanier	Elwood	1078 S NC 111 Hwy	Chinquapin	NC	28521
Jones	ML	646 Old Mill Rd	Chocowinity	NC	27817
McDaniel	Dan	103 White Oak Ct	Chocowinity	NC	27817
page	jimmy	92 Hillcrest Dr	Chocowinity	NC	27817
potter	Anderson	212 E Bayside Dr	Chocowinity	NC	27817
Roughton	Dearl	500 Pollard Rd	Chocowinity	NC	27817
Schafer	John	211 Cypress Landing Trl	Chocowinity	NC	27817
Last Name	First Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Byrd	Wade	697 Everette Byrd Rd	Clarkton	NC	28433
Bruton	Brett	14765 Buffalo Rd # H	Clayton	NC	27527
Carroll	Thomas	1202 Peele Rd	Clayton	NC	27520
haller	michael	803 Birkdale Dr	Clayton	NC	27527
Hernan	John	208 Hardwood Ridge Ct	Clayton	NC	27520
Hicks	Brian	212 Mohican Trl	Clayton	NC	27527
Jones	Curtis	326 Wyndfall Ln	Clayton	NC	27527
Marraccini	Jerry	107 Avenel Ln	Clayton	NC	27527
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Massengill	Robert	5055 Little Creek Church Rd	Clayton	NC	27520
Mayo	Randell	516 Medlin Rd	Clayton	NC	27527
Moser	Martin	1700 Old Us 70 Hwy W	Clayton	NC	27520
Parks	Christy	1135 Peele Rd	Clayton	NC	27520
Sadler	Jimmy	311 Josiah Dr	Clayton	NC	27527
Sadler	Beth	311 Josiah Dr	Clayton	NC	27527
Stovall	Martha	1200 Little Creek Church Rd	Clayton	NC	27520
Watkins	Michael	1025 Swift Creek Dr	Clayton	NC	27520
Watkins	Arthur	2871 Polenta Rd	Clayton	NC	27520
Bond	Wilbur	3825 Overview Dr	Clemmons	NC	27012
Harper	Andy	8220 Kildare St	Clemmons	NC	27012
SANDERS	CHARLES	3902 Westridge Meadow Cir	Clemmons	NC	27012
Wood	David	1860 Ammons Dr	Clemmons	NC	27012
carter	chris	275 Serenity Lake Dr	Clinton	NC	28328
Hall	Chris	119 Kimbrough Rd	Clinton	NC	28328
hobbs	james	1835 Ezzell Rd	Clinton	NC	28328
Hunter	Douglas	199 Daughtry Ln	Clinton	NC	28328
MATTHIS	PAMELA	1330 Edmond Matthis Rd	Clinton	NC	28328
Oglesby	Bill	109 Vista Dr	Clinton	NC	28328
Peterson	James	655 W Darden Rd	Clinton	NC	28328
Raynor	Randy	2401 Ezzell Rd	Clinton	NC	28328
Rowe	Marcus	303 Dixie Cir	Clinton	NC	28328
Blackmon	Jeremy	105 W Hamer St	Coats	NC	27521
Wohlfert	Ray	5365 Niblick Ct	Colfax	NC	27235
jarrell	steve	1034 Fairway Ridge Dr NW	Concord	NC	28027
Jones	Thomas	350 Lancelot Cir NE	Concord	NC	28025
kimble	Linda	425 Saint Johns Church Rd	Concord	NC	28025
Lafferty	Anne	829 Courtney St SE	Concord	NC	28025
Leatherman	Britt	2450 Gold Hill Rd	Concord	NC	28025
Sewell	Jim	299 Union St S	Concord	NC	28025
MCINVILLE	THOMAS	110 W Main St	Conway	NC	27820

Bedell	Mike	22314 Market St	Cornelius	NC	28031
Dixon	Frank	17217 Asti Ct	Cornelius	NC	28031
HALSTEAD	JOHN	2691 Asbury Rd	Cove City	NC	28523
Apple	Wade	501 Maymont Dr	Cramerton	NC	28032
brogden	tommy	1635 US Highway 15	Creedmoor	NC	27522
Rowell	Jim	110 Oak Forest Dr	Cullowhee	NC	28723
newby	carl	116 Widow Moore Dr	Currie	NC	28435
Garrenton Jr	Vincent	127 E Canvasback Dr	Currituck	NC	27929
Hines	Glenn	3152 Caratoke Hwy	Currituck	NC	27929
Garrenton	Darcy	339 Notre Dame Ave	Cuyahoga Falls	OH	44221
Mack	Robert	356 Wagontree Ct	Dallas	NC	28034
Rubow	Scott	244 Huffstetler Lake Rd	Dallas	NC	28034
conrad	ken	14109 E Rocky River Rd	Davidson	NC	28036
HUTCHINSON	ZACHARY	262 Potters Lndg	Denton	NC	27239
Burt	David	7835 Nine Iron Ct	Denver	NC	28037
Matthews	Rebecca	991 Old Rockford Rd	Dobson	NC	27017
lane	Chris	10575 NC HIGHWAY 55 W	DOVER	NC	28526
perry	matthew	1649 Dover Fort Barnwell Rd	Dover	NC	28526
Wade	Aaron	12354 NC HIGHWAY 55 W	DOVER	NC	28526
FISCHER	JAY	11 Clover Ln	Downingtown	PA	19335
Faulk	James	104 Jill St	Dudley	NC	28333
Ficken	Bryce	186 Quail Dr	Dudley	NC	28333
Yanagawa	Randolph	109 Toms Dr	Dudley	NC	28333
Allen	Dishon	9674 Harnett Dunn Hwy	Dunn	NC	28334
Ashworth	Jonathan	5154 NC 242 Hwy S	Dunn	NC	28334
Colville	Albert	110 Bishop Ln	Dunn	NC	28334
davis	jessica	75 Bayside Rd	Dunn	NC	28334
ennis	Dempsey	1209 Erwin Rd	Dunn	NC	28334
grantham	jimmy	276 NC Highway 82	Dunn	NC	28334
Harper	Mark	708 Fairground Rd	Dunn	NC	28334
hodges	willis	9764 Harnett Dunn Hwy	Dunn	NC	28334
Roy	Matthew	113 Joy St	Dunn	NC	28334
Stroud	Jay	307 Village Square Dr	Dunn	NC	28334
Tripp	John	515 NC Highway 82	Dunn	NC	28334
Adcock	William	2024 Baptist Rd	Durham	NC	27703
blalock	barry	2912 W Main St	Durham	NC	27705
Burch	James	5710 Geoffrey Rd	Durham	NC	27712
Burton	John	3016 Synnotts Pl	Durham	NC	27705
Butler	Eric	104 N Riverdale Dr	Durham	NC	27712
Clark	Isaac	108.W. Maynard Ave.	Durham	NC	27704
Costello	Sam	3506 W Wyndham Ln	Durham	NC	27705
DI GIULIO	RICHARD	3908 Tyndrum Dr	Durham	NC	27705
Ellement	Matt	1066 W Forest Hills Blvd	Durham	NC	27707
Fara	Marty	109 Cardriff Pl	Durham	NC	27712
Feifs	Helmuts	6242 Dello St	Durham	NC	27712
GULLIE	LYNN	2708 Little Rogers Rd	Durham	NC	27704
Hammond	John	36 Chestnut Bluffs Ln	Durham	NC	27713
Helms	William	4834 Highgate Dr	Durham	NC	27713
howard	kenneth	2711 Shenandoah Ave	Durham	NC	27704
Johnson	Ron	5823 Newhall Rd	Durham	NC	27713
Keedy	Christian	4514 Highgate Dr	Durham	NC	27713
KOCH	DAVID	12323 N Exeter Way	Durham	NC	27703
Leraas	John	54 Newton Dr	Durham	NC	27707
Lyon	John	2810 Old Oxford Rd	Durham	NC	27712
Mahagan	Jeffery	2806 Mebane Ln	Durham	NC	27703

McCarson	Phil	922 Valetta Rd	Durham	NC	27712
McKenzie	Keisha	9 Wynmore Dr	Durham	NC	27713
Melvin	Kenneth	2921 Forrestal Dr	Durham	NC	27703
Nifong	Timothy	5217 George King Rd	Durham	NC	27707
oates	timothy	7250 NC Highway 751 Apt 2109	Durham	NC	27707
Randall	Scott	4804 Miller Dr	Durham	NC	27704
Satterfield	Chris	3317 Silver Star Dr	Durham	NC	27713
Stanger	C Donald	3940 Dover Rd	Durham	NC	27707
Strickland	Andrew	5912 Solitude Way	Durham	NC	27713
Taylor	Michael	5215 Pelham Rd	Durham	NC	27713
TILLMAN	JOHNNY	7055 Calais Dr	Durham	NC	27712
wagenseller	kirk	9 Breton Pl	Durham	NC	27707
Walker	Christopher	1036 Oakland Ave	Durham	NC	27705
WAYSON	GEORGE	227 Solo Cv	Durham	NC	27713
Williams	Virginia	3306 Pinafore Dr	Durham	NC	27705
Willis	John	805 Berkeley St	Durham	NC	27705
Fletcher	John	4316 Mount Bethel Church Rd	East Bend	NC	27018
beedie	david	112 Ojibwa Trl	Edenton	NC	27932
Maxwell	Owen	204 Dundee Dr	Edenton	NC	27932
Van Duyn	John	121 Windsor Ln	Edenton	NC	27932
jones	isaac	1237 Sawyer Rd	Elizabeth City	NC	27909
Kiffner	Randal	1701 Ulster Dr	Elizabeth City	NC	27909
Onley	Jeff	701 S Adams Landing Rd	Elizabeth City	NC	27909
Owens	William	1493 Nixonton Rd	Elizabeth City	NC	27909
Andrews	Brian	5353 Carter Rd	Elm City	NC	27822
BAKER	KENNETH	4834 Lakeview Rd	Elm City	NC	27822
Bridgers	Brenda	5521 Cattail Rd	Elm City	NC	27822
Farmer	Wanda	6448 Tonya Rd	Elm City	NC	27822
FARMER	DAVID	6448 Tonya Rd	Elm City	NC	27822
Hamilton	Larry	4823 Lakeview Rd	Elm City	NC	27822
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McAlister	Jason	2364 Gibsonville Ossipee Rd	Elon	NC	27244
Scott	Don	601 E College Ave	Elon	NC	27244
Andrews	Jamie	105 Arthur Dr	Emerald Isle	NC	28594
Andrews	Mike	105 Arthur Dr	Emerald Isle	NC	28594
Lamont	Dean	303 Courtney Ct	Emerald Isle	NC	28594
Melvin	David	6908 Canal Dr	Emerald Isle	NC	28594
Pridgen	Randy	114 Myrtle St	Emerald Isle	NC	28594
Wellborn	Jim	1302 Emerald Dr	Emerald Isle	NC	28594
Jones	Jeremy	495 Great Swamp Rd	Ernul	NC	28527
clayton	clarence	3030 Old Stage Rd S	Erwin	NC	28339
Monds	Allen	PO Box 222	Erwin	NC	28339
tripp	Shawn	104 Nicole Dr	Erwin	NC	28339
Weaver	Michael	403 W A St	Erwin	NC	28339
Allegood	Jeffrey	513 Emmett Jackson Rd	Faison	NC	28341
Anderson	Casey	522 BILL CLIFTON RD	FAISON	NC	28341
jones	hayley	1436 Friendship Church Rd	Faison	NC	28341
Lee	Brad	1544 FRIENDSHIP CHURCH RD	FAISON	NC	28341
Tucker	Bobby	304 E Mary and Elias St	Faison	NC	28341
Faust	Shayne	3023 Northgate Walk Dr	Farmville	NC	27828
JOYNER	MELANIE	3216 Circle Dr	Farmville	NC	27828
Arrington	Arnold	6829 BRUSH CRK	FAYETTEVILLE	NC	28314
Butler	William	210 Brokenhurst Ct	Fayetteville	NC	28311
Ciccone	Brett	3118 Guy Cir	Fayetteville	NC	28303
Durcholz	Jonas	604 Sugaridge Ln	Fayetteville	NC	28311

Edwards	Jim	715 Ramsey St	Fayetteville	NC	28301
Gilder	Gregory	1514 Tom Starling Rd	Fayetteville	NC	28306
Godwin	Dell	625 Brisbane Ct	Fayetteville	NC	28314
HARTZELL	DAVID	1813 Wayne Ln	Fayetteville	NC	28304
Heine	Austin	2310 Gunston Ct	Fayetteville	NC	28303
Johnson	Donna	515 Adam St	Fayetteville	NC	28301
lee	Brandon	304 Nielsen Dr	Fayetteville	NC	28306
McLamb	Mitchell	3346 High St	Fayetteville	NC	28312
Morketter	Tom	2523 Huntington Rd	Fayetteville	NC	28303
Murphy	Kayla	103 Robin Pl	Fayetteville	NC	28306
murphy	jason	103 Robin Pl	Fayetteville	NC	28306
Simmons	Troy	3518 Thamesford Rd	Fayetteville	NC	28311
ARMSTRONG	JACQUELINE	2100 Sawtooth Dr	Fountain	NC	27829
Creech	Tod	1702 Stricklands Crossroads Rd	Four Oaks	NC	27524
Edwards	Bruce	340 Meadowbrook Dr	Four Oaks	NC	27524
Jones	Porter	358 Battlefield Rd	Four Oaks	NC	27524
martin	john	575D Spring Lake Rd	Four Oaks	NC	27524
Page	Oman	222 Skinner Rd	Four Oaks	NC	27524
Tuck	Tim	2526 Grove Hill Rd	Franklinton	NC	27525
Fuller	Calvin	PO Box 668	Fremont	NC	27830
Betts	Don	613 E Vance St	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Bird	Sean	6013 Brass Tack Ct	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
doyle	kenny	1102 Andersonwood Dr	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Ellis	Joseph	1681 Atkins Rd	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Evenson	Allie-Marie	1409 Squire Ridge Dr	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Evenson	John	1409 Squire Ridge Dr	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
holleman	curtis	402 Spring Ave	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Jones	Grayson	111 Park Ave	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Mason	Kevin	4620 Gomar Ln	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
powell	james	5057 Christian Light Rd	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Sadler	Ryan	310 Pine Burr St	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Stanevicius	Edmund	2713 Fern Willow Ct	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Stanley	Chuck	3412 Apple Meadow Dr	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Waters	Randy	3900 Autumn Creek Dr	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Williams	Chris	601 S Fuquay Ave	Fuquay Varina	NC	27526
Carter	kristie	13644 Garland Hwy	Garland	NC	28441
weeks	Jonathan	13644 Garland Hwy	Garland	NC	28441
Colloer	Donnie	902 Brooks Ave	Garner	NC	27529
EDWARDS	DAVID	306 Atkinson Farm Cir	Garner	NC	27529
overman	jim	98 Wellington Ct	Garner	NC	27529
Rifenburg	Douglas	1000 Shae Ct	Garner	NC	27529
Via	Kary	120 Old Evans Rd	Garner	NC	27529
Mack	Gene	5115 Little Mountain Rd	Gastonia	NC	28056
Martin	Rick	4332 Old Forge Dr	Gastonia	NC	28056
Taylor	John	623 Briar Creek Rd	Gastonia	NC	28056
NORTON	RONNIE	7121 Walters Rd	Gibson	NC	28343
Benton	Mike	30 Windrift Ct	Gibsonville	NC	27249
Collins	Nancy	812 Parkdale Rd	Gibsonville	NC	27249
Culberson	John	205 Broad St	Gibsonville	NC	27249
Johnson	Mike	7000 Laurel Point Dr	Gibsonville	NC	27249
Barber	Richard	PO BOX 137	GLOUCESTER	NC	28528
elkins	catherine	297 Sleepy Point Rd	Gloucester	NC	28528
Elkins	Christopher	297 Sleepy Point Rd	Gloucester	NC	28528
Parnell	Brian	6409 Allie Cooper Rd	Godwin	NC	28344
Parnell	Karla	6400 Allie Cooper Rd	Godwin	NC	28344

Barfield	Rob	119 Woodrose Ave	Goldsboro	NC	27534
BARSH	MAMIE	123 Trey Dr	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Best	Frank	PO Box 11360	Goldsboro	NC	27532
bishop	steve	465 stoney creek ch. rd.	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Brown	Ray	212 Walnut Creek Dr	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Corbett	Brian	207 Woodbine St	Goldsboro	NC	27534
DANIELS	JAMES	104 Fairway Dr	Goldsboro	NC	27534
David	Claude	273 Perkins Mill Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Davis	Rex	616 Weaver Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Dearing	Ron	6007 Meadow Ln	Goldsboro	NC	27530
eason	Tony	100 Doris Dr	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Evans	Phyllis	435 Perkins Mill Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Gibson	Brian	122 Adler Ln	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Gunnet	Keith	403 N Spence Ave	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Gurganus	Blake	101 Eagle Scout Pl	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Hansley	David	520 W New Hope Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Harris	Larry	146 Stoney Creek Church Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Hawkins	Ken	3101 McLain St	Goldsboro	NC	27534
HILL	JOHNNY	191 Bennett Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Hines	Rison	901 Shelley Dr	Goldsboro	NC	27534
holland	donald	108 Ironwood Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Horvath	Ernie	7002 Forest Ct	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Jackson	Joshua	617 Sheridan Forest Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Neel	Anthony	585 Sambo Lambert Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Owen	Douglas	144 Quail Croft Dr	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Prince	Jeff	401 E Raintree Ln	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Sandlin	Isaac	831 N Spence Ave	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Sasser	Patrick	111 Pineridge Ln	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Sasser	Patrick	111 Pineridge Ln	Goldsboro	NC	27534
sasser	rick	111 Pineridge Ln	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Schuster	Jason	205 Highwoods Dr	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Taylor	Cameron	406 Plantation Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Taylor	Al	311 Yearling Dr	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Thomposn	John	605 N John St	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Weaver	Broc	119 Fallin Blvd Apt A2	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Webber	Austen	1809 Friendly Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27530
Webber	Grant	737 Dollard Town Rd	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Wessell	Conrad	204 E Raintree Ln	Goldsboro	NC	27534
Jackson	Kenneth	8824 Perry Rd	Graham	NC	27253
Mann	Larry	5883 S Spring Flowers Dr	Graham	NC	27253
ray	mike	2672 Meadow Creek Ln	Graham	NC	27253
Stas	Rachel	1141 Jay Ln	Graham	NC	27253
stallings	jerry	100 Pleasant Pt	Grandy	NC	27939
Smathers	Lenny	5562 Land Harbour Dr	Granite Falls	NC	28630
Barefoot	Rob	1515 Ilchester Dr	Greensboro	NC	27408
Blakewood	David	4545 Pleasant Garden Rd	Greensboro	NC	27406
Bregman	Eric	4813 Clarkson Rd	Greensboro	NC	27410
coley	Chris	311 Country Club Dr	Greensboro	NC	27408
Cranford	John	4013 Persimmon Ct	Greensboro	NC	27410
Dow	David	3901 Battensburg Ct	Greensboro	NC	27410
Easley	Jay	5337 N Church St	Greensboro	NC	27455
Farber	John	1136 Parsons Pl	Greensboro	NC	27410
Feifs	Timothy	1115 Pebble Dr	Greensboro	NC	27410
Furnas	Richard	805 Cannon Rd	Greensboro	NC	27410
GRISSOM	TOM	26 Forest Lake Cir	Greensboro	NC	27407

hardy	john	3703 Rock Haven Dr	Greensboro	NC	27410
Hassenfelt	Stephen	2000 Granville Rd	Greensboro	NC	27408
hippert	Steve	6 Bayberry Ct	Greensboro	NC	27455
Hurd	Curt	6016 Tamannary Dr	Greensboro	NC	27455
Johnson	John	3509 Normandy Rd	Greensboro	NC	27408
King	George	7 Kelvington Ct	Greensboro	NC	27410
Lerner	Mandy	606 Waycross Dr	Greensboro	NC	27410
Logan	Robert	2318 Brandt Vlg	Greensboro	NC	27455
MORGAN	LARRY	220 E Steeple Chase Dr	Greensboro	NC	27406
newton	steve	604 Candlewood Dr	Greensboro	NC	27403
Rosol	Len	901 Shelby Dr Apt 103	Greensboro	NC	27409
Sheffield	Gardner	302 Ridgeway Dr	Greensboro	NC	27403
Smith	George	1208 Hammel Rd	Greensboro	NC	27408
Summers	David	5554 N Church St	Greensboro	NC	27455
Tart	David	5704 Hidden Orchard Dr	Greensboro	NC	27410
Walker	Christopher	4410 Westbourne Rd	Greensboro	NC	27410
Ward	Michael	4606 Hartsford Dr	Greensboro	NC	27406
Whitley	David	2817 Robin Hood Dr	Greensboro	NC	27408
Abbott	Joshua	3383 Prescott Ln	Greenville	NC	27858
Adams	Charlie	1106 Greenville Blvd SE	Greenville	NC	27858
Bachmann	Connor	403 S Oak St	Greenville	NC	27858
Bachmann	Connor	403 S Oak St	Greenville	NC	27858
Bagnell	Bill	743 Christopher Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Barbee	Burke	315 Dupont Cir	Greenville	NC	27858
Barnum	Mike	614 Maple St	Greenville	NC	27858
Bland	Raleigh	2503 Surrey Ln	Greenville	NC	27858
Bowers	Mel	2264 Lee Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Branch	Connally	200 E Arlington Blvd	Greenville	NC	27858
Britt	Elmer	108 Lakeview Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Brown	William	304 Kenilworth Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Buck	Scott	3914 Hudsons Crossroads Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Burnett	Charles	323 Scottish Ct	Greenville	NC	27858
Carraway	Jill	2848 Madison Grove Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Carson	Jerry	305 Joseph St	Greenville	NC	27858
Chatham	Alexander	406 Wesley Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Corley	Tim	214 Churchill Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
COX	TED	707 Daventry Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Edwards	Jonathan	2603 Richard Dr Apt B	Greenville	NC	27834
Emerson	Roy	807 Glen Abbey Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Evans	Delmar	1526 Charles Blvd	Greenville	NC	27858
Fussell	Randy	3800 Cantata Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Garner	Brad	319 Windsor Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Hardin	Jim	107 Excaliber Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Harris	Andrew	1681 Crawfords Pointe Dr	Greenville	NC	27834
Heath	Jonathan	108 Bryan Cir	Greenville	NC	27858
Hooton	Josh	100 Lisa Ln	Greenville	NC	27858
Hooton	Rich	132 Fletcher Pl	Greenville	NC	27858
Irons	Tom	311 Queen Annes Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Jenkins	Rom	312 Scottish Ct	Greenville	NC	27858
Johnson	Sam	111 Oxford Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
king	Patrick	235 Orton Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Lee	William	924 Nottingham Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Lee	Jason	440 Cheltenham Dr	Greenville	NC	27834
MCKINNEY	VANESSA	3039 Major Smith Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
McKnight	John	530 Westchester Dr	Greenville	NC	27858

Nisbet	Heath	205 Chowan Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Parrott	Ben	231 Orton Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Peyton	Hunter	1312 Largo Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Phillips	Joseph	1160 Porters Ridge Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Porter	Matt	227 Windsor Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Porter	Patrick	3320 Cadenza St	Greenville	NC	27858
Powell	Rob	511 Bremerton Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Purifoy	Angela	2204 Ivy Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
saieed	steve	2640 Brookridge Cir	Greenville	NC	27858
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Scales	Wade	323 Oxford Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Seigler	Larry	303 Stanwood Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Sneed	Hoyle	903 Compton Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Sneed	Lori	903 Compton Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Sneed	David	903 Compton Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Southerland	Richard	2317 Spinnaker Ct	Greenville	NC	27858
stroud	thomas	606 Queen Annes Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Sullivan	Chad	3803 Tucker Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
sutton	james	1287 Forest Acres Dr	Greenville	NC	27834
Symons	Dennis	2721 Kent Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Tayloe	Frank	502 Westhaven Rd	Greenville	NC	27834
Tayloe	Hulda	502 Westhaven Rd	Greenville	NC	27834
Uzzell	Sam	606 S Oak St	Greenville	NC	27858
Walas	Joseph	110 Leon Dr	Greenville	NC	27858
Wallace	Sherry	3504 Rockwood Ct	Greenville	NC	27834
Ward	Seth	2610 High Place Ct	Greenville	NC	27858
Webb	Rick	3100 Karibblue Ln	Greenville	NC	27834
Whichard	John	205 Dalebrook Cir	Greenville	NC	27858
Williamson	Read	1904 Crooked Creek Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
Wrenn	Leroy	3238 Major Smith Rd	Greenville	NC	27858
BLAKE	TRACY	5080 Grifton Hugo Rd	Grifton	NC	28530
Bowden	Austin	6734 Dupont St	Grifton	NC	28530
Hales	Clifton	3255 Brooks Farm Rd	Grifton	NC	28530
Schulz	Richard	6443 Niblick Rd	Grifton	NC	28530
Braswell	Krystal	1017 Beddards Crossing Dr	Grimesland	NC	27837
Davis	John	4966 Boyds Rd	Grimesland	NC	27837
Eddings	Josh	1067 Beddards Crossing Dr	Grimesland	NC	27837
LANGLEY	MIKE	619 Heartwood Rd	Grimesland	NC	27837
Rice	Robbie	3989 Timberlake Dr	Grimesland	NC	27837
sorrell	Greg	1021 Harbor Cir	Grimesland	NC	27837
Tyndall	Debra	2862 Mobleys Bridge Rd	Grimesland	NC	27837
Tyndall	Paul	2862 Mobleys Bridge Rd	Grimesland	NC	27837
Amrhein	Philip	670 Bay Harbor Dr	Hampstead	NC	28443
Autry	Gene	32 Oak Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
Baker	Norton	123 Deer Run Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
barnes	Tim	114 Oak Cir	Hampstead	NC	28443
Day	Sean	213 Hickory Ln	Hampstead	NC	28443
Epperson	William	818 Wildwood Cir	Hampstead	NC	28443
FREAS	BURNIE	185 Westminster Way	Hampstead	NC	28443
Garrison	Chris	138 Saltwater Landing Dr	Hampstead	NC	28443
Hewett	Douglas	601 Oyster Catcher Dr	Hampstead	NC	28443
Hodges	Joe	178A Twin Oaks Dr	Hampstead	NC	28443
Holmes	Ron	100 N Stargazer Ct	Hampstead	NC	28443
Humphries	Dawn	1227 Mallard Bay Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
Humphries	Scott	1227 Mallard Bay Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443

James	Damien	513 White Oak Dr	Hampstead	NC	28443
jenkins	JOHN	336 Gold Coast Dr	Hampstead	NC	28443
Kendall	Pete	202 Bates Retreat	Hampstead	NC	28443
Kirchner	Annie	1880 NC Highway 210 W	Hampstead	NC	28443
lambert	kimberly	117 Godfrey Creek Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
lambert	larry	117 Godfrey Creek Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
lee	Chris	201 Newton Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
Markovitch	Darrell	285 Howards Ln	Hampstead	NC	28443
McCoy	Romulus	109 Waterfront Cir	Hampstead	NC	28443
Miller	Al	209 Contrail Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
nakamoto	Ronald	74 W Bailey Ln	Hampstead	NC	28443
Peters	Michael	114 Jordan Ln	Hampstead	NC	28443
Price	Wayne	111 Deer Run Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
Rhodes	Randy	115 Wild Berry Ln	Hampstead	NC	28443
Rice	Kenneth	213 Olde Point Loop	Hampstead	NC	28443
Sample	Gary	351 Dogwood Ln	Hampstead	NC	28443
sawyer	Nathan	111 Windridge Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
SOLES	JASON	392 Knollwood Dr	Hampstead	NC	28443
Soles	Ken	204 Bates Retreat	Hampstead	NC	28443
spainhour	Jason	98 Scotlands Ct	Hampstead	NC	28443
Spruill	John	1836 Corcus Ferry Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
Spruill	Jack	1836 Corcus Ferry Rd	Hampstead	NC	28443
Warren	Les	1509 Country Club Dr	Hampstead	NC	28443
Webb	Crystal	691 Bay Harbor Dr	Hampstead	NC	28443
gray	Jeremy	1240 Belvedere Dr	Hanahan	SC	29410
MCCLANAHAN	SUSAN	101 Owens Beach Road Ext	Harbinger	NC	27941
eiler	ken	195 Branch Dr	Harkers Island	NC	28531
Proctor	Frank	182 Oak Hammock Dr	Harkers Island	NC	28531
CAIN	JASON	201 NC Highway 210 E	Harrells	NC	28444
WALKER	CHARLES	PO Box 85	Harrells	NC	28444
Dufalla	Darlene	1120 Paradise Dr	Havelock	NC	28532
Dufalla	Thomas	1120 Paradise Dr	Havelock	NC	28532
Jackson	Anthony	816 Fir Trl	Havelock	NC	28532
Oppenheim	James	304 Augusta Ct	Havelock	NC	28532
Parsons	James	210 Sumter Ct	Havelock	NC	28532
Repose	Michael	1140 Paradise Dr	Havelock	NC	28532
TAPLEY	BETTY	551 Becton Rd	Havelock	NC	28532
Turrentine	charles	1110 Carey Chapel Rd	Henderson	NC	27537
Sager	Howard	137 Country Ridge Rd	Hendersonville	NC	28739
WORSHAM JR	CECIL	194 Clear Creek Rd	Hendersonville	NC	28792
Edwards	Grady	146 Brayden Dr	Hertford	NC	27944
Landing	Jason	211 Goodwin Mill Rd	Hertford	NC	27944
Beam	Darrell	1481 17th Street Dr NE	Hickory	NC	28601
Davis	Jimmie	4402 Fox Trl	Hickory	NC	28601
Gragg	Charles	1634 Cambrian Dr	Hickory	NC	28601
Biesecker	Mike	526 W Parkway Ave	High Point	NC	27262
Bolding	Jill	525 Dogwood Cir	High Point	NC	27260
Bolding	David	525 Dogwood Cir	High Point	NC	27260
Boyles	Chuck	5928 Canter Rd	High Point	NC	27263
Craven	Steven	273 George Clyde Ln	High Point	NC	27262
ennis	tom	1251 Blackberry Ridge Rd	High Point	NC	27265
Hockaday	Mark	3804 Wildwood Ct	High Point	NC	27265
Myrick	Bobby	621 Liberty Rd	High Point	NC	27263
Niebauer	Randy	1116 Wynnewood Ave	High Point	NC	27262
Price	Richard	822 Quaker Ln	High Point	NC	27262

Rice	Bobby	2212 Setliff Dr	High Point	NC	27265
Snider	Don	1404 Cox Ave	High Point	NC	27263
Snider	Chad	1742 Jackson Lake Rd	High Point	NC	27263
shamel	Travis	2126 Ramblewood Dr	Highland	IN	46322
Barlow	Brian	2101 Double Oak Dr	Hillsborough	NC	27278
Breeze	Willie	2808 Moorefields Rd	Hillsborough	NC	27278
Cater	Reid	118 W Union St	Hillsborough	NC	27278
Estrem	Dan	3008 Bartlett Cir	Hillsborough	NC	27278
Hackett	Terry	435 W Tryon St	Hillsborough	NC	27278
HOLDEN	KATHRYN	311 Stagg Rd	Hillsborough	NC	27278
Baitz	Amy	103 Mardella Way	Holly Ridge	NC	28445
Branche	Timothy	107 Windmill St	Holly Ridge	NC	28445
Brittain	Ray	333 Rose Bud Ln	Holly Ridge	NC	28445
DELOZIER	BRANDON	136 Lighthouse Ln	Holly Ridge	NC	28445
gates	Christopher	103 Mardella Way	Holly Ridge	NC	28445
Leimone	Jane	PO Box 2989	Holly Ridge	NC	28445
Price	Jeff	1116 Ocean Blvd	Holly Ridge	NC	28445
Singleton	James	130 Aqua Aly	Holly Ridge	NC	28445
BRANHAM	TROY	7201 Waltridge Pl	Holly Springs	NC	27540
DANIEL	MELISSA	304 E Maple Ave	Holly Springs	NC	27540
Davis	Becky	5105 Basal Dr	Holly Springs	NC	27540
Diecke	Friedrich	420 Sunset Grove Dr	Holly Springs	NC	27540
Woodcock	Scott	113 Holly Glade Cir	Holly Springs	NC	27540
Edwards	Chris	18 Boxleaf Ct	Homosassa	FL	34446
Zoldy	Jesse	214 Range Rd	Hope Mills	NC	28348
Baldrige	Ben	121 Freshwater Dr	Hubert	NC	28539
Cole	Jessica	218 Gray Fox Run	Hubert	NC	28539
Cole	Jamie	218 Gray Fox Run	Hubert	NC	28539
DANFORD	JAMES	521 Odum Dr	Hubert	NC	28539
Green	Billy	116 Pirate Island Dr	Hubert	NC	28539
Heins	Joseph	502 Newhan Ct	Hubert	NC	28539
Hislop	John	222 Peninsula Manor Rd	Hubert	NC	28539
Kaasmann	Janet	103 Deer Run	Hubert	NC	28539
Kaasmann	Bernie	103 Deer Run	Hubert	NC	28539
Marmelo	Kenneth	111 Byrum Run	Hubert	NC	28539
Rouse	John	124 Leslie Dr	Hubert	NC	28539
Shepard	Steven	12 Arrowhead Dr	Hubert	NC	28539
taramelli	timothy	117 Sarah Ln	Hubert	NC	28539
BANIAS	WILLIAM	7038 Church Wood Ln	Huntersville	NC	28078
Garrett	Rob	12610 Hollyhock Ln	Huntersville	NC	28078
Hatley	John	7850 Horseshoe Creek Dr	Huntersville	NC	28078
Barclay	Robert	2008 Prospect Ave	Huntingdon	PA	16652
Cantrell	Chris	1225 Crowsnest Dr	Hurdle Mills	NC	27541
Beard	Howard	107 Mill Pond Rd	Jacksonville	NC	28546
Bender	Ryan	342 Drummer Kellum Rd	Jacksonville	NC	28546
Britton	Fredric	PO Box 1295	Jacksonville	NC	28541
Clement	Clifton	208 Estate Dr	Jacksonville	NC	28540
Eader	Monica	1238 Sumner St	Jacksonville	NC	28540
EADER	JOSEPH	1238 Sumner St	Jacksonville	NC	28540
Jackson	Sam	150 Forest Bluff Dr	Jacksonville	NC	28540
Kleinjans	Kyle	1689 Pony Farm Rd	Jacksonville	NC	28540
martin	travis	100 Tupelo Ct	Jacksonville	NC	28546
Moudy	John	175 Ernest Gurganus Rd	Jacksonville	NC	28540
Owens	Stan	209 Valley Ridge Ln	Jacksonville	NC	28540
Tarplee	William	116 E Saltwood Pl	Jacksonville	NC	28540

Kloepfer	Rebecca	4031 Sherry Ct	Jamestown	NC	27282
mack	michael I	106 Kingsdale Ct	Jamestown	NC	27282
Thomas	Brock	725 W Main St	Jamestown	NC	27282
Rogers	Carlyle	1760 Maple Grove Church Rd	Jamesville	NC	27846
Weaver	Ed	PO Box 428	Jefferson	NC	28640
Rohwedder	Fred	922 N Loxahatchee Dr	Jupiter	FL	33458
BARWICK	FREDERICK	340 Doctor Williams Rd	Kenansville	NC	28349
Kennedy	Chris	2000 E NC 24 Hwy	Kenansville	NC	28349
Denning	Kent	1450 Woodruff Rd	Kenly	NC	27542
Holcomb	Thomas	3306 Princeton Kenly Rd	Kenly	NC	27542
honeycutt	melissa	6203 Old Beulah Rd	Kenly	NC	27542
marshall	jerry	1660 Richardson Bass Rd	Kenly	NC	27542
Phillips	Dennis	104 Alford Ave	Kenly	NC	27542
Smith	Britney	13 Tristan Dr	Kenly	NC	27542
Smith	Brandon	13 Tristan Dr	Kenly	NC	27542
Sutton	Josh	3434 Shoeheel Rd	Kenly	NC	27542
Clark	David	217 N Main St	Kernersville	NC	27284
Fletcher	David	308 Lakeside Ct	Kernersville	NC	27284
Hockaday	Chad	1655 BUNKER HL SANDY RIDGE RD	KERNERSVILLE	NC	27284
Nelson	Roger	920 Lake Dr	Kernersville	NC	27284
piersol	Philip	2415 Round Oaks Ln	Kernersville	NC	27284
REAVES	THOMAS	1231 Shields Rd Ste 5	Kernersville	NC	27284
Rhodes	John	5804 Kingsway Ln	Kernersville	NC	27284
serrin	john	7120 Avenbury Cir	Kernersville	NC	27284
VINCENT	MICHAEL	1065 Brookgreen Ln	Kernersville	NC	27284
Wiles	Steve	171 Ben Smith Rd	Kernersville	NC	27284
Balaban	randy	903 W Airstrip Rd	Kill Devil Hills	NC	27948
Palumbo	Patrick	806 Cedar Dr	Kill Devil Hills	NC	27948
stanley	jim	317 Mountainbrook Dr	King	NC	27021
Boyd	Eric	218 Kaitlyn Ln	Kings Mountain	NC	28086
Hamrick	Larry	1305 Merrimont Ave	Kings Mountain	NC	28086
haile	doug	228 Charlton Green Dr	Kingsport	TN	37663
Benton	Larry	2006 Hardee Rd	Kinston	NC	28504
Bright	Bob	1210 Perry Park Dr	Kinston	NC	28501
canup	Johnny	1409 Saint James Pl	Kinston	NC	28504
Carlyle	Michael	404 Wilcox Rd	Kinston	NC	28501
Croom	Clay	3606 Hillandale Dr	Kinston	NC	28504
Dawson	Freddie	2619 Hillcrest Rd	Kinston	NC	28504
Fordham	Kathryn	1782 Hwy 58 S	Kinston	NC	28504
Grant	Linwood	2565 Brookwood Rd	Kinston	NC	28504
Herring	Harold	574 TYREE RD	KINSTON	NC	28504
Jernigan	Donald	868 Tilghman Mill Rd	Kinston	NC	28501
Kivett	George	2215 Northridge Pl	Kinston	NC	28504
Kornegay	Trey	2680 Westridge Rd	Kinston	NC	28504
Kornegay	Deens	2680 Westridge Rd	Kinston	NC	28504
Mercer	Chris	1986 Greene Haynes Rd	Kinston	NC	28504
Mooring Jr.	Allen	3666 Big Oak Rd	Kinston	NC	28504
Palmer	Skip	2001 Carey Rd	Kinston	NC	28501
Ritch	Buddy	722 Doctors Dr Apt H	Kinston	NC	28501
Suggs	Jerry	166 John Green Smith Rd	Kinston	NC	28504
Taylor	Paul	6570 US Highway 70 E	Kinston	NC	28501
Turner	Allan	2104 Dallas Dr	Kinston	NC	28504
west	thomas	2105 Saint Edmunds Cir	Kinston	NC	28504
Himmel	David	4102 Gray Rock Rd	Kittrell	NC	27544
Forbes	Brian	4021 Ivy Ln	Kitty Hawk	NC	27949

hall	bob	61 Trinitie Trl	Kitty Hawk	NC	27949
Jones	Ronald	44 Eagles Nest Ln	Kitty Hawk	NC	27949
Antolini	Michael	2006 Fern Cottage Ln	Knightdale	NC	27545
perna	ian	819 Howdenshire Run	Knightdale	NC	27545
Jones	Gary	189 Mansfield Landing Ln	Knotts Island	NC	27950
Edens	Brad	509 Pointe Dr	La Grange	NC	28551
harper	Oliver	6260 Gilbert C Jones Rd	La Grange	NC	28551
Herring	Matt	3889 Pine Bush Rd	La Grange	NC	28551
Leonard	Tim	5124 Eason Rd	La Grange	NC	28551
Rouse	Carlton	2985 Ld Hardy Rd	La Grange	NC	28551
Southerland	Ronnie	202 Pointe Dr	La Grange	NC	28551
McDonald	Alan	1338 Fairway Dr	Lake Toxaway	NC	28747
COLEMAN	LANDON	207 Fire Tower Rd Apt A	Lake Waccamaw	NC	28450
Cashman	George	11481 X Way Rd	Laurinburg	NC	28352
monroe	david	15269 Silver Hill Rd	Laurinburg	NC	28352
Peele	Matt	12241 Evergreen Ln	Laurinburg	NC	28352
BENFIELD	ADAM	220 Lewis Rd	Lawndale	NC	28090
ledford	steven	307 Merton Rd	Lawndale	NC	28090
BENNETT	MITCHELL	685 River Rd SE	Leland	NC	28451
bordeaux	huey	10157 WHISPERING CV SE	LELAND	NC	28451
Chadwick	Bryan	9392 Lyn Ct NE	Leland	NC	28451
Conner	Kevin	10249 Timber Ridge Ct SE	Leland	NC	28451
Gainey	Travis	1789 Maco Rd NE	Leland	NC	28451
Grisso	Audrey	989 Castle Way NE	Leland	NC	28451
Hux	Heather	311 Old Town Creek Rd NE	Leland	NC	28451
hux	ashley	311 Old Town Creek Rd NE	Leland	NC	28451
lantz	Daniel	130 Westover Dr	Leland	NC	28451
Mintz	Gray	3512 Maco Rd NE	Leland	NC	28451
Pipes	Alex	9464 Cottonwood Ln SE	Leland	NC	28451
Raynor	John	1005 Garden Club Way	Leland	NC	28451
Smith	Pamela	136 Parsley Ln Apt 207	Leland	NC	28451
Watson	Donnie	6843 Kilians Way NE	Leland	NC	28451
Story	Kim	404 Renwick St SW	Lenoir	NC	28645
Craven	Tim	481 Odell Owen Rd	Lexington	NC	27295
Fleming	William	365 Ashwood Ln	Lexington	NC	27295
Pollard	Kenneth	220 Eller Rd	Lexington	NC	27295
Williamson	Robert	4646 Old Nc Highway 109	Lexington	NC	27292
Judson	Billy	123 N Asheboro St	Liberty	NC	27298
Stryker	Robert	4434 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW	Lilburn	GA	30047
Black IV	Lemuel	199 Logan Kyndel Ln	Lillington	NC	27546
byrd	travis	199 Byrd Johnson Ln	Lillington	NC	27546
GODWIN	TERRI	175 Spence Rd	Lillington	NC	27546
Taylor	Chris	165 Oak St	Lillington	NC	27546
YARBROUGH	ANDREW	68 Brandon Dr	Lillington	NC	27546
Bookout	Michael	2506 BURTON ESTATES LN	LINCOLNTON	NC	28092
HULL	SCOTT	1867 Tin Mine Rd	Lincolnton	NC	28092
Yoder	Alfred	1868 Smith Farm Rd	Lincolnton	NC	28092
Broadwell	Heather	8232 Colliers Chapel Church Rd	Linden	NC	28356
Cashwell	Dustin	455 Our Way	Linden	NC	28356
Gainey	Gerald	10475 Ramsey St	Linden	NC	28356
Williams	David	9640 Lukes Run Rd	Linden	NC	28356
Cowan	Gary	117 Pinewood Cir	Louisburg	NC	27549
Foster	Craig	482 Lake Royale	Louisburg	NC	27549
Hedgepeth	Anthony	54 Baldy Murphy Rd	Louisburg	NC	27549
lamm	Ricky	6826 Wheat Swamp Rd	Lucama	NC	27851

Tedder	Ben	6457 US Highway 117	Lucama	NC	27851
Barnes	Johnny	155 Old Wilkins Dr	Lumberton	NC	28358
BRYAN	MARCIA	2300 N Shaw Ave	Lumberton	NC	28358
Carroll	Jerry	308 W 16th St	Lumberton	NC	28358
Hardin	Daniel	400 Lakeside Dr	Lumberton	NC	28360
Kriston	Thomas	6422 7th Street Rd	Lumberton	NC	28358
Locklear	Terry	313 Von St	Lumberton	NC	28360
Letchworth	Clifton	7337 Batts Rd	Macclesfield	NC	27852
newmons	jennifer	115 Hall Herring Ln	Magnolia	NC	28453
Dunston	Thomas	163 Dogwood Trl	Manteo	NC	27954
GROSSMAN	MARSHALL	197 Langley Ln	Manteo	NC	27954
Jones	Don	103 Rial Ct	Manteo	NC	27954
Konnick	Chris	923 Pirates Way	Manteo	NC	27954
Naff	Chris	190 Rogers Rd	Manteo	NC	27954
Oliver	Stanley	109 Rial Ct	Manteo	NC	27954
taggio	rocco	99 Ballast Point Dr	Manteo	NC	27954
Turney	Robert	119 Broughton St	Manteo	NC	27954
HOWELL	JANET	249 Goose Pond Rd	Marshallberg	NC	28553
Akers	Bob	4212 Shannamara Dr	Matthews	NC	28104
Canup	kevin	2120 Tommy Ln	Matthews	NC	28105
Gulledge	Cyril	3229 Zelda Ln	Matthews	NC	28105
Riddick	William	10300 Doylestown Rd	Matthews	NC	28105
Banks	David	243 Brighttown Rd	Maysville	NC	28555
bates	andrew	2696 White Oak River Rd	Maysville	NC	28555
CAMPBELL	JOSHUA	507 Mattocks Ave	Maysville	NC	28555
Riggs	Ronald	790 Deppe Rd	Maysville	NC	28555
Wethington	Travis	1331 Riggs Rd	Maysville	NC	28555
Willis	Scott	325 Brighttown Rd	Maysville	NC	28555
Cobb	Steve	5729 Bethel Church Rd	McLeansville	NC	27301
Baker	Todd	203 Oakmont Ct	Mebane	NC	27302
Bradley	Charles	5504 Wall St	Mebane	NC	27302
Byrnes	Michael	119 Stoneham Rd	Mebane	NC	27302
Moon	John	PO Box 1326	Mebane	NC	27302
wheeley	chad	289 Wheeley Ln	Mebane	NC	27302
Williams	Susan	1201 Twilight Cir	Mebane	NC	27302
Brown	David	565 Quail Rd	Merritt	NC	28556
johnson	Richard	5038 Denton Rd	Middlesex	NC	27557
flocken	chris	5293 Morgan Ridge Dr	Milton	FL	32570
AVANT	DEVVIN	7625 Monogram Ln	Mint Hill	NC	28227
Shrader	Jason	PO Box 9	Misenheimer	NC	28109
Burris	Aaron	177 Linda Ln	Mocksville	NC	27028
CHESNEE	JOSHUA	159 Shoffner Ln	Mocksville	NC	27028
Hudspeth	Jeremy	190 Summit Dr	Mocksville	NC	27028
Bradley	Julius	610 Altadore Cres	Moncure	NC	27559
CALVIN	CYNTHIA	76 Overlook Cir	Moneta	VA	24121
Cashwell	Deb	2336 Hunter Davis Ct	Monroe	NC	28110
Rowan	Chris	3735 Story Ln	Monroe	NC	28112
Garg	Vikram	1934 Walters Rd	Montoursville	PA	17754
Baker	Jason	805 W Haven Blvd	Morehead City	NC	28557
Carter	Johnny	917 N Yaupon Ter	Morehead City	NC	28557
Clites	David	1600 Calico Dr	Morehead City	NC	28557
Coole	Thor	118 Lake Ave	Morehead City	NC	28557
Curtis	Glenn	5240 Webb Ct	Morehead City	NC	28557
Dean	Kenneth	4801 S Shore Dr	Morehead City	NC	28557
Jaenike	Paul	111 Edwards Dr	Morehead City	NC	28557

Lewis	Bart	503 Shell Pt	Morehead City	NC	28557
Pardue	Chris	2004 Jersey St	Morehead City	NC	28557
Patterson	Charles	1005 Oak Dr	Morehead City	NC	28557
Sharpe	Chuck	3602 Meadow Dr	Morehead City	NC	28557
Snipes	John	604 Blair Pointe Rd	Morehead City	NC	28557
Stebner	Thomas	1917 Kingfisher Dr	Morehead City	NC	28557
Terry	Larry	417 Hillcrest Dr	Morehead City	NC	28557
Tesh	James	800 Country Club Rd Apt 54	Morehead City	NC	28557
tyndall	willie	410 Oakmont Dr	Morehead City	NC	28557
Whipple	William	PO Box 2268	Morehead City	NC	28557
Willis	Jan	4915 Holly Ln	Morehead City	NC	28557
Phillips	William	111 Terrace Pl	Morganton	NC	28655
Adams Jr	frederick	217 Ridge Creek Dr	Morrisville	NC	27560
bruschi	mike	1017 Sweet Spot Cir	Morrisville	NC	27560
Robertson	Robert	308 Grace St	Mount Airy	NC	27030
Young	Wayne	1121 S Main St	Mount Holly	NC	28120
Cole	Brandon	1115 Tram Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
Ellis	Dan	165 Cricket Ridge Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
Ficken	Hain	PO Box 758	Mount Olive	NC	28365
Ficken	bryce	PO Box 758	Mount Olive	NC	28365
gregory	Jacob	502 W Trade Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
Hill	Ronnie	678 Old Harvey Sutton Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
Kelly	Jonathan	210 Luby Byrd Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
Morgan	Grey	187 Jones Turner Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
odom	jeth	6148 Mount Olive Hwy	Mount Olive	NC	28365
peterson	christy	891 Hollingsworth Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
peterson	frank	891 Hollingsworth Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
Rice	Robert	839 N Church St	Mount Olive	NC	28365
Sartin	Jeff	335 Norwood Ezzell Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
SIMPSON	Kristy	137 Dr Ngo Ln	Mount Olive	NC	28365
SIMPSON	SEAN	137 Dr Ngo Ln	Mount Olive	NC	28365
Smith	Joe	531 Country Club Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
WALLACE	MARIA	984 Red Hill Rd	Mount Olive	NC	28365
Warren	Ben	216 Jay Trl	Murfreesboro	NC	27855
Womble	Stewart	416 Harrell St	Murfreesboro	NC	27855
Eatmom	Bill	201 Kipper Ct	Nags Head	NC	27959
Simmons	Daniel	5916 Manley Smith Rd	Nakina	NC	28455
horton	pete	PO Box 787	Nashville	NC	27856
scheipers	cindy	622 Western Ave	Nashville	NC	27856
Alphin	Kenneth	1007 Coral Reef Dr	New Bern	NC	28560
Ayers	Tina	307 Metcalf St	New Bern	NC	28562
Blackerby	James	5315 Trent Woods Dr	New Bern	NC	28562
Brown	Duane	178 Canebrake Dr	New Bern	NC	28562
Buck	James	103 Owls Nest Ct	New Bern	NC	28562
Copeland	Nicholas	2933 Judge Manly Dr	New Bern	NC	28562
Cox	James	1409 N Pasteur St	New Bern	NC	28560
Crawford	Marston	2504 Old Cherry Point Rd	New Bern	NC	28560
Crouch	Ron	2117 Royal Pines Dr	New Bern	NC	28560
EDWARDS	GERALD	107 Spring Ridge Ct	New Bern	NC	28562
Games	Eddie	111 Wadsworth Ln	New Bern	NC	28562
gendreau	allen	401 Elsmore Dr	New Bern	NC	28562
Griffith	David	604 Neuse Harbour Blvd	New Bern	NC	28560
Hergenrader	Tim	106 Black Horse Run S	New Bern	NC	28560
Hinson	Brett	2905 Dare Ct	New Bern	NC	28562
Ingianni	Martin	210 New St	New Bern	NC	28560

Ingle	Scott	4904 Creekside Dr	New Bern	NC	28562
LITTLETON	Greg	2506 Brices Creek Rd	New Bern	NC	28562
morgan	loy	108 Outrigger Rd	New Bern	NC	28562
PASQUALE	PATRICK	218 Stadler Dr	New Bern	NC	28560
Quay	Malcolm	401 Pine Crest Rd	New Bern	NC	28562
ridgeway	Robert	2434 Tram Rd	New Bern	NC	28562
Saunders	Brain	3114 Farrior Cir	New Bern	NC	28562
Shannon	Michael	1033 Barkentine Dr	New Bern	NC	28560
Shields	Brian	292 Shoreline Dr	New Bern	NC	28562
Simpson	Don	5707 Barbary Coast Dr	New Bern	NC	28560
Simpson	Ann	5707 Barbary Coast Dr	New Bern	NC	28560
Southern	Thomas	121 Whitford Ln	New Bern	NC	28562
Thompson	Michael	221 Battleground Ave	New Bern	NC	28560
Thompson	Ginger	6005 Brig Ct	New Bern	NC	28560
Toler	Jill	304 Battleground Ave	New Bern	NC	28560
Tyndall	Lynn	390 Stevenson Rd	New Bern	NC	28562
Weimann	Richard	405 Madam Moores Ln	New Bern	NC	28562
Williams	Jeromy	307 Little Rossie Rd	New Bern	NC	28560
Cole	James A	8400 Old Bethel Church Ln	New Hill	NC	27562
Caudle	Daniel	1199 Shoreline Dr	New London	NC	28127
garber	gary	46846 Beach Rd	New London	NC	28127
Garber	Gary	46846 Beach Rd	New London	NC	28127
Hoffmann	Charles	2205 Badin Lake Rd	New London	NC	28127
ALLEN	MELVIN	103 Tidewater Dr	Newport	NC	28570
Brown	Robert	1216 Sea Gate Dr	Newport	NC	28570
coy	christine	517 Rosemary Dr	Newport	NC	28570
Crater	Gray	107 Goose Creek Blvd	Newport	NC	28570
Garner	Alyson	190 Stargazer Ln	Newport	NC	28570
Graham	Paul	215 Clements Dr	Newport	NC	28570
Henry	Troy	139 Break Water Dr	Newport	NC	28570
Kelly	Joshua	893 Nine Foot Rd	Newport	NC	28570
Laughinghouse	Keith	675 Mill Creek Rd	Newport	NC	28570
LEONARD	SHAWN	239 Ball Farm Rd	Newport	NC	28570
Mathews	John	105 Bogue Sound Dr	Newport	NC	28570
Oehler	Bill	105 Mary Ln	Newport	NC	28570
Owen	Susan	226 Old Airport Rd Unit 38	Newport	NC	28570
Pearson	Anthony	4245 Highway 24	Newport	NC	28570
ragsdale	justin	161 Country Club Ln	Newport	NC	28570
reilly	james	202 Two Oaks Ct	Newport	NC	28570
Roberson	Gary	2323 N Lakeview Dr	Newport	NC	28570
Sekely	David	811 Mann St	Newport	NC	28570
Tinsley	Trey	302 S Tree Ct	Newport	NC	28570
Warren	John	120 Quinn Hill Rd	Newport	NC	28570
Willis	Charles	131 Terrapin Ct	Newport	NC	28570
Houser	robert	2772 Devonshire Rd	Newton	NC	28658
LONG	WILLIAM	1540 Crestwood St	Newton	NC	28658
Tart	Mr. James	64 Turtle Creek Ln	Newton Grove	NC	28366
thomas	john	108 Jones Chapel Rd	Norlina	NC	27563
Dize	Vaughan	8009 Providence Forest Ct	North Chesterfield	VA	23235
McLean	Stewart	212 32nd Ave N Unit 3	North Myrtle Beach	SC	29582
DIGGS	DAVID	349 S Kendall St	Norwood	NC	28128
BARTLETT	MONTE	120 NW 5th St	Oak Island	NC	28465
Brooks	Amber	110 NE 25th St	Oak Island	NC	28465
Holbrook	Seth	98 Caswell Beach Rd	Oak Island	NC	28465
Hughes	Timothy	102 SW 18th St	Oak Island	NC	28465

kearns	Gene	160 NW 1st St	Oak Island	NC	28465
NIX	GARY	117 NW 7th St	Oak Island	NC	28465
Summey	Robert	103 SE 55th St	Oak Island	NC	28465
weaver	justin	404 Sellers St	Oak Island	NC	28465
Baker	phyllis	1 Fairmont St	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Collett	Webster	9 Anson St	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
floyd	john	1605 Crown Stream Dr SW	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Helms	Tommy	1542 W Kilbart Dr SW	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Mcmullan	Brant	1630 Bent Ridge Pl SW	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Murphy	David	48 Fairmont St	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Parker	Jennifer	38 Raeford St	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Pike	Donald	15 Anson St	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Rakoci	Pat	7149 Bonaventure St SW	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Rakoci	Patricia	7149 Bonaventure St SW	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Rakoci	John	7149 Bonaventure St SW	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Rogers	James	PO Box 6718	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Sauls	Brandon	1514 Moorings Cir SW	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Schenk	Ed	7 Anson St	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Zurad	Kathleen	491 Thornhill Ct SW	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Zurad	Joseph	491 Thornhill Ct SW	Ocean Isle Beach	NC	28469
Davis	Jon	1455 Silvers Welch Rd	Old Fort	NC	28762
Wainwright	Hunter	2566 Greenlee Rd	Old Fort	NC	28762
Ayers	Jack	5081 Kershaw Rd	Oriental	NC	28571
callahan	Donald	3010 Sloop Dr	Oriental	NC	28571
Dunn	Ernest	5007 Topsail Dr	Oriental	NC	28571
Johnson	Charlie	706 Orient Ln	Oriental	NC	28571
overgaard	peter	532 Oriental Rd	Oriental	NC	28571
Zielinski	Ron	102 Gull Cir	Oriental	NC	28571
Lewis	Steve	105 Grey Dapple Way	Ormond Beach	FL	32174
Autrey	Bobby	3104 Blackley Rd	Oxford	NC	27565
Baird	Brian	2097 Satterwhite Rd	Oxford	NC	27565
Van Staalduinen	Carl	5664 Terra Ceia Rd	Pantego	NC	27860
Klamer	Brian	6577 Angleton Ct	Parkton	NC	28371
AYCOCK	RICHARD	1691 Nor Am Rd	Pikeville	NC	27863
Davis	Brandi	224 Pelt Rd	Pikeville	NC	27863
Lancaster	Michael	1632 Big Daddys Rd	Pikeville	NC	27863
Sauls	David	205 Prior Ln	Pikeville	NC	27863
freeman	Chris	152 Hawthorne Dr	Pine Knoll Shores	NC	28512
Hutchinson	Clark	122 Willow Rd	Pine Knoll Shores	NC	28512
Jordan	Chris	100 Lakeside Ct	Pinehurst	NC	28374
Hale	Dennis	51 Oxford Cir	Pinetops	NC	27864
Kennedy	Brantley	309 Kennedy Ln	Pink Hill	NC	28572
Sheppard	Johnnie	PO Box 122	Pink Hill	NC	28572
Christian	Jeff	35 Cedar Run	Pittsboro	NC	27312
Farmer	Thomas	101 Shambley Meadows Dr	Pittsboro	NC	27312
Gilmore	Brandon	259 Blakes Dr	Pittsboro	NC	27312
keck	Adam	617 Sanford Rd	Pittsboro	NC	27312
McNeill	Donald	749 Revmont Dr	Pittsboro	NC	27312
Ramsey	Ernest	3325 US HWY 15 501 N	PITTSBORO	NC	27312
Reddick	Jason	6699 Carriage Crossing Dr	Pleasant Garden	NC	27313
Oliver	Kevin	1109 E Main St	Plymouth	NC	27962
HOWLAND	KAREN	2354 Graceland Dr	Powhatan	VA	23139
Aycock	Ray	6965 Princeton Kenly Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Aycock	Rosa	6965 Princeton Kenly Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Aycock	Justin	41 Himself Ct	Princeton	NC	27569

Craft	Robin	132 Peach Rock Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Craft	Tyler	132 Peach Rock Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Craft	Beverly	132 Peach Rock Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Daughtry	Joseph	358 Old Daughtry Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Ferriere	Joshua	785 Edwards Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
pilkington	Marcus	3065 Progressive Church Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Raymaker	Joseph	2694 Massey Holt Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Sullivan	Dennis	5348 Rains Crossroads Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Sullivan	Mike	5348 Rains Crossroads Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Whitaker	Clyde	6185 Bizzell Grove Church Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Woodard	Samantha	403 Old Cornwallis Rd	Princeton	NC	27569
Everett	Michael	3552 Shady Grove Rd	Providence	NC	27315
Poland	Matt	177 E Twelve Oaks Rd	Rae ford	NC	28376
Ardisana	Sharon	10301 Falls Mill Dr Apt 303	Raleigh	NC	27614
Armistead	Madison	8404 Harbison Way	Raleigh	NC	27615
Barnhart	John	3412 Malibu Dr	Raleigh	NC	27607
Barton	Jessica	3008 Sitwell Ct	Raleigh	NC	27613
Beasley	John	1608 Ridgeland Dr	Raleigh	NC	27607
Benson IV	Cliff	2439 W Lake Dr	Raleigh	NC	27609
Brinkley	Bryan	310 Gilman Ln	Raleigh	NC	27610
Brissette	Greg	2317 Clayette Ct	Raleigh	NC	27612
broughton	mel	1106 Marlowe Rd	Raleigh	NC	27609
brown	Jarrett	201 Shepherd St	Raleigh	NC	27607
Brown	Joseph	81 Rand Rd	Raleigh	NC	27603
Burke	John	1720 Tropical Dr	Raleigh	NC	27607
cain	john	2905 Lothian Way	Raleigh	NC	27612
Cargile	Blain	2032 THORPSHIRE DR # D	RALEIGH	NC	27615
Cato	Bob	3040 Granville Dr	Raleigh	NC	27609
Chacos	Gregory	2239 Clayette Ct	Raleigh	NC	27612
CORSMEIER	GARY	11424 Pacesferry Dr	Raleigh	NC	27614
Crook	Steve	5304 Norman Pl	Raleigh	NC	27606
Curtin	Dennis	323 Inkster Cv	Raleigh	NC	27603
Dail	Robert	5116 Needham Rd	Raleigh	NC	27604
DARITY	DONALD	12204 Warwickshire Way	Raleigh	NC	27613
Davis	Mike	700 Macon Pl	Raleigh	NC	27609
Davis	Lawrence	2628 Tatton Dr	Raleigh	NC	27608
Davis	Scott	1429 Bridgeport Dr	Raleigh	NC	27615
Davis	Jay	539 Carriage Woods Cir	Raleigh	NC	27607
Davis	Dave	1200 Kirkland Rd Ste 103	Raleigh	NC	27603
Duke	Bill	5308 Deep Valley Run	Raleigh	NC	27606
DULANEY	JAMES	710 Lakestone Dr	Raleigh	NC	27609
Dunn	Jack	908 Harvey St	Raleigh	NC	27608
Earnhardt	Tom	7217 Laketree Dr	Raleigh	NC	27615
Ellis	John	3415 Noel Ct	Raleigh	NC	27607
ETHRIDGE	TREY	833 Oxen Cir	Raleigh	NC	27603
Exner	Carl	3201 Oaklyn Springs Dr	Raleigh	NC	27606
Fish	Kay	4916 Theys Rd	Raleigh	NC	27606
Fish	James	4916 Theys Rd	Raleigh	NC	27606
franzén	patrick	7817 Mayfaire Crest Ln Apt 106	Raleigh	NC	27615
GARRETT	LLOYD	5412 Huntingwood Dr	Raleigh	NC	27606
Getman	Drew	4921 Carteret Dr	Raleigh	NC	27612
GRAYBEAL	CHRISTOPHER	1217 Meadow Hill Pl	Raleigh	NC	27609
Gwyn	David	2715 Lakeview Dr	Raleigh	NC	27609
Hall	John	4233 Timberwood Dr	Raleigh	NC	27612
Hamilton	Richard	1024 Washington St	Raleigh	NC	27605

Hardy	George	3600 Vesta Dr	Raleigh	NC	27603
Harper	William	4017 Brown Pl	Raleigh	NC	27604
Hart	Tim	501 Reedham Way	Raleigh	NC	27615
Hawkins	David	6905 Woodmere Dr	Raleigh	NC	27612
Hoffman	Bill	1512 Duplin Rd	Raleigh	NC	27607
Hunter	Vernon	1925 Sunset Dr	Raleigh	NC	27608
Ivey	William	2637 Ridgewell Ct	Raleigh	NC	27613
Jenkins	John	3442 Bradley Pl	Raleigh	NC	27607
JEWELL	GARY	118 Clarendon Cres	Raleigh	NC	27610
johnson	keith	112 Hudson St	Raleigh	NC	27608
Kennington	Jonathan	4420 Nicolas Pl	Raleigh	NC	27606
Kopec	Brian	6800 Edwell Ct	Raleigh	NC	27617
lambeth	william	512 Hertford St	Raleigh	NC	27609
Lankford	Jesse	4316 Woodlawn Dr	Raleigh	NC	27616
Lewis	Richard	2817 Bishopgate Dr	Raleigh	NC	27613
Long	Roy	10340 River Bank Dr	Raleigh	NC	27614
Madren	Dale	2001 Dobson Ct	Raleigh	NC	27612
Mandulak	Bill	1712 Pony Run Rd	Raleigh	NC	27615
MARQUIS	JEREMY	925 Ileagnes Rd	Raleigh	NC	27603
Masters	Harrison	1526 Sunrise Ave	Raleigh	NC	27608
Maude	Robert	11501 Pacesferry Dr	Raleigh	NC	27614
McCann	Jim	1020 Chesters Hollow Dr	Raleigh	NC	27603
McLendon	Jonathon	8944 Camden Park Dr	Raleigh	NC	27613
Messenger	Bill	1314 Mayfair Rd	Raleigh	NC	27608
Miller	Doug	PO Box 99191	Raleigh	NC	27624
Miller	Tom	4001 Brothwell Ct	Raleigh	NC	27606
Mims	Jeffrey	8605 Ebenezer Church Rd	Raleigh	NC	27617
Mintz	Chris	2342 Churchill Rd	Raleigh	NC	27608
Moretz	Leonard	7221 Dime Dr	Raleigh	NC	27606
MORRIS	CHARLES	3707 Old Lassiter Mill Rd	Raleigh	NC	27609
Nifong	Dan	2256 The Cir	Raleigh	NC	27608
Olin	John	3112 Shadwell Ct	Raleigh	NC	27613
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oppenheim	ken	12704 Raven Ridge Rd	Raleigh	NC	27614
Owens	E. W.	301 W Cabarrus St	Raleigh	NC	27601
Page	Jonathan	525 Merrie Rd	Raleigh	NC	27606
peebles	dave	8909 Carnoustie Way	Raleigh	NC	27613
Pittman	C A	4717 Yadkin Dr	Raleigh	NC	27609
Poe	Mike	7721 Sandy Bottom Way	Raleigh	NC	27613
Pritchard	John	2101 Ridge Rd	Raleigh	NC	27607
Proctor	Randall	317 Calvin Rd	Raleigh	NC	27605
Purinai	Jon	1802 Saluda Ct	Raleigh	NC	27608
Reynolds	Dennis	7607 Trowbridge Ct	Raleigh	NC	27613
RICE	CAREY	210 Transylvania Ave	Raleigh	NC	27609
Rodgers	Richard	4600 Whitmire Pl	Raleigh	NC	27612
Rosefield	Herbert	4513 Gates St	Raleigh	NC	27609
Sadler	William	2405 Finley Ridge Ln	Raleigh	NC	27615
Sampere	Justin	9028 Leverton Ln	Raleigh	NC	27615
Sasser	Bruce	5900 Canewood Pl	Raleigh	NC	27612
Satterfield	Ryan	3018 Red Grape Dr	Raleigh	NC	27607
schlichenmaier	john	5204 Richland Dr	Raleigh	NC	27612
schmidt	Robert	12515 Canolder St	Raleigh	NC	27614
Schneiders	Dana	1200 Carrington Dr	Raleigh	NC	27615
Schneiders	Tom	1200 Carrington Dr	Raleigh	NC	27615
Shamel	Sheila	2028 Haig Point Way	Raleigh	NC	27604

Shamel	Todd	2028 Haig Point Way	Raleigh	NC	27604
Shepherd	Dennis	904 WILLOW RUN SOUTH DR	RALEIGH	NC	27615
Sinnett	Bryan	9131 Anson Way	Raleigh	NC	27615
Sitko	Dan	5001 Will O Dean Rd	Raleigh	NC	27616
SMITH	WILLIAM	1421 Wake Forest Rd	Raleigh	NC	27604
Spivey	Alisa	3401 Lassiter Falls Cir	Raleigh	NC	27609
Starnes	Alex	1505 Briarwood Pl	Raleigh	NC	27614
Starnes	Scott	1505 Briarwood Pl	Raleigh	NC	27614
Tanner	James	2715 Anderson Dr	Raleigh	NC	27608
Taylor	Jay	4511 Bartlett Dr	Raleigh	NC	27609
temple	john	5312 Wynneford Way	Raleigh	NC	27614
Tillman	Rollie	101 Hudson St	Raleigh	NC	27608
Tomczak	Daniel J	12805 Lindley Dr	Raleigh	NC	27614
Tweed	Eric	4312 Dutch Garden Ct	Raleigh	NC	27613
TYSON	CONNOR	4005 Oak Park Rd	Raleigh	NC	27612
Walker	Larry	5300 Round Hill Ln	Raleigh	NC	27616
Walton	Matt	4121 Windsor Pl	Raleigh	NC	27609
Weiner	Matthew	704 Pebblebrook Dr	Raleigh	NC	27609
Weisbrodt	Adam	618 W Lane St Apt A	Raleigh	NC	27603
White	Larry	1513 Leanne Ct	Raleigh	NC	27606
Whitney	Eric	8305 Mourning Dove Rd	Raleigh	NC	27615
Williams	Catherine	4961 Harbour Towne Dr	Raleigh	NC	27604
Williams	Fred	2900 Whitehart Ln	Raleigh	NC	27606
Williams	James	2805 Winter Song Rd	Raleigh	NC	27614
Williams	James	5405 Blue Sage Dr	Raleigh	NC	27606
Wilson	Dusty	149 Ryder Cup Cir	Raleigh	NC	27603
wilson	david	12312 Amoretto Way	Raleigh	NC	27613
Wise	Jordan	10905 Coachmans Way	Raleigh	NC	27614
YOKLEY	DAVID	4508 Ocean Crest Cir	Raleigh	NC	27603
YOst	Rick	7700 Highlandview Cir	Raleigh	NC	27613
MANESS	DARRELL	5739 Buffalo Ford Rd	Ramseur	NC	27316
BAKER	JAMES	313 Irvin Farm Rd	Reidsville	NC	27320
baker	James	313 Irvin Farm Rd	Reidsville	NC	27320
Grogan	Brian	3432 Vance Street Ext	Reidsville	NC	27320
Rothrock	Carol	1453 Iron Works Rd	Reidsville	NC	27320
Tate	George	421 Whip O Will Way	Reidsville	NC	27320
Trent	George	2623 Reid School Rd	Reidsville	NC	27320
CARR	KEVIN	28643 Morel Way	Rhoadesville	VA	22542
almond	Terry	352 Culp Rd	Richfield	NC	28137
Culp	Todd	46872 Emery Dr	Richfield	NC	28137
Craft	Shawn	383 Ai Taylor Rd	Richlands	NC	28574
Davis	Garrick	591 Haw Branch Rd	Richlands	NC	28574
Failor	Dan	196 Huffmantown Rd	Richlands	NC	28574
McAbee	Gary	203 Rand St	Richlands	NC	28574
Worrell	John	104 Clearwater Ln	Richlands	NC	28574
ram	phan	4310 Waldor Dr	Richmond	VA	23234
Wallace	Chris	PO Box 954	Riegelwood	NC	28456
Merritt	Thomas	113 River Rd N	Roanoke Rapids	NC	27870
Merritt	Tom	421 Rightmyer Dr	Roanoke Rapids	NC	27870
Cole	Jason	1972 Wilson Rd	Robbins	NC	27325
Farlow	Thomas	111 Smyrna Church Rd	Robbins	NC	27325
MABE	CHARLES	755 FLINT HILL CHURCH RD	ROBBINS	NC	27325
Bost	Dennis	8115 Kluttz Rd	Rockwell	NC	28138
LAIL	DONNA	6625 Fesperman Rd	Rockwell	NC	28138
Bernardo	Stephen	36 Country Club Dr	Rocky Mount	NC	27804

Bonner	John	1713 Benvenue Forest Rd	Rocky Mount	NC	27804
Bowen	Linwood	3000 S Church St	Rocky Mount	NC	27803
Davis	Dexter	1623 W Mount Dr Apt A	Rocky Mount	NC	27803
Lamar	Wardlaw	169 Candlewood Rd	Rocky Mount	NC	27804
pelt	curtis	6561 S Old Carriage Rd	Rocky Mount	NC	27803
Robinson	Dwight	3668 Green Hills Rd	Rocky Mount	NC	27804
Sherburne	Ted	608 Blue Water Lndg	Rocky Mount	NC	27804
Williams	Kevin	6629 S Old Carriage Rd	Rocky Mount	NC	27803
Wood	Phil	305 Fosteri Dr	Rocky Mount	NC	27801
Woodin	Rip	304 Iron Horse Rd	Rocky Mount	NC	27804
Anderson	Brett	17235 NC HIGHWAY 210	ROCKY POINT	NC	28457
Anderson	Butler	17235 NC HIGHWAY 210	ROCKY POINT	NC	28457
Martin	Lee	185 Preswick Dr	Rocky Point	NC	28457
Miller	Ricky	111 E Pointe Rd	Rocky Point	NC	28457
Rabon	Kris	97 Sadie Way	Rocky Point	NC	28457
Reaves	Wilbur	97 S Hines Acres Ct	Rocky Point	NC	28457
Watters	Zachary	132 Bellhammon Dr	Rocky Point	NC	28457
Gregory	Ashley	5028 Walls Cove Ln	Rolesville	NC	27571
Davenport	Sterling	2824 W Mill Pond Rd	Roper	NC	27970
Ginn	Jason	105 Clay Hill Farm Dr	Rose Hill	NC	28458
Williams	Douglas	1035 Bobcat Ln	Rose Hill	NC	28458
Faircloth	Billy	304 Faircloth Rd	Roseboro	NC	28382
mclamb	freddie	713 Deb Rd	Roseboro	NC	28382
smith	mary	4506 Old Mintz Hwy	Roseboro	NC	28382
Kryvanych	Iurii	582 South St	Roslindale	MA	2131
kohan	michael	6524 Rocky Top Dr	Rougemont	NC	27572
LONG	LAWRENCE	250 Thaxton Rd	Roxboro	NC	27573
YARBOROUGH	Larry	87 Duck Pointe Dr	Roxboro	NC	27574
Jackson	Jeff	315 S Elizabeth St	Saint Pauls	NC	28384
King	Hinton	770 King Rd	Saint Pauls	NC	28384
MORRIS	AARON	19218 US Highway 301 N	Saint Pauls	NC	28384
Hood	Perry	422 Spyglass Hill Pl	Salisbury	NC	28144
Brown	Paul	600 N Rocky River Rd	Sanford	NC	27330
Creighton	Stuart	79 Wildlife Rd	Sanford	NC	27332
Flanary	Paula	8705 Holly Pond Dr	Sanford	NC	27332
Flanary	Jay	8705 Holly Pond Dr	Sanford	NC	27332
Hickman	Cid	632 Reynwood Vista Ln	Sanford	NC	27330
Kleinert Jr.	John	38 Pebbles Ct	Sanford	NC	27332
MADDOX	GARY	8400 Cox Mill Rd	Sanford	NC	27332
Maness	John	7516 Villanow Dr	Sanford	NC	27332
Maness	William	7516 Villanow Dr	Sanford	NC	27332
Maness	Teresa	7516 Villanow Dr	Sanford	NC	27332
Oldham	Donnie	2412 Brookwood Trl	Sanford	NC	27330
ricks	richard	4022 Avents Ferry Rd	Sanford	NC	27330
roscoe	william	420 W Main St	Sanford	NC	27332
Sanders	Brent	2000 Brownstone Rd	Sanford	NC	27330
Irish	Jeff	129 Fogg Rd	Scarborough	ME	4074
Murphy	Jonathan	1081 Bluegrass Rd	Selma	NC	27576
Lane	John M.	2885 NC Highway 111 S	Seven Springs	NC	28578
McCollum	Billy	221 PARK RD	SEVEN SPRINGS	NC	28578
mckinney	Sheldon	4414 N NC Highway 111	Seven Springs	NC	28578
Simmons	William	264 Park Rd	Seven Springs	NC	28578
MOLINARO	JAMES	21 Halo Ave	Sewell	NJ	8080
BALL	BETHANY	4078 Chadwick Way SW	Shallotte	NC	28470
Gales	kimberly	4078 Pigott Rd SW	Shallotte	NC	28470

Henderson	Mary	1249 Bay Rd SW	Shalotte	NC	28470
horne	norman	PO Box 52	Shalotte	NC	28459
Roy	Erica	5042 Lakewood Dr SW	Shalotte	NC	28470
BIDDIX	JOSHUA	1434 Maple Springs Ch Rd	Shelby	NC	28152
FLOYD	JERRY	2907 Highland Cir	Shelby	NC	28150
Rose	Jim	1838 Fairview Rd	Shelby	NC	28150
andrews	Mike	545 Pine Lake Dr	Siler City	NC	27344
Atwater	Ben	183 White Tail Ln	Siler City	NC	27344
Dark	Thomas	9985 US Highway 64 W	Siler City	NC	27344
McDowell	Terry	43 Copperhead Ln	Siler City	NC	27344
Milholen	Hal	218 Pine Forest Dr S	Siler City	NC	27344
Evans	Tim	5271 Black Creek Rd	Smithfield	NC	27577
Hall	Jason	1830 Yelverton Grove Rd	Smithfield	NC	27577
Hoyt	Fred	410 S 1st St	Smithfield	NC	27577
Hurt	Greg	1107 S 2nd St	Smithfield	NC	27577
McLamb	Robert	1642 Freedom Rd	Smithfield	NC	27577
Oldham	James	2 British Ct	Smithfield	NC	27577
Pope	Cookie	849 Polenta Rd	Smithfield	NC	27577
Sena	Alec	312 N 2nd St	Smithfield	NC	27577
whitaker	duane	201 Brookside Dr	Smithfield	NC	27577
Woodall	Chuck	2275 Grabtown Rd	Smithfield	NC	27577
blalock	george	637 Riva Ridge Rd	Sneads Ferry	NC	28460
Clark	Mike	2691 Island Dr	Sneads Ferry	NC	28460
Jernigan	Allen	PO Box 1181	Sneads Ferry	NC	28460
miller	Mary	126 Cedar Hollow Ln	Sneads Ferry	NC	28460
Nelson	Stephen	206 Anchor Ln	Sneads Ferry	NC	28460
Parker	Daniel	308 New Grants Cir	Sneads Ferry	NC	28460
pletl	john	200 Oyster Ln	Sneads Ferry	NC	28460
rabon	Will	109 Tillett Ln	Sneads Ferry	NC	28460
rube	terry	130 Laib Ln	Sneads Ferry	NC	28460
Starling	John	108 Swan Point Rd	Sneads Ferry	NC	28460
frazier	casey	1270 Lambe Rd	Snow Camp	NC	27349
Smith	Ray	3060 Isley Dr	Snow Camp	NC	27349
way	stuart	1239 Lambe Rd	Snow Camp	NC	27349
Albritton	Melvin	283 Hardy Rd	Snow Hill	NC	28580
Beaman	Chris	171 Beaman Old Creek Rd	Snow Hill	NC	28580
Drach	David	526 Hardy Rd	Snow Hill	NC	28580
Kersey	Andrew	3665 Nelson Rd	Sophia	NC	27350
James	Paula	1387 NC HIGHWAY 343 N	SOUTH MILLS	NC	27976
MEIER	DEREK	111 Pine Ridge Dr	South Mills	NC	27976
Remington	Robert	515 W Rhode Island Ave	Southern Pines	NC	28387
Rudolph	Robert	870 E Hedgelawn Way	Southern Pines	NC	28387
Anderman	Steven	2599 Hillsborough Dr	Southport	NC	28461
Caison	Kid	120 W Nash St	Southport	NC	28461
chance	David	2816 Harborside Way	Southport	NC	28461
COCHRAN	JAMES	3476 Heron Cir SE	Southport	NC	28461
Copeland	Stephen	391 Pine Rd	Southport	NC	28461
Griffith	James	2704 Harbormaster Dr SE	Southport	NC	28461
Hanes	Jim	41 Transom Row	Southport	NC	28461
Hill	Ty	519 N Lord St	Southport	NC	28461
Howell	Terry	4507 Fieldstone Cir	Southport	NC	28461
Hrabica	Gerald	2795 Creek Bridge Ct SE	Southport	NC	28461
Jackson	Charles	3649 Medinah Ave W	Southport	NC	28461
Johnson	Gregg	6250 Bethel Rd	Southport	NC	28461
Lavigne	Daryl	4384 Tidemarth Ct	Southport	NC	28461

Maynard	Ricky	1000 Springdale Rd	Southport	NC	28461
Miller	James	3240 Wexford Way	Southport	NC	28461
Mullaney	David	2607 ST JAMES DR	SOUTHPORT	NC	28461
Rezza	Ronald	3631 Bayedge Ln	Southport	NC	28461
WILSEY	DONALD	198 Russell Rd	Southport	NC	28461
JORDAN	THOMAS	125 Whispering Pines Dr	Spring Lake	NC	28390
Allen	Joseph	8857 Oak Grove Rd Apt B	Stanfield	NC	28163
Allen	Eddie	8857 Oak Grove Rd	Stanfield	NC	28163
bearden	sammie	6742 Good News Church Rd	Stantonsburg	NC	27883
Boyd	Andrew	6074 NC HIGHWAY 222 E	STANTONSBURG	NC	27883
Langley	Michael	7453 Pelt Rd	Stantonsburg	NC	27883
Spivey	Donald	9098 NC Highway 58 N	Stantonsburg	NC	27883
Holloway	Ronald	246 White Oak Bluff Rd	Stella	NC	28582
twiggs	John	259 White Oak Bluff Rd	Stella	NC	28582
Willis	Jack	250 White Oak Bluff Rd	Stella	NC	28582
counts	james	3601 Crosswinds Dr	Stem	NC	27581
Norris	CJ	1072 Fate Washington Rd	Stem	NC	27581
Harkness	Beth	141 Bayview Dr	Stumpy Point	NC	27978
Harkness	George	141 Bayview Dr	Stumpy Point	NC	27978
Eggers	Andrew	869 Council Ward Rd	Sugar Grove	NC	28679
Gladwell	E Y	7419 Strawberry Rd	Summerfield	NC	27358
Inchaustegui	Nick	5243 Larue Ct	Summerfield	NC	27358
James	Larry	7037 Belford Rd	Summerfield	NC	27358
Helf	Todd	8979 Marshview Ln SW	Sunset Beach	NC	28468
Hagness	Brittany	563 Mary Lou Ln SW	Supply	NC	28462
hopkins	james	1398 Sykes St SW	Supply	NC	28462
West	Deborah	1798 E Sea Aire Canal SW	Supply	NC	28462
clark	david	109 Windjammer Dr	Surf City	NC	28445
Connor	Kevin	102 Sunset Ct	Surf City	NC	28445
Harrington	Chad	1518 Easy St	Surf City	NC	28445
Houser	Terry	1203B S Topsail Dr	Surf City	NC	28445
Ballenger	Sabrina	109 Cedar Ln	Swansboro	NC	28584
Brown	Boyd	101 Hunting Bay Dr	Swansboro	NC	28584
Brown	Mick	101 Hunting Bay Dr	Swansboro	NC	28584
Carter	Rocky	105 Wind Dance Ln	Swansboro	NC	28584
Cleckner	Bernie	104 Silver Creek Dr	Swansboro	NC	28584
Dudley	John	106 Cedar Point Blvd	Swansboro	NC	28584
grither	richard	108 Sunburst Cir	Swansboro	NC	28584
Harlacher	stephan	332 Shoreside Dr	Swansboro	NC	28584
Howell	Raymond	928 Morganser Dr	Swansboro	NC	28584
Mathusek	Steven	1443 Hammock Beach Rd	Swansboro	NC	28584
McMillan	Susan	230 Channel Marker Loop	Swansboro	NC	28584
mcneil	todd	122 Rolling Hill Dr	Swansboro	NC	28584
Miller	George	117 S Elm St	Swansboro	NC	28584
Moore	John	115 Lydia Dr	Swansboro	NC	28584
Morton	Curtis	139 Ned Ln	Swansboro	NC	28584
Mulkey	Janeau	103 River Reach Dr W	Swansboro	NC	28584
Padgett II	Sefton	102 John L Hurst Dr	Swansboro	NC	28584
patterson	Rick	109 Club House Dr	Swansboro	NC	28584
Pearson	David	315 Clam Digger Ct	Swansboro	NC	28584
russell	brandon	190 Bucks Corner Rd	Swansboro	NC	28584
Scroggs	Rick	9 Creekside Woods Ct	Swansboro	NC	28584
Wilson	Frank	124 Line Boat Ln	Swansboro	NC	28584
PAIT	ANDREA	226 Holly St	Tar Heel	NC	28392
Carnevale	Christian	6650 Williams St	Tarawa Terrace	NC	28543

Bottoms	Jonathan	205 Maryland Ave	Tarboro	NC	27886
Freuler	Robert	1307 Maurice Dr	Tarboro	NC	27886
Hale	Mickey	1114 Margaret Dr	Tarboro	NC	27886
Hale	Benjamin	1114 Margaret Dr	Tarboro	NC	27886
McIntyre	Austin	704 Ferncliff Ln	Tarboro	NC	27886
Scott	Steven	1505 Canterbury Rd	Tarboro	NC	27886
Wimbish	Nicholas	2755 Church Rd	Taylorsville	NC	28681
matthews	timothy	150 Matthews Farm Ln	Teachey	NC	28464
Norris	Jason	117 Annie Faye Norris Ln	Teachey	NC	28464
beck	allen	34 Cedar Lodge Rd	Thomasville	NC	27360
Coltrane	Donald	369 Quail Hollow Rd Lot 1	Thomasville	NC	27360
proctor	tim	142 S Grace Dr	Thomasville	NC	27360
Sink	Gary	5599 S NC Highway 109	Thomasville	NC	27360
Wayt	Pat	138 Payne Rd	Thomasville	NC	27360
Clayton III	Thurman	4839 Pixley Pritchard Rd	Timberlake	NC	27583
Crawford	Chadwick	627 S Anderson Blvd	Topsail Beach	NC	28445
Hudson	Ben	2208 Steeple Chase Dr	Trent Woods	NC	28562
Martin	Steve	1003 Coopers Ct	Trent Woods	NC	28562
NELSON	DAVID	4514 Carteret Dr	Trent Woods	NC	28562
Powell	Bryan	4529 NC HIGHWAY 41 W	TRENTON	NC	28585
Rudar	Paul	261 Hartland Ln	Trenton	NC	28585
Rudar	Paul	261 Hartland Ln	Trenton	NC	28585
bugg	tommy	3989 Shannon Dr	Trinity	NC	27370
Comer	Travis	4267 Roy Farlow Rd	Trinity	NC	27370
George	Howard	7125 Old Us Highway 64	Trinity	NC	27370
daugherty	daniel	140 Coventry Hills Ln	Troutman	NC	28166
Capel	Richard	205 E Main St	Troy	NC	27371
Routh	Chuck	206 Balsam Cir	Troy	NC	27371
Smith	James N	299 Substation Rd	Troy	NC	27371
Carter	Robert	171 Melrose Ln	Tryon	NC	28782
Harmon	Jeff	10 Woodhaven Ridge Ln	Tryon	NC	28782
Jones	Brian	685 Dogwood Trl	Tryon	NC	28782
Waldman	Ethan	380 Country Club Rd	Tryon	NC	28782
Fulcher	Greg	190 McKeel Ln	Vanceboro	NC	28586
NOBLES	GLEN	785 Oak Grove Rd	Vanceboro	NC	28586
Willumitis	Michael	6650 River Rd	Vanceboro	NC	28586
Wright	Joseph	1055 Leisure Ln	Vanceboro	NC	28586
NICHOLSON	WESLEY	205 Fox Run Dr	Venetia	PA	15367
Hipple	David	876 Spence Cir	Virginia Beach	VA	23462
TALTON	DEANNA	5889 Smithfield Rd	Wade	NC	28395
Ades	Aaron	1604 Davis House Ln	Wake Forest	NC	27587
Campbell	larry	9252 Blackley Lake Rd	Wake Forest	NC	27587
Gooch	Marty	1529 Jenkins Rd	Wake Forest	NC	27587
HODGES	JULIA	945 Jones Wynd	Wake Forest	NC	27587
Horton	Don	4504 Old Larkin Ct	Wake Forest	NC	27587
Huber	Michael	7424 Matherly Dr	Wake Forest	NC	27587
Johnson	Dave	700 Montville Ct	Wake Forest	NC	27587
Kalet	Richard	4513 Clear Cut Ct	Wake Forest	NC	27587
Miller	Joan	11300 Centaur Rd	Wake Forest	NC	27587
Seymour	Steve	8026 Hogan Dr	Wake Forest	NC	27587
Warren	James	8112 Holly Forest Rd	Wake Forest	NC	27587
Holloman	Ricky	501 N Wilson St	Walstonburg	NC	27888
mitchum	jerry	955 Veachs Mill Rd	Warsaw	NC	28398
Register	kenneth	1085 Penny Branch Rd	Warsaw	NC	28398
Baker	Brent	212 W 13th St	Washington	NC	27889

Black	Taylor	664 Black Rd	Washington	NC	27889
CHAPPELL	HENRY	204 Tupelo Ln	Washington	NC	27889
Cutler	donnie	408 Bay Dr	Washington	NC	27889
Keel	Danny	118 Paul St	Washington	NC	27889
Koonce	Jim	301 N Shores Rd	Washington	NC	27889
Lobos	Michael	316 Sunnyside Dr	Washington	NC	27889
Moore	Donald	4891 Market Street Ext	Washington	NC	27889
Peek	James	103 Heron Bay	Washington	NC	27889
Respess	Jesse	7684 Broad Creek Rd	Washington	NC	27889
Robertson	Angela	104 Tucker Ln	Washington	NC	27889
Sprouse	Ellwood	410 Northwood Rd	Washington	NC	27889
Stone	Lee	108 Harbour Way	Washington	NC	27889
Tate	John	719 Short Dr	Washington	NC	27889
Toler	Steve	103 N Eden Dr	Washington	NC	27889
Maultsby	Paul	1050 Taylors Dr	Watkinsville	GA	30677
Williams	Scott	7104 Stonehaven Dr	Waxhaw	NC	28173
Manring	Jim	735 Red Bank Rd	Waynesville	NC	28786
Dean	Robert	108 Magnolia St	Wendell	NC	27591
Edwards	Donnie	1005 Strobus Ct	Wendell	NC	27591
jeffreys	Taylor	832 Lake Glad Rd	Wendell	NC	27591
Mizell	Ronny	4841 Wendell Blvd	Wendell	NC	27591
Mizell	Ronny	PO Box 412	Wendell	NC	27591
Odell	Emory	1617 Martin Pond Rd	Wendell	NC	27591
Page	steve	9 Deer Lake Trl	Wendell	NC	27591
Westbrook	Ken	343 Wall Rd	Wendell	NC	27591
Nunamaker	David	396 Valley Rd	West Grove	PA	19390
Mincey	Ronald	1257 Rustic Rd	West Jefferson	NC	28694
WOLTZ	DAVID	257 Angle Rd	West Seneca	NY	14224
Roberts	Vanessa	4393 New Britton Hwy E	Whiteville	NC	28472
CABLE	MARK	2139 Keesee Rd # A	Whitsett	NC	27377
Campbell	Michael	474 Gail Rd	Willard	NC	28478
Drukenbrod	Joshua	254 Hillgrove Dr	Willow Spring	NC	27592
lemmers	rob	6617 Middlegrove Ln	Willow Spring	NC	27592
Pope	Harold	9354 Kennebec Rd	Willow Spring	NC	27592
Adrian	Steven	506 Superior Rd	Wilmington	NC	28412
Anderson	Eric	604 Chablis Way	Wilmington	NC	28411
arndt	drew	1600 Sturdivant Dr Apt 38	Wilmington	NC	28403
ATKINS	RONALD	6700 Rushwood Ct	Wilmington	NC	28405
aydlett	Chris	4326 Logwood Ct	Wilmington	NC	28412
barnes	Jason	8601 Plantation Landing Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Batten	Bryan	304 Fair Lakes Dr	Wilmington	NC	28405
Bello	Will	5408 Pond Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
boelte	pete	225 N Channel Haven Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
bost	lee	6138 Timber Creek Ln	Wilmington	NC	28411
BOYCE	SAMUEL	619 S 2nd St	Wilmington	NC	28401
BRISSON	MICHAEL	5135 Sycamore Hollow Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
brown	william	701 Inlet Acres Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
Burnett	Jeremy	713 Brass Eagle Ct	Wilmington	NC	28409
Cain	Allen	399 Shorepoint Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Calhoun	Dan	5539 Sun Coast Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Carroll	Chris	1629 Tall Ships Ln	Wilmington	NC	28409
caulder	mike	3415 Osprey Ln	Wilmington	NC	28409
CENNAME	NEAL	7401 Montfaye Ct	Wilmington	NC	28411
Chiles	Payne	3500 Whimsy Way	Wilmington	NC	28411
CLARK	KATHY	7907 Lilly Pond Ln	Wilmington	NC	28411

Clark	Michael	4646 Bramton Rd	Wilmington	NC	28405
COLEMAN	MORGAN	325 Windsong Rd	Wilmington	NC	28411
collie	kevin	307 Breckenridge Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
Coyle	Joseph	4935 Pine St	Wilmington	NC	28403
dail	jason	127 N Cardinal Dr	Wilmington	NC	28405
DAVIDSON	BRYAN	3902 New Holland Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
Davis	Jenny	617 Vale Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Davis	Chad	617 Vale Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Del	Andre	218 Hillsdale Dr	Wilmington	NC	28403
Dineen	Trevor	210 La Salle St	Wilmington	NC	28411
donovan	john	219 Royal Fern Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
Downing	Daniel	330 W Renovah Cir	Wilmington	NC	28403
Emery	David	102 Inlet Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Farrell	Vincent	2717 Wooler Ct	Wilmington	NC	28411
Formy-Duval	Bill	5513 Peden Point Rd	Wilmington	NC	28409
FORTIER	KENNETH	2514 Guilford Ave	Wilmington	NC	28403
Furniss	Hylan	2020 Kenilworth Ln	Wilmington	NC	28405
GAINEY	CHARLES	2335 Tattersalls Dr	Wilmington	NC	28403
Gavin	James	(Range 8400 - 8499) REISLING AVE	Wilmington	NC	28411
Gilson	Marc	366 Friendly Ln	Wilmington	NC	28409
Godwin Jr.	William Edward	7223 Masonboro Sound Rd	Wilmington	NC	28409
Goins	Michael	5030 Randall Pkwy	Wilmington	NC	28403
Gould	Scott	7010 Market St	Wilmington	NC	28411
Guard	Ronald	215 Summer Rest Rd	Wilmington	NC	28405
Guard	Barbara	215 Summer Rest Rd Apt Dro	Wilmington	NC	28405
GURGANUS	WILLIAM	216 Bloomington Ln	Wilmington	NC	28411
Hampton	Scott	117 Loder Ave	Wilmington	NC	28409
harke	herman	1821 Caribe Ct	Wilmington	NC	28409
harmsen	kevin	818 Plainfield Ct	Wilmington	NC	28411
hartzell	Josh	715 Porters Neck Rd	Wilmington	NC	28411
Helms	Don	4313 Cedarwood Ln Apt C	Wilmington	NC	28403
Hoard	Tom	3901 Carretta Ct	Wilmington	NC	28412
Hoffman	Neil	824 Hillside Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
Holland	Tony	229 Cheyenne Trl	Wilmington	NC	28409
Holley	Greg	8040 Bald Eagle Ln	Wilmington	NC	28411
hughes	walter	1612 Azalea Dr	Wilmington	NC	28403
hutchinson	Steve	416 Mosswood Ct	Wilmington	NC	28411
Irwin	Marty	330 York Ct	Wilmington	NC	28411
Isyk	Ron	405 Moss Tree Dr	Wilmington	NC	28405
James	Trentt	516 Tibbys Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
JASPER	LINDA	6528 Chalfont Cir	Wilmington	NC	28405
JOHNSON	PAUL	6103 Chilcot Ln	Wilmington	NC	28409
Jones	Tonya	2504 White Rd	Wilmington	NC	28411
Jones	Brad	7321 Haven Way	Wilmington	NC	28411
Knudsen	Eric	1817 Aviation Rd	Wilmington	NC	28405
Kwarziany	Al	130 Point Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Lambert	Jared	233 Navaho Trl	Wilmington	NC	28409
LeBlanc	Chase	402 Clearbrook Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
Lewis	John	4125 Berberis Way	Wilmington	NC	28412
Livesay	Phil	526 Highgreen Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Lorenz	Robert	1509 Meridian Ter	Wilmington	NC	28411
Ludwick	Clayton	7720 Huron Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
Martin	Dan	1137 Turnberry Ln	Wilmington	NC	28405
Massey	George	7117 Saybrook Dr	Wilmington	NC	28405
McBride	Robert	1106 Avenshire Cir	Wilmington	NC	28412

Mckay	Leon	4916 Wrightsville Ave	Wilmington	NC	28403
MCLEOD	JIM	806 Bayshore Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
medley	timothy	3805 PORTOFINO CT UNIT 101	WILMINGTON	NC	28412
Meier	David	242 Inlet Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Meyer	Clinton	7429 Masonboro Sound Rd	Wilmington	NC	28409
Nichols	Zack	43 Beaugard Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
Onufrock	Kenneth	418 Lady Bug Ln	Wilmington	NC	28411
Palermi	Cristiano	6926 Ontario Rd	Wilmington	NC	28412
pearsall	robert	138 Pinecliff Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
Perkerson	Turnen	6261 Wrightsville Ave	Wilmington	NC	28403
peters	kyle	253B Lullwater Dr	Wilmington	NC	28403
Pierce	Robert	143 Skystasail Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
PLATT	CLAUS	1913 Atlantic Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Pressnell	Gary	1502 Bexley Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
Raynor Jr	Alton	7004 Long Boat Cir	Wilmington	NC	28405
Reddick	Daniel	1209 Verandah Way	Wilmington	NC	28411
Richards	Steven	6254 Hawks Bill Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
Schroeder	Glenn	5350 Megans Place Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
Sellers	Jason	2069 Van Buren St	Wilmington	NC	28401
Sheldon	Darrell	200 Land Line Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Shook	David	918 Hood Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
Smith	Jeffrey	729 Windgate Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
Stanley	Brent	6603 Wheatfields Ct	Wilmington	NC	28411
tait	martin	480 Grouse Ct	Wilmington	NC	28403
talbot	Paul	170 Lafayette St	Wilmington	NC	28411
Taylor	Thomas	812 Oyster Lndg	Wilmington	NC	28405
Thomas	William	517 Foxwood Ln	Wilmington	NC	28409
Timpy	Dave	230 Bretonshire Rd	Wilmington	NC	28405
tripp	jason	6263 Turtle Hall Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
Tucker	adrienne	620 S 13th St	Wilmington	NC	28401
Vernon	Francesca	442 Aquarius Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
vernon	Capt Seth	442 Aquarius Dr	Wilmington	NC	28411
Walker	Herb	4726 Ilex Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
weavil	mx	222 Mohawk Trl	Wilmington	NC	28409
Westendorff	Mark	4634 Mockingbird Ln	Wilmington	NC	28409
White	Bobby	221 Marsh Hen Dr	Wilmington	NC	28409
Whitfield	Morgan	115 Cannon Rd	Wilmington	NC	28411
wilson	Glenn	201 Williams Rd	Wilmington	NC	28409
WOODS	DEREK	2129 Forest Lagoon Pl	Wilmington	NC	28405
Wright	Jimmy	617 Pine Valley Dr	Wilmington	NC	28412
Yohe	Rodney	5442 Eastwind Rd	Wilmington	NC	28403
Aberle	Willam	3913 Little John Dr N	Wilson	NC	27896
Andersen	Ken	5018 Country Club Dr N	Wilson	NC	27896
Boylan	Marie	4933 Country Club Dr N	Wilson	NC	27896
Carter	Dennis	2400 Runnymede Rd NW	Wilson	NC	27896
Collins	Michael	1012 Salem St NW	Wilson	NC	27893
Collins	Chris	1309 Nash St NW	Wilson	NC	27893
Dermer	Robert	2008 McRae Rd NW	Wilson	NC	27896
Dorsey	Ron	4814 Lake Hills Dr	Wilson	NC	27896
Hoofnagle	John	4912 Winged Foot Ln N	Wilson	NC	27896
Lentz	Rodger	2006 Ellington Dr NW	Wilson	NC	27896
Lucas	Billy	4373 Wiggins Mill Rd	Wilson	NC	27893
myrick	toby	4315 Portsmouth Dr NW	Wilson	NC	27896
phillips	jon	4401 Trey Rd	Wilson	NC	27893
Pope	Robert	1006 Oak Forest Dr NW	Wilson	NC	27896

Thompson	Alan	3305 Blenheim Pl NW	Wilson	NC	27896
Vaughan	Tripp	1704 Anderson St NW	Wilson	NC	27893
Dilday	Kelly	621 Greens Cross Rd	Windsor	NC	27983
Jilcott	Stephen	1101 Stokes Ave	Windsor	NC	27983
Markow	Peter	206 Eastwood Cir	Windsor	CT	6095
pittman	alice	406 S Queen St	Windsor	NC	27983
staley	jack	1101 N King St	Windsor	NC	27983
Whitehurst	John	702 Belmont St	Windsor	NC	27983
Elliott	Jessica	309 S Culverton Rd	Winnabow	NC	28479
Bell	Jeffrey	5900 Beckner St	Winston Salem	NC	27103
Black	Donna	6070 Woodcove Dr	Winston Salem	NC	27104
Burns	Jimmy	111 Fern Leaf Ln	Winston Salem	NC	27106
Ernst	Mark	332 Natalie Dr	Winston Salem	NC	27104
Faulkner	Benjy	3500 Old Pfafftown Rd	Winston Salem	NC	27106
Forrest	Charles	165 Hunters Grove Ct	Winston Salem	NC	27104
France	Kevin	2583 Brandywine Rd	Winston Salem	NC	27103
Gordon	Stewart	123 S Stratford Rd	Winston Salem	NC	27104
hanes	john	4308 Glen Meadow Dr	Winston Salem	NC	27107
Maddux	Will	1052 Willowlake Rd	Winston Salem	NC	27106
McCormick	Darrell	1325 Ivy Ave Bldg 2	Winston Salem	NC	27105
Miller	Bob	201 Trotters Way Ct	Winston Salem	NC	27106
rogers	buck	496 Brookridge Dr	Winston Salem	NC	27103
Satterfield	Dennis	124 BILLIE SUE DR	WINSTON SALEM	NC	27104
Shealy	Ronald	385 Coventry Park Ln	Winston Salem	NC	27104
Slate	Brian	1418 Meadowlands Dr	Winston Salem	NC	27107
Steele	Harry	2836 Wesleyan Ln	Winston Salem	NC	27106
Stephens	Charles	4637 Bay Creek Dr	Winston Salem	NC	27106
Thurlo	Tim	2250 Sedgemont Dr	Winston Salem	NC	27103
Brown	David	513 Stillwater Dr	Winterville	NC	28590
Campbell	Albert	4220 Leicester Ct	Winterville	NC	28590
Ford	Ryan	734 Edenbrook Dr	Winterville	NC	28590
Foreman	Lonnie	723 Corbett St	Winterville	NC	28590
Heath	Brian	127 Grandifloria Ct	Winterville	NC	28590
Hertz	Gus	4325 Southlea Dr	Winterville	NC	28590
HOOKS	ERNIE	4305 Frog Level Rd	Winterville	NC	28590
JOHNSON	JOHN	111 Buckingham Dr	Winterville	NC	28590
Mclawhorn	Michael	400 W Smith Ave	Winterville	NC	28590
Mitchell	Brandon	820 Van Gert Dr	Winterville	NC	28590
Nalavany	Blace	704 Stillwater Dr	Winterville	NC	28590
Nielson	Alan	1508 Ashmoor Ln	Winterville	NC	28590
Phinizy	Thomas	1064 Davenport Pl	Winterville	NC	28590
Pilkington	Ivey	605 Shadow Ridge Dr	Winterville	NC	28590
Robidoux	Jacques	3404 Langston Blvd	Winterville	NC	28590
Tavasso	Kim	2334 Woodridge Dr	Winterville	NC	28590
tetterton	Chris	435 Lora Ln	Winterville	NC	28590
Tyndall	Harold	770 Corbett St	Winterville	NC	28590
Ward	David	1609 Pelham Rd	Winterville	NC	28590
West	Peter	116 Bishop Dr	Winterville	NC	28590
Worrell	James	649 Gatewood Dr	Winterville	NC	28590
Wheeler	Drexel	PO Box 960	Wrightsville Beach	NC	28480
COWDEN	HARVEY	210 Amberhill Rd	Yadkinville	NC	27055
HINKLE	TYLER	2725 Lori Ln	Yadkinville	NC	27055
Smith	Breck	3116 Pugh Rd	Yadkinville	NC	27055
Beatty	Roger	196 Kent St	Youngsville	NC	27596
Godlevski	Greg	195 Robbins Rd	Youngsville	NC	27596

desper	joseph	9009 Hunters Greene Dr	Zebulon	NC	27597
Hooker	Robert	7297 Driver Rd	Zebulon	NC	27597
Overbee	Jordan	4300 DEBNAM RD	ZEBULON	NC	27597

From: Patrick Walker <phwalker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 12:03 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
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From: Elizabeth Maurer <elmaurer10@gmail.com>
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To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Siler City, NC 27344

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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 10:56 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Rick Cross
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Cape Carteret, NC 28584

From: justgigging@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 10:44 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

The problem is with the pound nets and trawlers .. NC allows this where other states do not. Way too many small flounder killed in by catch along with many more untargeted fish. I see more and more pound sets approved or extended. WHY ?? Inshore trawls and nets destroying our future fishing. Mike Jernigan
Sent from Windows Mail

From: Rick Scroggs <rickscroggs64@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 10:40 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Rick Scroggs
9 Creekside Woods Ct
Swansboro, NC 28584

From: rickscroggs64@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 10:47 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Richard W. Scroggs Scroggs
9 Creekside Woods Ct.
Swansboro, NC 28584-8392
July 10, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

- A total catch reduction of at least 40%;
- No change in recreational limits;
- A minimum 15 inch minimum size limit for all commercial catch;
- Establish a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) quota for this fishery;
- Continue the pound net and gig fishery as selective gear and set attendance requirements, daily creel limits, and escape panels as necessary to control catch and bycatch.

Please record my comments for the record and consider them at your August meeting for inclusion as management measures for immediate implementation to begin the restoration of the southern flounder in NC.

Sincerely,
Richard W. Scroggs
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From: david Mendenhall <shmendenhall@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 10:25 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
david Mendenhall
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Winston Salem, NC 27107

From: John Matthews <piggjamm@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 10:29 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

I support the following changes to the southern flounder mgmt plan:
15' minimum size limit for rec and comm fisheries
Eliminate the anchored large mesh gill nets in inshore waters once and for all
No reduction in rec limits
Greatly reduce the number of flounder that comm giggers are taking

I fish at topsail beach and there are hardly any flounder left. Get all nets out of inshore waters! Aren't we the only state on east coast and one of of only 2 states that still allow nets in inshore waters? What does nc and MFC know that these other states that have eliminated inshore nets but still have a thriving commercial fishing industry don't know? To the state politicians and MFC: please stand up and take a stand to protect a valuable natural resource before it's too late.

Sent from my iPadFrom: Eric Bregman <ericbregman1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 10:19 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Supplement

Proposal 1 is the only option to rebuild this resource.

Eric D, Bregman, CPA

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From: Lezlie matthews <leziemail@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 9:54 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

finally, at least a start on protecting the southern flounder in nc. as someone who enjoys fishing in coastal nc, I support the following changes: 15" minimum size limit for both recs and commercial fisheries, a TAC (total allowable catch) , NO MORE ANCHORED LARGE-MESH GILL NETS IN INSHORE WATERS!, no reduction in rec limits, and reducing the number of flounder that commercial giggers are taking. please, if steps aren't taken, there will be no flounder left. it makes me very sad that my 4 yr old son, who is just taking a interest in fishing, may never catch a flounder, or at least a legal size one, because the MFC and state politicians never took a stand to protect a very precious resource.

From: Rick Evans <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 9:22 AM
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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 9:04 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Ocracoke Working Watermen's Association comments for southern flounder supplement proposals
Attachments: Southern Flounder Supplement Options Comments from OWWA.doc

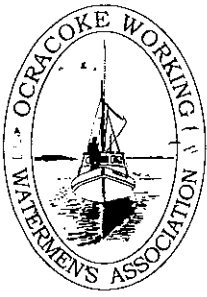
Hi NCDMF staff,

Please see attached comments to be submitted for public comment. Please distribute to all NCMFC Commissioners and NCDMF staff. Thank you for giving the public an opportunity to make comments on this very contentious and economically challenging subject. Have a nice day.

Regards,

David Hilton

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To: NCMFC Commissioners and NCDMF

RE: Comment from Ocracoke Working Watermen's Association (OWWA) regarding Southern Flounder Supplement Proposals.

OWWA would like to submit the following comments on the supplement proposals put forth for public comment by the NCMFC during their May meeting in New Bern. Southern flounder are OWWA fishermen's and Ocracoke Seafood Company's most lucrative fishery so any adjustment to the fall fishery is met with great unease since the stock assessment failed peer review. In addition, there are no MFC Commissioners who are a southern flounder biologist yet proposals are being created by the MFC that will have significant economic ramifications on NC fishermen. OWWA fishermen have followed the NCMFC debate, reviewed the stock assessment and provided comment at the May NCMFC meeting. There are significant unknowns about the ocean migration, recruitment patterns of the stock and why CPUE continues to be high. On the other hand, maintaining strong adult year classes and a harvest strategy that provides good recruitment is necessary to sustain the stocks health. Since 2009, 7 tropical storms or hurricanes have impacted NC. 3 hurricanes (Sandy, Earl and Ida) and 1 northeast blow over 4 years hit at the peak of the pound net season resulting in serious damage to pound nets in Pamlico Sound and Core Sound. It is OWWA's opinion that flounder recruitment will improve this year due to escapement that has gone undocumented. OWWA fishermen also believe that the reduction in discard mortality due to the loss of three gill net fishing days has increased recruitment and escapement. We respectfully make the following comments for consideration.

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- We support the concept of creating a sanctuary in the fall for flounder using established NCDMF crab sanctuary boundaries around inlets. Our support is contingent on allowing the few pound nets that are within the crab sanctuary boundaries to be grandfathered. The sets would not be transferable (unless death of fisherman) and must be set every year.
- It is our opinion the Proposals #1 and #2 should not be considered for the supplement because they contain management options that historically have been developed through the amendment process. The supplement proposals should reflect the amendment that it is supplementing and the supplement process should not be used to make reallocation or gear prohibitions. Those management measures are politically charged and reflect a political agenda.
- OWWA fishermen support Proposals #5 and #6 with this caveat. Because custom pound net webbing is not available off the shelf, we ask that a cull panel modification (5 ¾ stretch panels) not be put into place until Jan. 1 2016. Pound nets have a low discard mortality rate so fish can be measured and released quickly even if the size is increased. We do not support 6 in. panels because it will mesh non flounder fish species, significantly increase loss of important bycatch species, difficult to incorporate into the net and a 6 in. panel will release flounders larger than 15 in.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,
Ocracoke Working Watermen's Association membership

From: Robbie Rice <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 8:40 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Robbie Rice
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rrice@cricpa.com

From: bryders1935@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 8:22 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: FLounder Comment

If you must place additional restrictions on flounder please choose proposal number 1 so that the impacts to recreational fisherman are minimized. There should be no further restrictions placed on the recreational fisherman regarding flounder. Thank you.

Brett Ryder
2813 Fletcher Ct
Castle Hayne, NC 28429
910-279-3947

From: Gordon Churchill <captgordon@ec.rr.com>

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 8:15 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder supplement option 1 remove gill nets

I have contacted each of the commissioners personally and spoken to a couple as well. Please take this email as well. Please vote for Option 1 so we can save the southern flounder in NC waters. It's pretty ridiculous that the fish have been allowed to sink so such a low level as it is now. Remove gill nets now and forever and allow the fish to recover so we will have some for our grand children.

Gordon

From: Jane Forbes <user@voterveice.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 7:52 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Jane Forbes
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Chapel Hill, NC 27517
jforbes988@aol.com

From: cvfoster09@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 7:59 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Save our sounds

Hello I am a native of the outer banks. I have watched the sounds of albermarle pamlico and Roanoke degrade into a wasteland. Please save our flounder. I am in full favor of OPTION 1 and the removal of large mesh gillnet from our once pristine coastal estuaries. I have worked in a tackle shop for over 10 years and currently charter fish. I see how the mismanagement of the sound negatively effects our local economy. I would like my comments held in strict anonymity.

Thank you
Carey Foster

Life time sportsman license
NC freshwater master angler
Dare county native

Sent from my iPhoneFrom: Ben Hudson <benhudson@printelect.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 7:52 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

As a concerned citizen of the great state of North Carolina, it saddens me to think that our marine fisheries leaders are turning their backs on the needs of one of our states greatest resource. The inability of these people to appreciate the destructive nature of our gill net fishery in inshore waters is a real travesty. Heritage? What heritage? The heritage of destroying a natural resource because "that's the way we've always done it?" It's been far too long a time coming for the day of reckoning on this destructive and shortsided fishing practice. I urge you strongly to consider proposal #1 and begin the process of healing our waters and creating a viable and sustainable fishery for generations to come.

Ben Hudson
2208 Steeple Chase Drive
Trent Woods, NC

From: Jason Dail <1luckyfisherman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 7:51 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

Please vote option 1 in an effort to save and sustain NC's flounder fishery.

Thank you

From: Jamie Winslow <jlwinsl3@ncsu.edu>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 6:34 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Supplement Position
Attachments: To Whom It May Concern.docx

Hi,

I have attached my opinions on the flounder supplement proposal options. Please let me know if you have any additional questions for me.

Thanks,
Jamie Winslow

Jamie L. Winslow
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Biological Sciences
North Carolina State University
See attachment on next page

To Whom It May Concern:

I appreciate the chance to express my opinion on the draft supplement regarding Southern Flounder. As a commercial fisherman in the state, I own two commercially registered vessels, and pay hefty fees each year to renew my Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL), the commercial registration for both of my boats, and my wildlife registration for the aforementioned vessels. In addition, I purchase monofilament webbing in a variety of mesh sizes for the purposes of large and small gill net fishing for flounder, perch, catfish, shad, speckled trout, and striped bass. Furthermore, in the past few years, I have spent countless thousands of dollars in the state of North Carolina with small business owners with the purchases of my a new Suzuki four stroke outboard motor, a second fishing vessel with trailer, a new heavy duty trailer for my large fishing boat, over \$50,000 worth of crab pots, and large sums with commercial fishing supply vendors, such as Mike Keller Ltd., and maintenance fees from local repair shops. This is all in addition to the commercially related fishing trips I make each year, whether it is to Commission meetings, fishing trips (i.e. to the Neuse River, to Engelhard, etc.), or simply traveling halfway across the state to purchases necessary supplies. I venture to suggest that very few recreational fishermen make the sizable economic footprint in a year's time that commercial fishermen do in the exact same time span. In addition to the fees and costs associated with commercial fishing, which largely is kept within the borders of our state, the work of commercial fishermen extends to a larger population: the fish markets to whom we sale our catch and purchase our bait and to all in their employ, to the truck drivers to move the fish we sale all over the United States to feed families across the nation, to the local restaurants and stores who proudly sale NC caught seafood under the slogan "Got to Be NC," and finally to the employees who work as deck hands on the boats that make daily treks into the sounds and rivers each day. By preventing the use of large mesh gill nets in our state, the Commission will effectively destroy an industry that is relied on by more than just those of us who hold a NCSCFL, it will negatively impact our entire state. I propose that the large mesh gill net fishery **remain status quo** and a scientifically acceptable stock assessment be performed, perhaps with input from some of the state's more successful and tenured fishermen. However in addition to my feelings that the large mesh gill net fishery not be banned, here are a few of my other observations:

Commercial fishermen are required to account for every pound of fish and crabs that we land, either by holding a dealer's license ourselves or selling to dealer location. I feel that it is necessary for recreational fishermen to also have this requirement, obviously not to sale their catch to a dealer, but that they should have to report their catch in a timely manner. This would be much like the requirement for deer; each deer must be tagged and reported by calling 1-800-I-Got-One. In the case of fishing, there could be an online site for reporting catches, a phone number to call it in, etc. In this manner, we could accurately report how many pounds of flounder – or any other species – were caught and removed from state waters in a year's time. Currently it is stated from the 2013 Stock Assessment that commercial fishermen landed over 2.1 million pounds of southern flounder while recreational fishermen retrieved only 409,086 pounds. This is not accurate. Because there is optional reporting in the recreational fishing community, and many know this data will be used against fishermen, most of the recreational fishing limits go unreported. This needs to change, and then we can accurately gauge the number of fish in the waters in North Carolina.

In addition, I think that there needs to be clear distinctions with the Commission between the following groups: purely recreational fishermen (that is they make no profit), charter boat fishermen/captains/owners (it is commercial when you make money), commercial gill net fishermen (who do not get paid by visitors on a trip, but instead by what they land via gill nets), commercial pound net fishermen (who catch their fish via pound nets, not anchored gill nets), and

commercial giggers. We are not all the same and we should not be lumped as recreational vs. commercial. It is not a competition and it should not be all for one or none for the rest. We are all sharing a state resource that no one owns; with that said no one should be prevented from enjoying the resource. For instance, my frail 81-year old grandmother loves to eat fried perch and flounder. She will never step foot on a fishing vessel in the future, and she has not in the past, however because of the fact that commercial fishing is allowed in our state, she can consume the fresh seafood that she loves so much. Is it fair to limit the access of fresh NC seafood to those how are too old, too sick, too poor, or simply not interested in a rod-and-reel fishery? I believe if you are honest and set aside you preconceived feelings for either pro-commercial or pro-recreational, you will see that without nets millions of people will miss out on not only flounder, but shad, striped bass, and other species that are caught by commercial fishermen in the large mesh gill net industry. Please do not hold this resource for only the young, healthy, or wealthy, but keep it for the entire state of North Carolina to enjoy – keep commercial fishermen and all affected by their work in business – vote to keep large mesh gill nets.

Thank you for your time and the chance to share my opinions.

Sincerely,

Jamie L. Winslow

From: willjones27@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Will Jones
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asheville, NC 28806-1509
July 9, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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Sincerely,

Will Jones

From: dylan trott <trottdylan@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:09 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Marty Frost MFC Letter

My name is Marty Frost I am 57 years old I have been a commercial fisherman for most of my life and fish primarily bogue sound with both large mesh and small mesh nets I have been fishing large mesh gill nets for approximately 32 years size 5 and three-quarter to 6 inch with 15 meshes deep and don't see the need for further restrictions, but the urgency of the situation allows me to make the following comments The fisherman of bogue sound want to remind the marine fisheries commission that several years ago when this same subject came up with we agreed to a reduction in total yardage fished going from 2,000 yards to 1,000 yards respectively to do our part and preserving the resource of southern flounder in NC waters. Dr. Louis Daniels can verify this action on my part, further more preventing over-fishing from areas already closed to fishing south and east of us do to interaction with sea turtles. A problem does exist concerning under sized flounder and dead discards but exists where flounder our caught in large numbers due to heavy migration late in the season around nursery areas such as bays and rivers. The size net we local fisherman use doesnt have a high rate of undersize interaction until mainly the last two weeks of october when cooler weather sets in, by then the season is already over for fisherman in bogue sound. I dont believe the % spoken of exist in bogue sound concerning undersized and discarded fish but exist primarily because the size net being used is very selective catching nice size legal fish. Every area is different and unique and the regulation should be adjusted to meet the need of the specific area. The flounder fishery is very important to fisherman in bogue sound and provides valuable income who need this to survive until another fishery such as oysters and mullet begins. I think the total yardage in bogue

sound should be reduced to 750 yards to prevent over fishing from areas already closed to gill netting due to sea turtles. Further more, the net size in bogue sound should be 5 and 3/4 to 6 inches depending on the time of year fished. Also i believe the minimum size for flounder should be increased to 15 inches, to give juvenile fish a greater chance to spawn.

Thank You for your attention concerning this matter.

From: Dylan Trott <trottdylan@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:10 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerley, Marty Frost Salterpath, North Carolina
252-247-6726

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To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Jean Walker
449 Old River Acres Dr
Burgaw, NC 28425

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Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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From: BILL AUSTIN <austinbillsr@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
BILL AUSTIN
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Charlotte, NC 28207

From: Jason Gray <jlgrayling919399@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:34 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Comment
Attachments: Southern Flounder Management Letter.docx

Please find my letter responding to the Southern Flounder Management Plan Proposals. Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of North Carolina's marine resources.

Jason
Jason Gray
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See attachment on next page

Jason Leslie Gray
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June 8, 2015

Mr. Sammy Corbett,
Chair, North Carolina
Marine Fisheries Commission

Dr. Daniel,

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the Southern Flounder Management Proposals that are before the Commission. Before sharing my observations on the management plan options I begin by thanking you, the commission members, and DMF staff for your service to the marine waters of North Carolina, and all who enjoy them, or earn their living from them. I am convinced you and your colleagues have the most challenging responsibilities that any North Carolina appointed leader or employee can face. You do it with integrity and dedication.

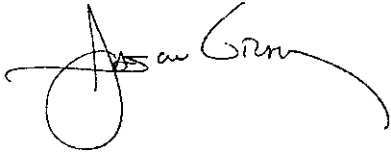
The management plan under consideration responds to a long-term recognition that Southern Flounder stock are stressed. The six options offer a wide range of management tools. The analysis by Division staff states well the data challenges of evaluating status and movement of Southern Flounder. We will never have perfect knowledge, and in setting policy we have to balance not letting the perfect be the enemy of the good, against assuring that data collected is sufficient and professionally evaluated before policy decisions are made. All of this is required to responsibly carry out the mandate of DMF to professionally manage marine resources.

After reviewing Division analysis, I encourage the Division to adopt Proposal 5. This option further restricts catch rates at a critical time of the year with the December closure. It has minimal impact on gear choices for commercial fishermen, and standardizes size limits between commercial and recreational stakeholders. In the absence of stronger data, this proposal is a reasonable response until better data can be brought on line by Division staff.

It strikes me that the first and second proposals seem far too complex in scope, but for administration, and possibly what is appropriate for a fast-track process such as this. In the absence of strong data, a moderate, prudent course is advised. Proposal 5 does this well.

We have the responsibility to act. We also have the responsibility to measure our response to minimize impact on stakeholders until we have a high degree of data certainty. I am confident that Division staff will have this in the near future, and can establish a broader consensus on the difficult steps that must be taken to restore Southern Flounder stock.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Jason Gray
Recreational Fisherman, and Friend of
Commercial Fisherman

From: Steve Tronu <jtronu@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:30 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: NCMF Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan

Commissioners,

My name is Steve Tronu and I have fished both commercially and recreationally in North Carolina since I moved here in 1995. I was born and raised in Pensacola Florida and when I moved to North Carolina in 1995 they had just banned nets in Florida waters in an attempt to reestablish flounder, mullet, trout, and drum. Since then I have returned to Florida twice a year and can say there are not any more flounder now than when I left twenty years ago. I net fish and flounder gig locally, not only are there more flounder in North Carolina waters, but the flounder are bigger than they ever were in Florida. Each night I go out I see dozens of baby flounder, some nights hundreds, so I know firsthand that our flounder are spawning.

I support and respect all efforts made by the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to protect our waters and wildlife. Though I do not know the source of the problem, I am confident net fishing is not it. Over the years I have witnessed our waters become more populated and more polluted. I believe before any decisions are made there needs to be scientific evidence of an increase or decrease in the stock status. I would also urge you to consider the families and communities that would be affected if this supplement were to pass. I ask that you vote to begin an amendment to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan. Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,
Steve Tronu

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Re: Failure of the observer program, failure of the ITP to protect sea turtles and your duty as a NC Marine Fisheries Commissioner.

Dear Commissioner Corbett,

The North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) has solicited public comments on potential fisheries management options for Southern flounder in North Carolina under the Supplement for that species currently being considered by the Commission. The Coastal Conservation Association North Carolina (CCANC) on May 19, 2015 submitted its position paper on management measures necessary to recover the state's Southern flounder fishery, and reiterates those comments here to be included as a part of the official comment public record. A copy of that position paper is appended to this letter. However, CCANC believes that additional comments are warranted as to the large mesh gill net component of the Southern flounder fishery. Accordingly, this letter supplements CCANC's previous Southern flounder management position paper.

The Commission has sent out for public comment six options for consideration going forward in an attempt to restore the Southern flounder stocks. While the exact amount of harvest the current Southern flounder stock can accommodate is not known with great precision given the uncertainty in the latest stock assessment for the species, it is not debatable either that Southern flounder are one of the most important stocks in the state or that the long-term viability of the stock is in question. When uncertainty exists, it is common fisheries practice—and even more importantly, common sense—to err on the side of conservation. And conservation of marine and estuarine resources includes not only the conservation of edible fish stocks, but also, the conservation of non-harvestable resources. Accordingly, in selecting one or more appropriate management options for Southern flounder management, CCANC believes that the only reasonable course of action is for the Commission to retain harvest methods that do the least collateral damage to our marine and estuarine resources, while eliminating those harvest methods that indiscriminately kill other species—both non-targeted fishes and non-fisheries marine life.

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It is well documented that gill nets are among the most lethal, indiscriminate commercial fishing gears in existence in terms of fish harvest. It is also well documented that large mesh gill nets do as much, or more, collateral resources damage than any other fishing gear by killing sea turtles, sea birds, and marine mammals. Sea turtles are of particular importance to the Commission's deliberations, since North Carolina General Statute § 113-189 makes it unlawful under state law—irrespective of federal law—to “willfully take, harm, disturb or destroy any sea turtles protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.” For the reasons set out below, CCANC believes that despite the Incidental Take Permit (ITP) that is in place between the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (Division) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) allowing the limited takes of protected sea turtles in the state large-mesh gillnet fishery, the taking of sea turtles in that fishery has become “willful” under state statutes, and is therefore unlawful even if allowed by federal law. For that reason, and given that other, more discriminate commercial gears exist that would allow the full commercial harvest of Southern flounder to allowable limits, CCANC believes that severe additional restrictions and/or functional closure of the state large mesh gill net fishery is warranted, and urges the Commission to adopt that management option for Southern flounder.

Background of ITP 16230.

On behalf North Carolina commercial gill net fishermen, in 2011 the Division sought a ten-year ITP from the NMFS's Office of Protected Resources (OPR) for the statewide taking of protected sea turtles in the gill net fishery, as potentially allowed by the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). OPR issued ITP 16230 to the Division, with a starting date of September 10, 2013. In essence, the ITP is an agreement between the Division, as agent for state commercial fishermen, and OPR that allows a carefully prescribed “take”—any direct interaction between a sea turtle and a gill net—of sea turtles under certain agreed-upon requirements. North Carolina is divided into a number of gill net fishery management areas, and the permit includes a maximum number of total and lethal takes allowed for each protected species of sea turtle in each management area. Exceeding the number of allowable takes would threaten the continued viability of the protected species, and is therefore prohibited under the ESA. One critical ITP requirement is that projected sea turtle takes are verified by an observer program that monitors actual takes in a specified percentage of the gill net fishery; those taking numbers are then extrapolated to the entire fishery to ensure that takes remain within allowable limits. The observer provision is essential because, if taking levels reach the threshold level allowed under the ITP for any management area, the gill net fishery in that management area must be closed.

Known & ongoing observer program deficiencies.

Through these comments, CCANC would bring to the Commission's attention four areas of known deficiencies in the gill net fishery observer program. Each of these deficiencies was predicted by CCANC, and OPR was warned that each would be a serious issue under the proposed ITP, in CCANC's original ITP comments.

1. Inadequate observer coverage. As part of the ITP contract, the Division agreed to observe at least 7 percent of all fishing trips taken by state gill net fishermen, with a target observation rate of 10 percent of total trips. That level of observation has never occurred in

the state gill net fishery. Instead, the percentage of observer coverage statewide was less than 5 percent from the beginning of the ITP (September 10, 2013) through the end of 2013. Moreover, in some of the management areas the percentage of observer coverage is only 2 percent.

The integrity of the observer program is based on observing a statistically valid number of trips that are representative of the entire fishery. This allows the number of turtles observed in “manned trips” to be extrapolated to the entire fishery (all trips) to determine the both total takes and dead turtles. Sample size is a critical parameter that, if not met, renders the extrapolation so imprecise as to be both invalid and meaningless. Because the percentage of observer coverage was so low in some management areas, CCANC has little or no confidence that the Division can either reasonably or accurately predict the actual number of sea turtle interactions and deaths that are occurring in the state gill net fishery.

2. Observed trips must be representative of the fishery. The North Carolina gill net fishery is both seasonally and locationally dynamic. Accordingly, the Division cannot “make up” observer trips missed earlier in a given year by increasing observer coverage to a level higher than 7 percent, since those extra observer trips will result in skewed results from a temporal and aerial perspective. For example, if the Division were to attempt to “make up” the trips during times when turtles are either more or less numerous, the end result would likely be inaccurate and not representative of the actual number of takes occurring in the fishery. While it may be easier and financially cheaper to “make up” missed observer trips when the fishermen are less busy, such a practice is entirely unacceptable, since it is unrepresentative of the actual fishery. Moreover, this deficiency demonstrates what CCANC predicted in its original ITP comments: that because of inadequate Division staffing and the lack of cooperation by fishermen, the gill net fishery cannot be managed under an ITP in a manner that adequately protects sea turtles as required both by the ESA and by state law.

3. Failure of fishermen to report sea turtle interactions and deaths. Another requirement of the ITP is that all gill net fishermen must report every sea turtle interaction, whether or not the trip where the interaction occurs is being observed by the Division. Commercial gill net fishermen have a long history of failure to report sea turtle interactions. During the years of the Pamlico Sound Gill Net Restricted Area ITP that preceded the current ITP, *not a single turtle interaction was reported by a commercial fisherman*. In issuing the Division the statewide gill net ITP, OPR chose to ignore this warning sign, and it is clear that non-reporting of sea turtle interactions by commercial fishermen remains the rule, rather than the exception. Simple math shows that less than 1 percent of interactions are self-reported by commercial fishermen. One purpose of having fishermen report all interactions is that such reporting serves as an internal check on the observed trips. Some semblance of concurrence between the number of observed sea turtle interactions and fishermen-reported sea turtle interactions would boost confidence in the accuracy of the number of sea turtle takes being used by the Division to manage state gill net fisheries. However, none currently exists. CCANC insists that fishermen report and believes that the Commission should address this issue if the Division will not. While it was generally thought that implementing a gill net permit program would solve the non-reporting problem, implementation of that program has had little real impact on reporting. The lack of self-reporting becomes even more critical in light of new questions concerning the accuracy of the trip ticket program for a variety of reasons, as discussed further below.

4. Gill net fishermen refuse to allow observers on their boats. North Carolina gill net fishermen also have a history of refusing to allow observers on their vessels. As stated above, observed trips must be representative of the fishery at both a management area level and statewide. If observation of gill net fishermen in any management area is omitted, then the overall data will be misleading, since the overall data will be skewed in favor of a subset of fishermen and not representative of the entire fishery. While the Division has not reported official numbers related to this issue, Dr. Daniel recently acknowledged that the refusal of fishermen to allow observers on their boats remains a significant problem. Moreover, the public record from several recent Division meetings shows Dr. Daniel and Mr. Chris Batsavage, another Division employee, attempting to address this continuing problem.

Because of changes in assumptions under the ITP as new data come to light, the number of sea turtle takes reported by the Division does not accurately reflect actual sea turtle takes, including lethal takes, due to gill nets.

In addition to the ongoing, known issues with the North Carolina gill net fishery observer program outlined above, recent Division data show new, emerging problems with the gill net fishery observer program. These are discussed below.

1. Post release mortality accounts for significantly more sea turtle deaths than those currently reported by the Division. It is an established fact that a certain percentage of the sea turtles taken by fishing activities, including gill nets, and then released alive die as a result of their encounters with humans—termed “post release mortality.” Several factors relate to post release gill net mortality, including near drowning, cuts and abrasions on sea turtles from nets while trying to escape, and general trauma. While post release sea turtle mortality is presumed under the ITP to be on the order of 20 to 25 percent, the ITP does not require the Division to account for that—or any—level of post release mortality in its takings projections. Moreover, Dr. Daniel recently acknowledged that actual post release gill net mortality might more reasonably be assessed as being between 40 and 50 percent (November 2014 Commission meeting audio tapes, minute 14). Dr. Daniel also stated that while OPR is aware of this discrepancy, that agency has allowed the Division to continue to ignore post release mortality.

Consequently, the number of sea turtle takes reported by the Division under the observer program is significantly greater than the number of dead sea turtles assumed by the Division. In the Division’s June 14, 2015 weekly report to OPR of sea turtle takes under the ITP, where in Table 3 takes are reported cumulatively for 2015 to the date of the report, there were estimated to be 371 total sea turtle takes. Of those takes, 258 were either observed or assumed to be live takes, and 112 were observed or assumed to be lethal takes from entanglement in the nets. As previously noted, the Division’s calculations under the ITP assume no post release sea turtle mortality. However, if in reality 40 to 50 percent of the released turtles subsequently die, it would increase the number of actual sea turtle lethal takes for the period covered by the report to between 103 and 129 sea turtles, placing the actual number of sea turtle deaths in the state gill net fishery for the first (almost) six months of 2015 at somewhere between 216 and 241, effectively doubling the post release mortality factor in the gill net fishery assumed by the Division.

2. The Division’s trip ticket program substantially underestimates the total number of gill net fishing trips, resulting in significant underreporting of sea turtle takes,

including lethal takes. As previously discussed, the Division’s gill net fishery observer program is supposed to monitor a minimum of 7 percent of the commercial fishing trips that deploy large mesh gill nets in coastal waters. By tallying the number of observed sea turtle takes during that 7 percent of trips taken and knowing the total number of fishing trips occurring in a year, the Division can calculate the annual total number of sea turtle takes as well as the number of lethal takes. However, this calculation is accurate only if the total number of gill net fishing trips is accurate. Therein lies the rub. CCANC believes that recent Division data prove that *the total number of gill net trips employed by the Division in its observer program calculations grossly under-represents the actual number of gill net fishing trips taken.* The Division determines the total number of gill net trips taken by using data from its trip ticket program. North Carolina laws requires that all fish sold in the state go through a licensed fish dealer, where a “trip ticket” is filled out pertaining to the fish harvested and sold. However, Division data show that 60 percent of the standard commercial fishing licenses issued in North Carolina have no trip ticket associated with their license.

To that point the Division recently completed a survey of commercial fishermen (May 2015 Report by J. Hadley) entitled “Survey of Commercial Fishing License Holders for Personal Consumption of Seafood Caught with Commercial Gear.” From that survey, it is apparent that, conservatively, an additional 20 percent of gill net fishing trips occur annually but go unreported since the harvest is kept for personal consumption or otherwise not sold, and thus are not counted by the Division in its observer program calculations. This finding has two critical implications. First it means the percentage of observer coverage is actually less than that reported since the total number of gill net fishing trips is substantially greater than the number assumed by the Division. Secondly, and more importantly, the use by the Division for its ITP calculations of a total number of gill net trips that is substantially less than the actual trip number means that total sea turtle takes and deaths are also substantially underestimated—specifically, they are underestimated by the percentage of omitted trips, or some 20 percent.

What it all means.

To put the revelations from these changes in assumptions under the ITP in perspective, if one uses the Division’s June 17, 2015 weekly ITP report takings numbers and adds *both* the post release mortality corrections described above to the Division’s calculations for lethal sea turtle takes in the state gill net fishery *and* adds 20 percent to the total annual number of fishing trips in that fishery to account for trip omissions in the Division’s trip ticket program, the actual number of lethal sea turtle takes in the state gill net fishery for the (almost) first half of 2014 would be somewhere between 259 and 289 sea turtles, rather than the 111 lethal takes reported by DMF for that period. That difference is not just substantial, it is astounding!

CCANC believes that the lack of accuracy and credibility in the Division’s calculations of sea turtle takes, including lethal takes, in the state gill net fishery is unacceptable for several reasons. First, the actual number of takes directly violates the terms of the Division’s statewide gill net ITP. Secondly, the actual number of takes is necessarily a threat to the continued recovery of protected sea turtles both in North Carolina, and regionally. Thirdly, the continued use of inaccurate numbers undermines the credibility of state agency fisheries management in North Carolina. And finally—and perhaps most importantly here—the

allowance of a disproportionate number of lethal sea turtle takes becomes knowing and willful under these circumstances, directly violating state law.

CCANC would remind the Commission that the seeming refusal of OPR to enforce the ESA *does not* relieve the Commission of its legal duty to protect the marine and estuarine resources, including sea turtles, belonging to North Carolina citizens. CCANC urges the Commission to take into full account the facts outlined in these additional comments, particularly the harmful collateral effects of large mesh gill nets in terms of sea turtle conservation, when deciding future fisheries management measures for the state Southern flounder fishery. To that point and as previously stated, CCANC believes that severe additional restrictions and/or functional closure of the state large mesh gill net fishery is warranted, and urges the Commission to adopt that management option for Southern flounder under the Supplement to the Southern flounder Fisheries Management Plan.

CCANC recognizes the difficult decisions facing the Commission in instances where lives and livelihoods are potentially affected on all sides of the issue, as in the case of Southern flounder. But ultimately, all decisions that favor fisheries resource conservation are in the long-term best interests of each individual affected and the overall public interest. CCANC thanks the Commission for the opportunity to comment on its proposed rules.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioner Corbett,

The Coastal Conservation Association North Carolina (CCA NC) has joined its voice with that of hundreds of thousands of recreational fishermen in North Carolina to express our continued concern for the fate of Southern flounder in North Carolina. What was once a robust fishery and strong economic driver has been in decline for decades now, and immediate action is needed. In a letter submitted by CCA NC to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) on February 10, 2015, we reminded the Commission of their duty and responsibility to represent both private sector interests and the overall public interest in the management of its coastal fisheries resources, and when necessary to do so independently and beyond any recommendations it receives from the NC Division of Marine Fisheries (Division).

We applaud the Commission for the nearly unanimous action it took in February, asking the Division to identify management options for reducing the annual catch of Southern flounder by 25% to 60% and increase escapement, essentially requesting the Secretary of DENR approve a Supplement to the Southern Flounder FMP Amendment 1. To his credit, the Secretary subsequently authorized short-term management measures to address stock concerns via such a Supplement.

Per the Commission's request in February, the Division then presented the Commission with five management options in a "draft Supplement." (May 4, 2015). Having reviewed those management options, CCA NC respectfully submits the following comments.

CCA NC does not believe any of the options presented by the Division would, even if successful, restore Southern flounder stocks and ensure their continued viability. We therefore first want to remind the Commission that, in formulating a Supplement, it is not limited by the management options presented by the Division, and has the authority and indeed a duty to independently take under consideration options other than those proposed by the Division in doing so. CCA NC accordingly urges the Commission to appropriately modify the draft Supplement and approve a modified version for public comment at its May meeting. To that end, we asked Dr. Tim Nifong to write the enclosed letter addressing the legal context of the FMP

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Supplement process under the 1997 Fisheries Reform Act, and the Commission's authority in that process. As explained by Dr. Nifong, the Secretary has authorized the Commission to adopt supplemental, temporary management measures for the Southern flounder FMP, and the Commission has the full breadth of its powers in acting upon their duty to ensure the continued viability of the Southern flounder fishery.

CCA NC respectfully submits the following management options for consideration:

- 1) Closure of the Southern flounder commercial and recreational large mesh gill net fisheries completely, or at a minimum, from April 15 through February 15 for all internal coastal waters. The Southern flounder fishery will continue to be extremely difficult if not impossible to manage, if it continues to include a large mesh gill net fishery.
- 2) Implementation of a commercial TAC or Quota aimed at reducing total catch by 50%. CCA NC is unaware of any fishery recovering without a TAC. Since it is the duty of the Commission to ensure the viability of the Southern flounder fishery, a TAC must be implemented.
- 3) Increase the commercial size limit to 15 inches. The Commission should implement a rule requiring 6" stretched mesh escape panels in the offshore corners of the pound to reduce regulatory discards in the pound net fishery if the commercial minimum size limit is increased from 14" to 15".
- 4) Place a moratorium on new pound nets until the fishery has recovered
- 5) No change to recreational regulations. It is important to note that the majority, if not all, catch reductions in the Southern flounder fishery have been borne by the recreational sector through restrictions in bag and size limits. When the fishery has recovered based on a *coastwide* assessment and a TAC is in place, the fishery should be allocated 50/50 to the two sectors. This will ensure the best use of the resource based on economic and social considerations.

In support of these options, CCA NC refers the Commission to the robust discussion provided by Mr. Rick Sasser, in his written comments submitted on May 18, 2015.

The public, through letters and through other organizations like the NCWF and RFA, have provided valuable input and Commissioners may have their own options for consideration. CCA NC strongly supports the Commission in allowing these ideas to be formed into a motion to formulate a Supplement. Failure to do so will further disenfranchise a large segment of the population from the process, the Southern flounder fishery, and likely result in continuation of the 23 years of failed recovery of this important stock.

It is important to remember that the **May meeting is about options; the August meeting is about selecting the preferred option** or combination of options to enter into temporary rulemaking. This Supplement process creates an opportunity to create a new strategy where the resource is conserved and its economic potential is realized. If the Commission chooses to remain with status quo, it will be locking in the source of all of our problems - an over-capitalized large mesh gill net fishery - at the expense of all other user groups: pound nets,

gigs, recreational fishermen, For-Hire industry and the public interest. We urge the Commission to do what is look is best for the fishery and our coastal economy. That must start with placing the majority of the additional, needed reductions in harvest on the large mesh gill net fishery.

Finally, we encourage you and your fellow Commissioners to insist on civility and equality in the public comment process for all interested NC citizens. By its very nature, the process of public involvement in NC fisheries management is not conducive to producing candid and fair comments. With meetings held only at the coast, it serves to disenfranchise the greater public. The most contentious issues, such as the one we are facing here, inflame many passions and facilitate a mob mentality to ensure those who have the most numbers and the loudest voices get their way. These public meetings create a venue of intimidation that not only discourages citizen involvement in open government, but also prevent public servants from performing their duties. We urge the Commission to consider means of public involvement in fisheries management that is not designed to disenfranchise the pro-resource citizens and recreational anglers who support rule changes to revive our fisheries, goals that serve all of NC's citizens and not just the ones who fish for profit. We recommend, due to the highly contentious nature of southern flounder, that the Commission pursue only accepting written comments in lieu of any public forum.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

- A total catch reduction of at least 40%;
- No change in recreational limits;
- A minimum 15 inch minimum size limit for all commercial catch;
- Establish a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) quota for this fishery;
- Continue the pound net and gig fishery as selective gear and set attendance requirements, daily creel limits, and escape panels as necessary to control catch and bycatch.

Please record my comments for the record and consider them at your August meeting for inclusion as management measures for immediate implementation to begin the restoration of the southern flounder in NC.

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Dear MFC Supplement,

As a resident of North Carolina I am very concerned for the future of our Southern flounder fishery if the MFC continues to allow the overfishing of this important recreational and commercial species. The MFC and DMF have failed to take action in the past to reverse a decades long neglect that has resulted in a depleted stock. I support and applaud the current Commission for their efforts to move a Supplement to the Southern flounder FMP forward, and I support their efforts to implement at least a 40% reduction in harvest this Fall. These efforts are necessary to slow what science shows is now a harvest of mostly juvenile fish that have yet to spawn. We need these changes to allow for greater escapement of the fish leaving our inshore waters to spawn if we are to have any hope of restoring the Southern flounder stocks. Specifically I support the following options as included in the six proposals put forth by the Commission:

1) No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.

2) A TAC (Total Allowable Catch) limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%. No depleted fish stock in North Carolina has ever recovered without the implementation of a TAC or quota.

3) A closure of the flounder large-mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters. I support recovery of our coastal marine resources by the use of cleaner, more efficient commercial gear specifically pound nets and commercial gigging.

4) A universal 15-inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen.

5) A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered.

Please give serious consideration of the implementation of these actions at your August meeting. Please consider my comments and the voices of the almost 10 million citizens of North Carolina that are not commercial fishermen but who also take pride in ownership of this important public trust resource.

Thank you for your service.

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I buy Flounder and eat Flounder, but the Dealers and Restaurants have not had any available since 2013. Since November 2012, Commercial fishermen told me they can only fish 4 days a week. The resources are not available the folks of NC. The fish are there but only available for the few CCA members not for all the folks of NC.

You need major changes allow Commercial Fishermen to follow the Magnuson Stevens Acts and provide Marine Resources to the people.

Commercial Fishermen have been attacked with falsehoods from past Thom Tillis and his western supporters of the CCA and Governor Pat McCrory.

If you do not stop preventing Commercial Fishermen SUPPLYING SEAFOOD, large signs will be put up coming down HWY 70 the 2nd weekend in October DATE OF THE NC SEAFOOD FESTIVAL telling 200,000 folks Governor Pat McCrory, Thom Tillis and supporters of CCA have prevented NC Seafood Festival from taking place NO FISH AND SEAFOOD FOR YOU NC FOLKS.

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From: Alan Beasley <ABeasley.1.AB@Gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 6:35 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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- 7) Implement the closure of recreational and commercial giggling operations during spawning periods.

Please give serious consideration of the implementation of these actions at your August meeting. Please consider my comments as you decide to implement changes to support the rebuilding of the Flounder Fishery in our inshore waters.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Alan M Beasley
1496 Grace Rd
Southport, NC 28461

From: Melinda S. Ward <me.ward@wingate.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 6:36 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Disagreement with Banning giggling/gill nets

Dear commisioners,

I'm a commercial fisherman in the Brunswick County area. My family has been in the the commercial fishing industry their whole life. This year has been one of the best flounder fishing years that I can remember in a long time. I'm sure you have gotten a ton of comments about banning gill nets and giggling for commercial fishermen. I know when we set nets for flounder we never have any dead flounder as everyone claims and for giggling you see the flounder before you gig it, so these are two of the best ways to flounder fish. Now why would it be fair to cut the commercial fishermen out of this fishery but allow the charter captains to take tourist out and catch their limit. It needs to be fair on both sides. I propose to limit giggling commercially to a 45 limit a night and increase size to 15 inches. And for the recreational to 16 inches and a 12 fish max limit no matter how many people are in the boat. I've saw a ton of times with 3 or 4 people in the boat at night giggling recreational and are keeping 30 flounders a night. Also since the flounder stocks is depleted, I propose to ban all flounder tournaments until the stock is back healthy.

Sincerely,
Brunswick County Commercial Fisherman Jonathan Ward

From: Jim Hardin <jhardin@gradywhite.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 6:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: The need for a Southern Flounder FMP Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

I would like to offer comments regarding a supplement for the Southern Flounder Fisheries Management Plan.

It is evident that past management decisions have failed to help Southern Flounder recover. It is time to make the hard decisions and manage the stock for long term health.

I believe the following actions will help the stock recover.

Establish a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for the commercial harvest. Since the commercial harvest represents about 80% of the total harvest this is where the TAC needs to be focused. Without a TAC it seems all other actions are doomed to failure.

Please implement the complete removal of the large mesh gill net fishery from the inland waters. There is no need for this indiscriminate, non-selective gear. The excessive by-catch of other fish and other species is well documented and unacceptable. The pound net and the commercial gigging gears are both selective and clean gears that will allow the TAC to be caught without the negative results that the large mesh gill nets produce. This decision along with a moratorium on new pound net permits will allow the stock to recover. Once recovered new pound net permits could be issued.

Implement a universal 15" minimum size limit on both commercial and recreational sectors.

Do not implement any further restrictions on recreational harvest bag limits. The problem has been the lack of reduction on the commercial harvest side of the equation. Recreational limit decreases implemented in the past haven't been effective because the recreational take is such a small portion of the overall harvest.

It is time to face reality and move the management strategy from one of reaction at a minimum chance of success to one of aggressive proactive management with a high probability of recovering the stock within an acceptable time frame. Please, I ask you, to implement these changes and

Sincerely,

Jim Hardin

107 Excaliber Dr

Greenville, NC 27858

From: Lewis Dunn <lewisydunn@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 5:52 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Lewis Dunn
3101 Georgian Ter
Raleigh, NC 27607

From: Dan Minnis <dpminnis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 5:59 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I prefer Proposal 1. I think it is the best option available. It will reduce the amount of fish waste and will open up more recreational fishing opportunities.

Dan Minnis
NC Lifetime Fishing License Holder

Sent from my iPhoneFrom: kindra.ingram@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 5:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Kindra Ingram
2407 Timberlake Dr
High Point, NC 27265-2322
July 9, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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Sincerely,
Kindra S Ingram
3368698882

From: Johnny canup <jcanup@suddenlink.net>

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 5:35 PM
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Sincerely,
Johnny Canup
1409 Saint James Pl
Kinston, NC 28504

From: Bob Bryant <bbbryant@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 5:05 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: Senator Harry Brown; Phil Shepard
Subject: Southern Flounder Comments

Gill Net Band

I am of the understanding that DMF was created to protect and enhance the Fisheries of N.C. For ALL its citizens, not a select few.

Do we need Rules and Regulations, YES.

Also we need good data reports on the different species.

Check your (NC) Mission Statement.

(S) Robert D. Bryant
Robert D. (Bob) Bryant
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910-327-3232

From: bjhemrick@bellsouth.net
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 4:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ben Hemrick
248 Bailey rd.
Winston Salem, NC 27107-9039
July 9, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Ben J Hemrick
336-769-9610

From: Herbert Rosefield <harosefield@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 4:38 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Herbert Rosefield
4513 Gates St
Raleigh, NC 27609

From: Bill Mandulak <wreelfun@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 4:29 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Comments of Possibler Actions on Southern Flounder

I have been reviewing and following the southern flounder problems for over 10 years. I have seen the NC MFC consistently take half measures that have accomplished nothing but attempting to keep commercial flounder fishermen limping along in business. The 2005 FMP implementing measures were known to be insufficient by 50% ignoring the advice of the lead biologist at the time. Over time various measures have consistently fallen short leading to a stock that is clearly depleted by anyone who has half a brain. The latest ruse foisted on us is that the stock assessment that clearly shows no recovery is occurring is inadequate for management purposes. All one has to do is put a line in the water and realize there are no fish! When a limit of southern flounder (5) was not unusual, catching one or two keepers is a rarity. The most telling indication of severe problems is that there are very few small fish. They used to be everywhere – not any more.

I strongly support most elements of Proposal 1 although I am not convinced that the calculations used to arrive at a commercial TAC are correct. In 2005 according to the NC DMF biologist a 29% reduction of 2004 levels was required which should put the TAC around 1.2 million pounds. Reducing the 2013 harvest by 25% only puts the TAC at 2014 actual harvest – no reduction at all! A much lower TAC is required than just setting the TAC at current harvest rates. A more reasonable TAC might be to reduce the average landings over the last 10 years by 25% resulting in a TAC around 1.4 million pounds. I also suggest a more effective management of the TAC be put in place as simple asking for daily reporting may well not be implementable as it will require the Marine Patrol to assist in monitoring the reporting.

As the recreational harvest seems to be below 2005 levels in 2012 by 30+%, I see no need to change recreational regulations as they represent only about 18% of the harvest.

These are my comments.
Bill Mandulak

From: rtiffany@nc.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 4:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Robert S. Tiffany III
812 Norwood St
Fayetteville, NC 28305-4886
July 9, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Robert S. Tiffany III
Fayetteville

From: Katie Seawell [mailto:katie.seawell@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 4:17 PM
To: Pugh, Maryjoan; Vandervaart, Donald; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Daniel, Louis; Fish, Nancy; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; preynolds@ncdoj.gov; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com
Subject: Stop the Depletion of the North Carolina Southern Flounder

Dear Commissioners,

I am a concerned citizen aware of the continued downward slide of North Carolina's depleted southern flounder stock. It is well past time to reverse this slide and you now have a real opportunity to make that happen at the Marine Fisheries Commission meeting in August.

I would like you to do everything necessary to place into temporary rule, under the supplement process to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan, measures that will support and ensure the following:

1. Reduce the harvest of southern flounder by commercial fishermen by at least 50%.
2. Implement a yearly Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for commercially harvested southern flounder. This TAC should be at least 50% lower than the average commercial southern flounder harvest of the last 3 years. Without a TAC, there is not a harvest reduction that will work. Unlimited harvesting has led to North Carolina's depleted fish stock and these fish will not recover until a TAC is in place.
3. Suspend the harvest of southern flounder by any and all gill nets. Doing this will achieve most of the 50% reduction requested above and solve many problems for our inshore marine fisheries. The management costs, conflicts, bycatch issues and unsustainable harvest associated with the use of gill nets has created an unmanageable situation for marine fisheries in North Carolina. It's time to stop the use of this highly destructive gear.

Please support these three simple changes and help our southern flounder stock begin the recovery that it deserves and many citizens expect. Thank you,

Regards.
Katie
Katie Seawell
katie.seawell@gmail.com

From: steve saieed <ssaieed@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 3:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
steve saieed
2640 Brookridge Cir
Greenville, NC 27858

From: AJ Hofmann <avh3398@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 2:44 PM
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Sincerely,

AJ "Flounding Father" Hofmann

209 Ginger Rd

Wilmington, NC 28405

From: Alan Jeffreys <alanjeffreys1950@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 2:40 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I am an avid flounder fisherman but seldom catch a keeper due to the giggers and commercial flounder fisherman catching them at night. I support the nc wildlife federation proposals in support of no change in recreational fisherman limits and reduce the number of fish that the commercial fisherman are taking. All size limits should be 15 inch. gigging flounder should have a minimum special license of at least 50.00. The recreational giggers are killing the population of flounders as well as the commerical netters.

From: Charles Booth <bcllc@hawaii.rr.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 2:21 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

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Sincerely,
Charles Booth
1222 Mallard Bay Rd
Hampstead, NC 28443

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Sincerely,
Les Murray
1004 Carthage Rd
West End, NC 27376

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One last thought, just maybe the sharks would prefer baitfish instead of humans IF NC were allow little fishes to grow!!! Strange that only the NC coast is getting shark bites and we are the one overfishing all of our stocks with trawl nets..

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
James D. Murray
PO Box 25
Lakeview, NC 28350

From: Clark Hutchinson <hutche@coastalnet.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 1:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Clark Hutchinson
122 Willow Rd
Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512

From: mwrfrog@suddenlink.net
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 12:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Gilbert Respass
253 6 Old Plantation Dr.
Kinston, NC 28504
July 9, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

My wife and I have fished the inland waters of eastern NC for a number of years and we have noticed, particularly during the last several years, a great reduction in the number of southern flounder caught by us. The proposed action is very necessary and long overdue. Of the big three (red fish, trout, flounder) only the red fish seem to be abundant. The reason for this is because conservative measures have been taken to protect the red fish in the past. All fishermen need to be concerned about the drastic reduction in our fisheries and would hope other actions would be taken to protect the speckled trout and striper.

Sincerely,
Gilbert Ray Respass

From: mwrfrog@suddenlink.net
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 12:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Gilbert Respass
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Sincerely,
Dell Godwin
625 Brisbane Ct
Fayetteville, NC 28314

From: parker.neusom@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 11:57 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Neusom Parker
19 Williams Cir
Lexington, NC 27292-2358
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Sincerely,
Neusom Parker
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From: Brett Bruton <bhbruton@mindspring.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:03 AM
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Brett Bruton
14765 Buffalo Rd # H
Clayton, NC 27527

From: rick sasser <rick.sasser@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:56 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: samjcorbett3@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; captgorgesmf@gmail.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; Daniel, Louis; Pugh, Maryjoan; Vandervaart, Donald; preynolds@ncdoj.gov
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement Public Comment

July 9, 2015
North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
Southern Flounder Supplement Public Comment
3441 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

RE: Public Comment for the Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear Commissioners,

On April 20, I had a personal conversation with Dr. Daniel in which I specifically asked the Director if a 40% catch reduction was needed in the southern flounder fishery. The Director replied that all indications are that at least a 40% catch reduction is needed. Dr. Daniel said that the 2005 FMP required a 38% reduction and that was never met. Dr. Daniel further stated that since 2005 NC, SC, GA and FLA landings are down and the age structure is shrinking. Today we are fishing with 90% of southern flounder landings consisting of juvenile fish, which Dr. Daniel recently re-confirmed to a House committee while also stating that waiting on review and implementation of permanent rule change through the FMP process could put this fishery in a state irreparable damage.

It is clear that this fishery is in trouble and has been for decades. Measures to improve the fishery have failed. It is time to take substantial measures through the supplement process to immediately end overfishing, remove problematic and unmanageable gear, and return the fishery to sustainable harvest.

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Please support these changes to help our southern flounder stock begin the recovery that it deserves, state statute requires and many citizens expect.

Thank you for your service to our important coastal resources and best regards,

Rick Sasser
Goldsboro, NC
919-738-3900

From: Lisa Elmore <lisaelmore9@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:45 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder

I prefer Option 1. I believe it provides the best option to minimize waste and also increase harvest availability for inshore recreational fishing.

Thank you for the ability to respond,

Lisa Elmore

Sent from my iPhone From: Jason Elmore <jelmore88@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:43 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder

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Jason Elmore

Sent from my iPhone From: Buster Elmore <busterelmore@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:42 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder

I recommend proposal #1! I believe this proposal best protects southern flounder to make a comeback!

Sent from my iPhone From: Cristy Minnis <crityminnis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:41 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

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Cristy Minnis
NC Lifetime Recreational Fishing License Holder

From: sgriffin@crowdercc.com
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:17 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Scott Griffin
6116 Winthrop Drive
Raleigh, NC 27612-2144
July 9, 2015
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 919-414-7046

From: hainficken@yahoo.com
 Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:07 AM
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Hain Ficken
 124
 Quail Dr, NC 28333
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 9192225488

From: Mark Narron <user@votervoices.net>
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Sincerely,
Mark Narron
PO Box 2250
Surf City, NC 28445
mdnarron@aol.com

From: Brock Thomas <Brock@brock-thomas.com>
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Brock Thomas
725 W Main St
Jamestown, NC 27282

From: stephenmartin@suddenlink.net
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 7:52 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Steve Martin
1003 Coopers Ct.
Trent Woods, NC 28562-7207
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Steve Martin
252-637-5769

From: ncfishead@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 7:47 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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John Olin
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raleigh, NC 27613
July 9, 2015
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9327 Hallston Ct
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

drfrazcpa@aol.com

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Sincerely,
JEFFERY DAVIS
10901 Qualla Rd
Chesterfield, VA 23832

From: Cathy Shepherd <cathy.b.shepherd@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 7:06 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Supplement - Proposal 1

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Southport, NC
919-219-0706

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919-219-0727

From: PAULINA MORALES <SUNNYFACE@ATMC.NET>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 4:26 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

PAULINA MORALES
8757 Nottoway Ave NW
Calabash, NC 28467

From: jeffreyhedrick243@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 12:12 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jeffrey Hedrick
4502 oak grove ch rd
asheboro, NC 27205
July 9, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

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Sincerely,
Jeffrey Hedrick
336-857-3419

From: Wayne Price <wprice1012@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 11:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Wayne Price
111 Deer Run Rd
Hampstead, NC 28443

From: Matt Ellement <m.ellement24@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Matt Ellement

1066 W Forest Hills Blvd
Durham, NC 27707

From: Buddy Ruitch <buddy.ritch@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:18 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Buddy Ruitch
2215 Stallings Dr
Kinston, NC 28504

From: Micheal Lundy <mdlundy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Micheal Lundy
199 Coite Ln
Statesville, NC 28625

From: Terry Sues [mailto:suessterry@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:54 PM

To: Pugh, Maryjoan; Vandervaart, Donald; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com;

annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com;

karden@embarqmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Daniel, Louis; Fish, Nancy; awillis.mfc@gmail.com;

preynolds@ncdoj.gov; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com

Subject: Southern Flounder Management in NC

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Thank you,
Terry Sues

From: Steve Macomber <macomberse@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:44 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Steve Macomber
3717 Flowerfield Rd
Charlotte, NC 28210

From: GARY MADDIX <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:46 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

As a resident of North Carolina and frequent fisherman, not much of a catcher but love the challenge, I am very concerned for the future of our Southern flounder fishery if the MFC continues to allow overfishing of this important recreational and commercial species. The MFC and DMF have failed to take action in the past to reverse a decades long neglect that has resulted in a depleted stock. I support and applaud the current Commission for their efforts to move a Supplement to the Southern flounder FMP forward, and I support their efforts to implement at least a 40% reduction in harvest this Fall. These efforts are necessary to slow what science shows is now a harvest of mostly juvenile fish that have yet to spawn. We need these changes to allow for greater escapement of the fish leaving our inshore waters to spawn if we are to have any hope of restoring the Southern flounder stocks. Specifically I support the following options as included in the six proposals put forth by the Commission:

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Thank you for your service, we appreciate you.

Sincerely,
GARY MADDIX
8400 Cox Mill Rd
Sanford, NC 27332
gmaddix50@yahoo.com

From: David Murphy <murphy140@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:20 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,

David Murphy
48 Fairmont St
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

From: peteboelte@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Pete Boelte
225 north Chanel haven dr
Wilmington, NC 28409-3505
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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828-312-4773

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Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:46 PM
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preynolds@ncdoj.gov; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com
Subject: Southern Flounder Fisheries Management Plan

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Thank you,
W J Mabrey
Concord, NC 28025

From: Fred Hoyt <fred@cforestry.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:06 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Fred W Hoyt
410 S 1st St
Smithfield, NC 27577

From: John Moon <jvegmoon@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:56 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
John Moon
PO Box 1326
Mebane, NC 27302

From: RYAN MALLORY <TRAPFLYVEN@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:39 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Ryan L. Mallory
13323 Dove Tree Ln
Rockville, VA 23146

From: William Gillespie <gillescris@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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William Gillespie

643 Raymond Dr
Arapahoe, NC 28510

From: robert@carolinaexplorer.com [mailto:robert@carolinaexplorer.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:06 PM

To: Fish, Nancy

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Subject: RFA-NC Official Southern Flounder Supplement Stance

Nancy Fish and Commissioners,

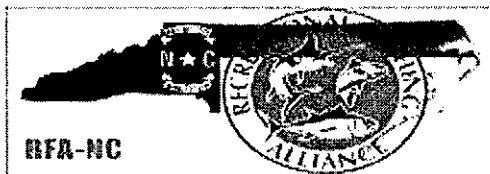
I hope everyone have had a great 4th of July week and good times with friends and family. I have attached the RFA-NC Southern Flounder Supplement letter to this email for public record. Please send a reply that you received the email and can open the attachment.
See you in August.

Thanks

Capt.Robert Schoonmaker

910-264-1807

See attachment on next page



July 8, 2015

Board of Directors:

Mr. Sammy Corbett, Chairman
North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF)
3441 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

Robert Schoonmaker

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RE: Southern Flounder Comments

Dear Chairman Corbett,

Please accept the following comments on behalf of the North Carolina Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA-NC) in response to the NCDMF Public Release dated June 3, 2015 that requests public comment on six proposals for southern flounder management. Our comments were developed with input gathered from members of RFA-NC who include private anglers, for-hire owners/operators, scientists and others closely involved with the southern flounder fishery. Our comments continue to reflect the chapter's desire to see the southern flounder fishery managed in a responsible manner that also provides reasonable and equitable opportunities for the recreational fishing community to access this important fishery.

Reference is made to the document entitled "Draft Supplement A to Amendment 1 of the N.C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan, Implement Short-Term Measures to Address Stock Concerns" dated May 4, 2015. The purpose of this document is to present short term management options to remedy our depleted southern flounder stock. According to the Draft Supplement (p.8), management measures for southern flounder adopted through the supplement process are temporary and must be incorporated into the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for southern flounder at the next time of review (currently scheduled for 2018) or they expire on the date the revised FMP is adopted. The supplement also states (p.8) the MFC may only consider a single management issue for each draft supplement. For the referenced supplement, the single management issue is to "reduce catch in order to improve escapement." The supplement states that uncertainty over whether the stock is overfished or overfishing is occurring, concerns that immature fish make up a large portion of the catch, and coast-wide indices of abundance that have declined since the 1990's support the urgency of this issue. The RFA-NC concurs with this science based conclusion by the division. As stated in our letter of May 14, 2015, RFA-NC requested that the MFC take **immediate** action to prevent further depletion of the southern flounder stock. On May 21, the MFC voted to consider six proposals that would accomplish this. RFA-NC fully appreciates the opportunity afforded by the MFC to provide public comment on southern flounder management.

The RFA-NC has reviewed all the reduction proposals under consideration by the MFC. Based on the referenced draft supplement, it is clear that Proposal #1 consists of reductions that would result in the fastest recovery of our southern flounder stock.

The referenced supplement (p.2) explains the uncertainty of reductions without a valid stock assessment. Because the estimated reductions are based on best available data, it is probable that the reductions in the supplement are conservative. Thus, estimated reductions of each alternative considered may be lower than expected. Proposal 1 addresses reductions of each commercial gear and would likely result in the most robust recovery of southern flounder of all proposals under consideration. In addition, these measures are temporary as are the impacts on the affected fishermen. Proposal 1 includes a prohibition of large mesh gill nets. This measure is fully consistent with the single management issue and would reduce catch and greatly improve escapement of flounder allowing more flounder to spawn. Therefore, the RFA-NC supports Proposal 1 in its entirety.

RFA-NC recommends that the NCDMF conduct a comprehensive study of flounder gigging, including potential for increased error on validated flounder catch estimates. The study should be designed to provide results that will aid future management decisions and the upcoming southern flounder stock assessment.

Should the measures of Proposal 1 be implemented, the beneficial effects to southern flounder will be enormous. Allowing more southern flounder to spawn each season will greatly increase the numbers of fish in state waters. Recovery of our southern flounder stock would be a welcome scene but needs to be documented. RFA-NC recommends that the NCDMF institute a monitoring program immediately following the implementation of Proposal 1, if approved, in order to provide baseline data and a quantitative measure of southern flounder stock recovery. This information would also be highly beneficial for future stock assessments.

Based on a report by NCDMF entitled “Economic Impacts of the North Carolina Southern Flounder Fishery from 2011-2014”, May 2015 the gill net industry had an estimated Ex-Vessel value of \$2,272,806 for 2011-2014. This is the highest Ex-Vessel value among all the other commercial gear. According to this survey, gill netters have the highest number of participants (842 or 71% of total) and the highest number of jobs (190 or 51%). Based on this information, it is probable that implementation of Proposal 1 would have detrimental economic impacts to full time gill net fishermen. In view of the potential impacts, RFA-NC recommends that if Proposal 1 is approved, that the NCDMF create an advisory group to further evaluate the impacts (both biological and economic) of prohibition of large mesh gill nets. This group should study the economic impacts and potential ways to alleviate these impacts so that these full time commercial gill net fishermen are able to remain working on the water in other ways that would enhance our fisheries and to preserve our cultural heritage of working watermen.

In our letter of May 14, 2015, we offered two other recommendations that could help the chances of southern flounder recovery. We request that the MFC give these measures future consideration. These measures are re-iterated as follows:

1. Recreational Commercial Gear License (RCGL) holders are allowed to use limited amounts of commercial gears such as gill nets, trawls, pots and seines. The RFA-NC recommends a moratorium be implemented on all gear permitted by RCGL's.
2. Develop and implement species specific reporting for all commercial fishermen and dealers in the southern flounder and summer flounder fisheries. RFA-NC suggests that this program should be implemented over 2 fishing

seasons with NCDMF providing a mandatory workshop on proper species identification. A forthcoming southern flounder stock assessment will require high quality fisheries dependent information to properly assess the stock. NCDMF should move away from using the location of commercial fishing activity as the determining factor for flounder species identification and instead rely on using accepted identifying features to distinguish between the two species.

Thank you for reading our comments and for allowing public comment on this important issue. The RFA-NC recommends that the MFC approve and implement Proposal 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Schoonmaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being the most prominent part.

Capt. Robert Schoonmaker
RFA-NC Chairman

cc: Ms. Anna Beckwith, MFC
Mr. Mikey Daniels, MFC
Mr. Kelly Darden, MFC
Mr. Mark Gorges, MFC
Mr. Chuck Laughridge, MFC
Mr. Joe Shute, MFC
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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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P.S. I personally think this is one of the reasons that the sharks are coming in so close to shore. Because shrimp boats and other commercial fishing boats are using nets that catch everything and then they pick out the shrimp and throw the rest of the catch (which is dead) over the side of the boat. So, sharks are looking for food. Also, isn't this depleting all fish for everyone?

Well, thank you for what ever you can do.

Sincerely,
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From: Todd Horton <tbhorton@mebtel.net>
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Sincerely,
Todd Horton
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Sincerely,
Kathryn Fordham
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From: Timothy Fordham <ksg326@gmail.com>
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Subject: Reversing the Downward Slide of North Carolina's Southern Flounder Stock

Dear Commissioners,

As a concerned citizen and avid coastal angler, I am aware of the continued downward slide of North Carolina's depleted southern flounder stock. It is well past time to reverse this slide and you now have a real opportunity to make that happen at the Marine Fisheries Commission meeting in August.

I would like to see you do everything necessary to place into temporary rule under the supplement process to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan measures that will support and ensure the following:

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2. Implement a yearly Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for commercially harvested southern flounder. This TAC should be at least 50% lower than the average commercial southern flounder harvest of the last 3 years. Without a TAC, you cannot have a harvest reduction that will work. An unlimited harvest has led to our depleted fish stock and these fish will not recover until a TAC is in place.
3. Suspend the harvest of southern flounder by any and all gill nets. Doing this will achieve most of the 50% reduction requested above and solve many problems for our inshore marine fisheries. The management costs, conflicts, bycatch issues and unsustainable harvest associated with the use of gill nets has created an unmanageable situation for marine fisheries in North Carolina. It's time to stop the use of this highly destructive gear.

Please support these three simple changes and help our southern flounder stock begin the recovery that it deserves and many citizens expect.

Thank you,
Don Stanger
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Durham, NC 27707

From: Darrell Sheldon <user@votervoices.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 7:15 PM
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Without a vision for the future of the the marine fisheries we will face a certain demise. Our state has the capability of being a showcase for sustainable fishing rather than the laughing stock for the nation. All of the southern coastal states have implemented practices that provide a capable harvest of commercial fishing as well as recreational all the while protecting the species as a whole. Please protect the fisheries and the estuarine waters, we can have a commercial industry and keep the netting away from the coast.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
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From: Boyce McPhatter <bmcphater@ec.rr.com>
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Sincerely,
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PO Box 2103
Monroe, NC 28111

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DJTAYLORMAN@YAHOO.COM

From: Mr. & Mrs. Keith Horne <mandylynn4080@gmail.com>
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Keith Horne
3955 Keener Rd
Clinton, NC 28328

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Sincerely,
ellis evans
2355 Tuttle Rd
Walnut Cove, NC 27052

From: John McDowell <drypond@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 5:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: the management of Southern Flounder

c/o Nancy Fish
POB 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Ms. Fish,

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the public comment on the management of Southern Flounder.

Based on the options given to the public by NCDMF staff and commissioners, I believe proposal 1 is the best for management of Southern Flounder.

The use of gill nets is killing off the inshore fishery and the commercial 14 inch flounder size makes no sense since there is not enough meat on a flounder that size to justify killing it.

Sincerely, John McDowell (age 76)
Carolina Beach, NC 28428

I have been living on Carolina Beach all my live, except time in the Navy. Inside gill nets and shrimping should be out lawed In New Hanover county And Cape Fear River. I know some flounder gill netters, few years back, left nets in water for days, before checking theirs nets. South Carolina has better fishing and we know why.

Best Regards
F John R. McDowell

From: fmthomas@windstream.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 5:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Mike Thmas
624 Matthews Mint Hill Rd. Suite 103
Matthews, NC 28105-1775
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
F. Michael Thomas
704-814-6063

From: Christopher Young, M.D. [mailto:christopher.young@duke.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 5:18 PM
To: Pugh, Maryjoan; Vandervaart, Donald; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Daniel, Louis; Fish, Nancy; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; preynolds@ncdoj.gov; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com
Subject: Please help save this important resource

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From: Ernest Anderson <esanderson1@ec.rr.com>
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Ernest Anderson
408 Vicksburg Ct
Havelock, NC 28532

From: redhairgirls@nc.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 5:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Bill Banks
116 Gablewood Ln.
Holly Springs, NC 27540-8212
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From: thadbanks@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 5:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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4366 Beaver Dam Church Rd.
Roseboro, NC 28382-8802
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910-531-3283

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Subject: House Bill

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Stantonsburg, NC 27883

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107 Avenel Ln
Clayton, NC 27527

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Wilmington, NC 28405
westonhumphries@yahoo.com

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Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 4:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Kevin Harrell
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Rocky Mount, NC 27803-8904
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Sincerely,
KENNETH BAKER
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From: Jerry Carson <user@votervoice.net>
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From: charles schoonmaker <cooter@i40mail.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 3:59 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: vote on southern flounder
Attachments: ncdnr.pdf
thank you

See attachment on next page



Recreational Fishing Alliance of North Carolina

Southern Flounder Public Comment

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Commissioners and Division Staff,

My name is Charles S Schoonmaker.

I live and vote in New Hanover County.

My address is 5430 Andover Rd Wilmington NC 28403

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Phone 910-431-4640

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the public comment on the management of Southern Flounder. Based on options given to the public by NCDMF staff and commissioners, I believe option: Proposal 1 is the best for management of Southern flounder. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the management of North Carolina's fisheries.

Thank you,

PLEASE PROTECT NORTH CAROLINAS FISHERIES!!!!

You can email this form: flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov

You can mail this form:

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, N.C. 28557

The deadline for public comment is July 10th, so have your comments sent in by July 7th at the latest!!

**Marine Fisheries Commission Proposals
for
Draft Supplement A to Amendment 1 of the
N.C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan**

Proposal 1

Pound Net Set Permits:

- 15-inch minimum size for southern flounder
- Escape panels shall be a minimum mesh size of
 - Option 1: 5 ¾ inch
 - Option 2: 6 inch(all other escape panel requirements remain)
- Immediately initiate a Total Allowable Catch that represents a 25 percent reduction of the 2013 landings (highest landings on record since 2005). The 2013 landings represent a 79 percent jump in landings from the 2005 Fishery Management Plan landings level of concern.
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Commercial harvest by other gear:

- 15-inch size limit

Proposal 2

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Proposal 6

- Minimum mesh size limit of 5¾ inch stretch mesh for large mesh gill nets and escape panels in pound nets.
- Dec. 1 – 31 closure for all gear types, both commercial and recreational.

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Goldsboro, NC 27530

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Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Joe Figueroa
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July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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- Continue the pound net and gig fishery as selective gear and set attendance requirements, daily creel limits, and escape panels as necessary to control catch and bycatch.

Please record my comments for the record and consider them at your August meeting for inclusion as management measures for immediate implementation to begin the restoration of the southern flounder in NC.

Sincerely,
Joe Figueroa

From: keith johnson <kjohnson@poynerspruill.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 3:18 PM
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Sincerely,
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Raleigh, NC 27608

From: Kenneth Broadwell <broadwell37@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 3:10 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I live in Knightdale, right outside of Raleigh. I work an 8-5 job Monday-Friday. Along with my 2 best friends (both also own commercial fishing licenses) we schedule weekend trips to the coast to gig flounder based on tides and moon phases from mid May to the end of October, and it works out to be about every other weekend. After cancelling trips due to bad weather we end up going down a total of about 6 weekends per year. I generally spend about \$250 per weekend on food, gas and supplies. Our catch total varies in numbers but we rarely catch more than the recreational limit. From a monetary prospective my wife would be the first person to tell you that the fish I catch cost me way more than they are worth. There is no price that I could put on the enjoyment I have gigging, riding at night under the bright stars, cleaning fish, eating fresh fish and spending time with my best friends.

Of all your proposals you have offered the one that would negatively affect my friends and myself is Proposal 1, and specifically the provision to eliminate commercial gigging Friday thru Sunday nights. I would ask you not restrict the days we can gig. I am happy to support any of the other proposals. The 15" limit is good.

Sent from my iPhoneFrom: Reece Hester <reece.hester@nctda.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 3:09 PM
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From: Kevin Frank [mailto:kev2380@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 2:59 PM
To: Pugh, Maryjoan
Subject: Gill Nets and Flounder Stock

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From: Andrew Goldsmith [mailto:aagoldsmith1@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 2:47 PM
To: Pugh, Maryjoan; Vandervaart, Donald; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Daniel, Louis; Fish, Nancy; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; preynolds@ncdoj.gov; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com
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Thank you,
Andy Goldsmith
Member: Triangle Fly Fishers
(828) 773-9037

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DONALD GINN
726 Montclair Rd
Fayetteville, NC 28314
ddrtydog@aol.com

From: William Moose <user@voterveice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 2:39 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Will Moose
708 Groves St
Lowell, NC 28098
w_moose@yahoo.com

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HUGH BLACK
2122 Queens Rd W
Charlotte, NC 28207
HUGHRBLACK@AOL.COM

From: Laura Trotter <laura.trotter@highpointnc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 2:05 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

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Sincerely,
Laura Trotter
825 Stratford Rd
Lexington, NC 27292

From: jvh5159@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 1:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

joseph hogan
9616 Miranda d.r
raleigh, NC 27617
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
 joseph hogan
 2159893212

From: Daniel Parker <fishfinder27@hotmail.com>
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 Daniel Parker
 308 New Grants Cir
 Sneads Ferry, NC 28460

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Sincerely,
WILLIAM GAINEY
310 Eastchester Dr
Morehead City, NC 28557

From: GINGER DEBERRY <ABC1243@ATMC.NET>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 12:45 PM
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GINGER DEBERRY
1243 Riverview Dr SW
Shallotte, NC 28470

From: mlevandoski@att.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 12:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Michael Levandoski
10018 HAMmock Bend
Chapel Hill, NC 27517-7403
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Michael Levandoski
9192405600

From: hbtaxidermy@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 12:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Wayne Smith
295 Harrington Rd

Rockingham, NC 28379-6819
July 8, 2015
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Wayne Smith
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From: weswinhunts@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 11:57 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Warren Perry
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Kinston, NC 28504-2644
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Cary, NC 27519

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Kinston, NC 28501
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Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 11:31 AM
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JAMES HEATH
1405 Scott Rd
Rocky Point, NC 28457

From: Philip Burris <pmburris@dthos.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 11:31 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

I will start with saying that I believe NC might have one of the most beautiful coasts, if not the most beautiful coast, in the country! I also believe we have one of the best fisheries there is to offer. I have fished our waters for over 30 years and my son and I have been fishing these waters since he was born. Over the last few years I have noticed a major change in the number of flounder we catch, as well as the size of flounder we catch.

In 2005, there was a recommendation to the MFC to reduce the allowable commercial catch of southern flounder by 38%. With no significant reductions in the last 10 years, it is now time to take drastic measures to restore this once fantastic fishery. The supplement process gives us a few good choices. I personally believe the most effective and in the best interest of all North Carolinians would be the removal of gillnets. Most of the other coastal states have removed this destructive gear from their waters. I realize that households in North Carolina would lose income, however, I also personally believe it is time to put the resource first. We can no longer continue to do the same things, expecting different results. I will also add that the amount of money we could generate getting other folks from around the country to enjoy our coast and recreational fishing would far exceed that of what our commercial fishing currently generates.

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Philip Burris
1009 Oakhurst Ave
High Point, NC 27262

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Scott Humphries
1227 Mallard Bay Rd
Hampstead, NC 28443

From: Francis Sprinkel, Jr <fsprink001@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 11:37 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

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Francis Sprinkel Jr
11017 Cedar Ln
Glen Allen, VA 23059

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Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 11:23 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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As a resident of North Carolina and living on a creek feeding the Pamlico Sound. Last August all most all of the unoccupied water front footage was lined with large gill nets. These nets were way down by the breeding areas for fish.

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Nancy Collins
812 Parkdale Rd
Gibsonville, NC 27249

From: ALFRED DRAGO <DRAGO0449@MSN.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 11:19 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
ALFRED DRAGO
319 Farina Dr
Havelock, NC 28532

From: lkbenton@embarqmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 11:17 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Larry Benton
1698 Rusty Lee Rd
Kinston, NC 28504-6924
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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Sincerely,
 Larry K. Benton
 252-527-4586

From: JAMES COCHRAN <JCOCHRAN2@EC.RR.COM>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 11:03 AM
 To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
 Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
 JAMES COCHRAN
 3476 Heron Cir SE
 Southport, NC 28461

From: brbb@suddeninkl.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 11:07 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

EDWARD BRADSHAW
2210 Stallings DR.
KINSTON, NC 28504-1446
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
EDWARD BRADSHAW
2525220405

From: ahenryjr@triad.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:32 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Albert Henry
2318 Glenkirk Drive
North Carolina, NC 27215-9476
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a biologist who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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Sincerely,
Albert Henry
336-337-3662

From: Troy Branham [mailto:mrbearhunt@netscape.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:26 AM
To: Pugh, Maryjoan; Vandervaart, Donald; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Daniel, Louis; Fish, Nancy; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; preynolds@ncdoj.gov; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com
Subject: Public Comment on Southern Flounder

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Please support these three simple changes and help our southern flounder stock begin the recovery that it deserves and many citizens expect.

Thank you,
Troy Branham

From: GEORGE ELLIS <GELLIS005@NC.RR.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:23 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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In addition to the actions above please give consideration to the following: Alternate closure (1-2 years) of the Pamlico Sound estuarine waters at the Neuse and Pamlico rivers and eliminate pound netting as well as large-mesh gill nets during the closure period.

Please give serious consideration of the implementation of these actions at your August meeting. Please consider my comments and the voices of the almost 10 million citizens of North Carolina that are not commercial fishermen but who also take pride in ownership of this important public trust resource.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
GEORGE ELLIS
113 Timberlake Dr
Youngsville, NC 27596

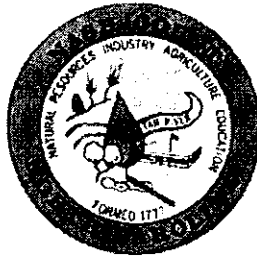
From: Ivana Stevens [mailto:Ivana.Stevens@nashcountync.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:14 AM
To: Daniel, Louis
Cc: Smith, Tricia; Senator Angela Bryant; johanna.reese@ncasc.org; Senator Buck Newton; Rep. Jeff Collins; Rep. Bobbie Richardson; Governor's Office; Patsy McGhee
Subject: Flounder Resolution

Patsy McGhee, Nash County asked me to send you a copy of this resolution-to support use of the supplement process to quickly limit harvest of southern flounder. On 7/6/2015 the Nash County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the attached resolution following a presentation by Mrs. McGhee and a public hearing. If you need additional information, please let us know.

Thank you,
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Administrative Support Specialist
Nash County
120 W. Washington St.
Nashville, NC 27856
252-462-2680
ivana.stevens@nashcountync.gov

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**A RESOLUTION ASKING THE NC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION (MFC)
TO SUPPORT THE USE BY THE NC DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES (DMF)
OF THE SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT REDUCTIONS
ON THE FISHING OF SOUTHERN FLOUNDER**

WHEREAS, all marine creatures are public trust resources owned equally by all citizens of North Carolina regardless of residency; and,

WHEREAS, the southern flounder fishery is a traditional recreational target of many Nash County residents; and,

WHEREAS, the southern flounder population stocks in North Carolina are classified as "depleted"; and,

WHEREAS, a recent stock assessment conducted by the NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), as well as the peer reviewers, agreed that the stocks are showing no signs of improvement and that harvest of juvenile fish within the population is alarming; and,

WHEREAS, the NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) reports that in 2013 in Nash County 12 individuals held a commercial fishing license, with one of those selling, and 8,700 individuals held a recreational saltwater fishing license; and,

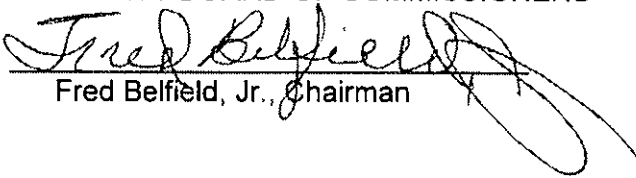
WHEREAS, many Nash County businesses, including fuel stations, restaurants, boat dealers, tackle shops, etc., provide goods and services to local citizens as well as travelling fishermen in the pursuit of southern flounder; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for absolute and focused management of these fish to attain and then maintain a viable stock of not only southern flounder by all traditional estuarine stocks for our citizenry in perpetuity as required by the North Carolina Fishery Reform Act of 1997;

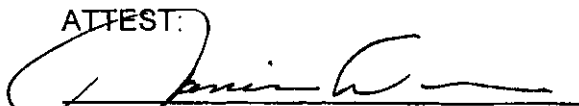
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nash County Board of Commissioners adopts this resolution to hereby ask the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) to support the use of the supplement process by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to implement reduction of the southern flounder harvest and that such reductions be made so that the fishery is revived for not only those who fish for profit, but also for those who fish for recreation, as well as the businesses supported by fishing.

ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY 2015.

NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Fred Belfield, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:


Janice Evans, Clerk to the Board

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

From: William Harper <billyharper11@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:01 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
William Harper
4017 Brown Pl
Raleigh, NC 27604

From: JOSEPH HOWELL <HOWELLSTHAT@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:02 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

As a resident of North Carolina I am very concerned for the future of our Southern flounder fishery which I feel is in danger BECAUSE OF INSHORE NETTING ALLOWED BY NC. The MFC and DMF have failed to take action in the past to reverse a decades long neglect that has resulted in a depleted stock. I support and applaud the current Commission for their efforts to move a Supplement to the Southern flounder FMP forward, and I support their efforts to implement at least a 40% reduction in harvest this Fall. These efforts are necessary to slow what science shows is now a harvest of mostly juvenile fish that have yet to spawn. We need these changes to allow for greater escapement of the fish leaving our inshore waters to spawn if we are to have any hope of restoring the Southern flounder stocks. Specifically I support the following options as included in the six proposals put forth by the Commission:

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Sincerely,
 JOSEPH HOWELL
 406 Tidal Ct
 Swansboro, NC 28584

From: Neil Faircloth <wnfaircloth@gmail.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:00 AM
 To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
 Subject: Southern flounder public comment

It is imperative now, more than ever, that we all take the management of our southern flounder as well as other fisheries very seriously. I have been an active angler for many years and hope to pass along this tradition to future generations. We have some of the finest estuaries on the Atlantic Coast and it would be a complete disgrace to allow our fish populations to become depleted. I also fear the dangers that large mesh gill nets can and will have on the populations of southern flounder and other marine life.

I have taken what I feel would be the best management approaches from the six proposals that were presented. I feel that these selections will have a great impact on the southern flounder fishery as well as others and can generate sustainable populations of marine life for many generations to come.

Please see below:

Pound Net Set Permits:

- 15-inch minimum size for southern flounder
- Escape panels shall be a minimum mesh size of 6 inches
 - o All other escape panel requirements remain
- Active pound net set permits may be renewed, but no new permit applications will be processed after June 1, 2015, until the completion of the next amendment.
- No pound net set permit transfers will occur until the completion of the next amendment, except upon death of the permittee pursuant to 15NCAC O3J .0504.
- Daily reporting as a condition of the permit for flounder pound nets.

Commercial Gig:

- Commercial gigging will only be allowed four days per week, beginning Monday at sunrise and ending on Friday at sunrise.
- 15-inch size limit
- Commercial giggers will be subject to a 35-fish trip limit per boat.

Anchored Large Mesh Gill Nets (commercial and recreational):

- 2015 season will remain status quo.
- Effective January 1, 2016, anchored large mesh gill nets will be a prohibited gear in the taking and possession of flounder in internal waters.

Commercial harvest by other gear:

- 15-inch size limit

Recreational:

- Retain the 15-inch size limit and 6-fish bag limit for recreational

I would also be for a total (commercial & recreational) southern flounder fishery closer from November 16th – December 31st.

Thank you for your consideration,

William Faircloth

From: mel broughton <mbroughton@bbtscottstringfellow.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:53 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
mel broughton
1106 Marlowe Rd
Raleigh, NC 27609

From: Susan Williams [mailto:swilliams465@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:57 AM
To: Pugh, Maryjoan; Vandervaart, Donald; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com;
annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; sobx11@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com;
kdarden@embarqmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Daniel, Louis; Fish, Nancy; awillis.mfc@gmail.com;
preynolds@ncdoj.gov; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com
Subject: Public comment

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Thank you,
Joe and Susan Williams

From: fraziergradingsolutions@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:57 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Brad Frazier
6316 donnybrook dr
raleigh, NC 27606-9778
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Brad Frazier
919-427-6035

From: Jerry Dilsaver <captjerry@captjerry.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:50 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Support Proposal 1 of Southern Flounder FMP Supplement

Dear Lady and Gentlemen of the MFC;

I am writing to express my support for Proposal 1 of the Supplement for the Southern Flounder FMP. I would support Option 2 of the Commercial Gig section of this proposal.

I do not believe any further restriction of recreational catches is warranted. Recreational fishermen have already seen their limits cut from 10 to 8 and then again from 8 to 6, with the minimum size increased to 15 inches. The reduction in the recreational catch from the last Southern Flounder FMP is documented.

Southern Flounder FMP Supplement Proposal 1 states:

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Commercial Gig: • Commercial gigging will only be allowed four days per week, beginning Monday at sunrise and ending on Friday at sunrise. • 15-inch size limit • Trip limit of 36 flounder per valid Standard Commercial Fishing License with maximum of one limit per operation, regardless of the number of valid Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses present.

o Option 1: A maximum of one limit per operation regardless of the number of valid Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses present.

o Option 2: A maximum of two limits per operation regardless of the number of valid Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses present.

Anchored Large Mesh Gill Nets (commercial and recreational): • 2015 season will remain status quo. • Effective Jan. 1, 2016, anchored large mesh gill nets will be a prohibited gear in the taking and possession of flounder in internal waters. Commercial harvest by other gear: • 15-inch size limit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Jerry Dilsaver

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From: Ronald Rezza <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:37 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Ronald Rezza
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From: Michael Taylor <michaeldtaylor@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:35 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Michael Taylor
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From: MATT JORDY <JORDY.CARRBORO@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:25 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

As a resident of North Carolina I am very concerned for the future of our Southern flounder fishery if the MFC continues to allow the overfishing of this important recreational and commercial species.

There has been failure to take action in the past to reverse a decades long neglect that has resulted in a depleted stock. I support and applaud the current Commission for their efforts to move a Supplement to the Southern flounder FMP forward, and I support their efforts to implement at least a 40% reduction in harvest this Fall. These efforts are necessary to slow what science shows is now a harvest of mostly juvenile fish that have yet to spawn. We need these changes to allow for greater escapement of the fish leaving our inshore waters to spawn if we are to have any hope of restoring the Southern flounder stocks. Specifically I support the following options as included in the six proposals put forth by the Commission:

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
MATT JORDY
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Carrboro, NC 27510

From: William Brown <wbrown35@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:22 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
William Brown
304 Kenilworth Rd
Greenville, NC 27858

From: wbrown35@suddenlink.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

William Brown
304 Kenilworth Road
Greenville, NC 27858-6311
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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Sincerely,
William Brown
252-714-6525

From: frd2720@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:22 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ryan Devanney
120 Waterway Drive
Havelock, NC 28532
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

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Sincerely,
Ryan Devanney
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From: Jeffrey Mims <jeff.mims@mimsdistributing.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:11 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Mims
8605 Ebenezer Church Rd
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From: jeff.mims@mimsdistributing.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:12 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jeff Mims
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July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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Sincerely,
Jeff Mims

From: Noonan, Jack P (GE Power & Water) <jack.noonan@ge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:08 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

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From: pking235@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:07 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Patrick king
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greenville and oriental, NC 27858
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a recreational fisherman who is concerned over the serious neglect of the southern flounder fishery for the past ten years. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. I have fished these waters for 40+ years and am disgusted with what has been allowed to occur. Rather than play the blame game (We KNOW how this happened), let's fix it. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider the absolute minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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Please record my comments for the record and consider them at your August meeting for inclusion as management measures for immediate implementation to finally begin the restoration of the southern flounder in NC. PLEASE!

Sincerely,
Patrick A. King
252-916-6566

From: David Meier <dillon.55@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:55 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
David Meier
242 Inlet Dr
Wilmington, NC 28411

From: LAURA TROTTER <laura.trotter@highpointnc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:50 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

Dear sirs @ NCDENR,

I am most in agreement with the first proposal. I have seen enough of mom and pop restaurants selling "all you can eat" baby flounder for \$7.99 while I struggle to catch/land a 15" flounder. I don't think this would be such a hardship for the commercial fisherman to let some of these smaller fish mature to at least a spawning age.

From: Timothy Horton <horton_timothy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:44 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Timothy Horton
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From: mike.seamster@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:47 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Michael Seamster
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Providence, NC 27315-9447
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

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Sincerely,
Michael Seamster
336-388-2025

From: Stan Edgerton <sedgerton@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:30 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Stan Edgerton
211 Partridge Rd

Fayetteville, NC 28306

From: boettgerp@ecu.edu
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:37 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Peter Boettger
206 riverdale ct
greenville, NC 27858-9302
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Peter Boettger
252-717-5387

From: Rich Hooton <rhprosculptor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:35 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: A Pamlico flounder report...

We are not addressing this letter "To Whom it may concern", as the concern should be with every representative and citizen of North Carolina, and those that visit our beautiful state.

We fish, and have fished, 2-3 times per week for flounder, speckled trout, and red drum on the Pamlico and Neuse rivers for so many years that we purchased a house in Lowland. Our thoughts were to be closer to fishing and hunting opportunities afforded all North Carolinians on those rivers. As a public trust resource the fishing WAS phenomenal.

The size and creel limits for recreational opportunities regarding flounder have been changed on several occasions and drastically in the past 5 years; the commercial fishing industry has seen very little. Neither of which has had a positive effect on sustaining this precious resource, nor promoting any sort of recovery. All the while the destructive practices of large mesh gill nets and inshore trawling continue to ravage our waters.

While the recreational fishery has taken a back seat to commercial interests, it boasts nearly three times the revenue for the state of North Carolina. However, the boat ramps this year on the Pamlico are devoid of those pursuing fish. The inshore guides have changed targeted species, and the

local bait shops from Wanchese to Greenville describe the fishing as worse than terrible with an emphasis on all 3 species, but mainly the lack of flounder. The 50 fish catch and release days enjoyed 5-10 years ago have been replaced this year with 5 fish days.

I implore the NCDMF to follow the lead of our southern neighbors and promote a plan that will have a positive, lasting effect by banning the use of large mesh gill nets. Furthermore, all destructive gear such as the inshore trawlers should be a thing of the past as they do not promote a healthy future for the Pamlico Sound.

Kindest regards,
Lee Smith
Josh Hooton
Rich Hooton
Jason Turner
Hank Witten

From: Huck Venters <hventers1@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:22 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Huck Venters
105 Tammy Paige Ct
Swansboro, NC 28584

From: Carl Exner <officecom@mindspring.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:27 AM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Gentlemen and Ladies, please pay attention to what is happening in our great estuaries. The commercial netting of the juvenile fish and the inshore trawling in our sounds have about destroyed our fisheries. My friends and I who are avid fisherman and rarely keep more than we can eat that night spend thousands of dollars that could be kept in NC going to Florida, Georgia and especially Louisiana because the fishing is so much better. Why? Simple. They have protected their inshore habitats. The science is there. I was told by a guide in LA that most of the commercial lobby money for LA was spent in NC and I find that appalling. It is illegal to sell a speckle trout in LA that was caught there. The markets buy all of their trout from NC..... Wakeup folks before it is not too late. Unfortunately it may already be. When will common sense take over?

Thank you
Dr. Carl Exner

Sincerely,
Carl Exner
3201 Oaklyn Springs Dr
Raleigh, NC 27606

From: rcraig041947@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ronald Craig
258 Mouth of the creek rd.
Chocowinity, NC 27817-9042

July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Ronald Craig
2529750072

From: willardth@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:22 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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willard thompson
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salisbury, NC 28144-6908
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wr thompson md
7046394969

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Sincerely,
Dan Martin
1137 Turnberry Ln
Wilmington, NC 28405

From: Tim Thurlo <thurlotg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:06 AM
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2250 Sedgemont Dr
Winston Salem, NC 27103

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Sincerely,
kenny doyle

1102 Andersonwood Dr
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

From: littleinteriors@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 8:07 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jeffrey Little
2335 20th Ave Ct Ne
Hickory, NC 28601-7954
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Gerald Hrabica
2795 Creek Bridge Ct SE
Southport, NC 28461
hrabicag@aol.com

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Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 7:57 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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CHARLES HOFFMAN
4939 WINDSOR GATE COURT
MORGANTON, NC 28655-7854
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CHARLES HOFFMAN
8285842961

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Nick Copeland
2933 Judge Manly Dr
New Bern, NC 28562

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Dennis Reynolds
7607 Trowbridge Ct
Raleigh, NC 27613

From: wacsc@ec.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 7:47 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Walter Cotton
301 Richmond dr.
Jacksonville, NC 28540-4082
July 8, 2015
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9103305277

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Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 7:39 AM
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2404 Yorkdale Ct
Durham, NC 27707

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John Olin
3112 Shadwell Ct
Raleigh, NC 27613

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DANA EDER
1001 Shallowford Dr
Wilmington, NC 28412

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Sincerely,
Jamie Cole Sr
218 Gray Fox Run
Hubert, NC 28539

From: drslabs@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 7:02 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Donald Stroud
198 Davis St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27107-9434
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Donald R. Stroud
336-682-3456

From: Randall Proctor <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 6:56 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Randall Proctor
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Raleigh, NC 27605
rwpjrc@yahoo.com

From: stan-o@charter.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 6:52 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Stanley Oliver
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Manteo, NC 27954-9480
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Stanley Oliver
252 423 0271

From: norman horne <norman@horne.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 6:47 AM
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Sincerely,
norman horne
PO Box 52
Shalotte, NC 28459

From: JERRY COLEMAN <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 6:49 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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JERRY COLEMAN
723 Callant Dr
Little River, SC 29566
JMSCOLEMANTGO@YAHOO.COM

From: RAYMOND SMITH <SMITTY8297@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 6:42 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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I urge you to look at fish count data from states like Alaska where commercial overfishing by set net has severely impacted the king salmon population in some of the world's most thriving Rivers. Actions taken there until very recently were all targeted at restricting sport and recreational fishing as opposed to the necessary restriction to commercial fishing for any real beneficial impact to saving the population and escapement needs for a healthy fishery. I would encourage consideration of some limited "wild farming" of Flounder to supplement the commercial demand without effectively exterminating the natural and wild fish population.

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Sincerely,
RAYMOND SMITH
18428 Lilliesleaf Glenn Ln
Charlotte, NC 28277

From: MATT BURRIS <MATT.BURRIS@COX.NET>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 6:23 AM
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Sincerely,
MATTHEW L BURRIS
203 Belvin Ln
Yorktown, VA 23692

From: Michael Bookout <bookin2@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 6:14 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Michael Bookout

2506 BURTON ESTATES LN
LINCOLN, NC 28092

From: STEPHEN KEEFER <SSKEEFER57@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 6:04 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
STEPHEN KEEFER
103 Sweetgum Ct
Maple, NC 27956

From: John Van Duyn <john_vanduy@ncsu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 6:02 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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John Van Duyn
121 Windsor Ln
Edenton, NC 27932

From: deerhunter9456@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 5:37 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Melvin Loftin
3789 Ernest Loftin Road
Ayden, NC 28513-7405
July 8, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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From: DARRELL MANESS <DARRELLMANESS@HOTMAIL.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 4:46 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement The pound nets have been taking the majority of flounder since the 80s you cant hardly gig a fish .h

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DARRELL MANESS
5739 Buffalo Ford Rd
Ramseur, NC 27316

From: jpowell740@nc.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 4:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Joseph Powell
7079 Lamplighter Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28306-9627
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Joseph Powell
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From: Arnold Arrington, NONE <arnold6829@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 3:25 AM
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Sincerely,
Arnold Arrington NONE
6829 BRUSH CRK
FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28314

From: daniel daugherty <dgd@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 12:39 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

Having fished for flounder along the outer banks since the mid 1960's, I don't need a study to tell me that they have been over fished for many years. The people I fish with and myself have supported size limits over the years as long as they were equal for recreational and commercial fishermen. We don't support the current 14inch commercial 15 inch recreational limits. The 6 fish recreational limit matters little since I seldom see hook and line fishermen catch their limit.

Since almost all past catch reduction has been directed at recreational fisherman, it is time to do something on the commercial side and the longer we wait the worse it will have to be.

I strongly support the current commission in their effort to move a Supplement to the Southern Flounder Management Plan forward and to reduce catch by at least 40% this fall. We need this catch reduction to increase spawning stock so that flounder populations can start to recover. Specifically I support the following options of the six proposals put forth by the Commission:

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
daniel daugherty
140 Coventry Hills Ln
Troutman, NC 28166

From: David Hattman <dhattman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 12:23 AM
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Sincerely,
David Hattman
102 Talon Dr
Cary, NC 27518

From: David chance <david@teamchance.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 11:58 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Southport, NC 28461

From: jsbaker@triad.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 11:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Sterling Baker
309 Engleman Ave.
Burlington, NC 27215-4803
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Sterling Baker
336 214 6516

From: Preston McQueen [mailto:epmcqueeniii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 11:25 PM
To: Pugh, Maryjoan; Vandervaart, Donald; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com;
annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com;
kdarden@embarqmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Daniel, Louis; Fish, Nancy; awillis.mfc@gmail.com;
preynolds@ncdoj.gov; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com
Subject: Fix North Carolina's depleted Southern Flounder stock

Dear Commissioners,

As a very concerned citizen, I am aware of the continued downward slide of North Carolina's depleted Southern Flounder stock as well as other species. It is well past time to reverse this slide and you now have a real opportunity to make that happen at the Marine Fisheries Commission meeting in August.

I would like to see you do everything necessary to place into temporary rule under the supplement process to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan measures that will support and ensure the following measures:

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Please support these three simple changes and help our Southern Flounder stock begin the recovery that it deserves and many citizens expect.

Thank you,
Preston McQueen
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Cary, NC 27518
919.749.2900
Preston McQueen
Fly Fishing Bum, Woodturner, and...

From: thagard3@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 11:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

George Smith
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Sincerely,
George Smith
910-988-4248

From: Jay Dail <jjd@carolina.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 11:06 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Jay Dail
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Charlotte, NC 28277

From: Rena Jenkins [<mailto:rjenkins67@live.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 11:03 PM

To: Fish, Nancy

Subject: Southern Flounder



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Southern Flounder

If we want to save the southern flounder and help them grow, we need to look at several different things that should make all fisherman happy. Change the catch size to 14" for both the commercial and recreational fisherman. About a fourth to half of the gigger's catch is between 14" and 15". That is about half of their salary for the year. And the giggers are already limited on their fishing season due to mother nature. They can only go fishing when weather permitting. The people that set gill-nets, can set them and leave come back when it's time. The weather doesn't keep them from catching fish while the nets are out. The pound nets take the most of the fish besides other larger fish (sharks). The pound nets are out there 24/7 throughout the whole pound net season. You have 2 1/2 - 3 months of nets catching fish. That is a-lot of fish. All kinds of fish, like flounder, sheepshead, mullet, black drum, speckled trout and what other fish that goes into the nets. I think that this would be fair to all the fisherman and would help to save a-lot of fish. Shut all fishing grounds down to all fisherman from the second week of November unto January 1st of the following year. Something else that I have been thinking about is, should pound nets be aloud to be set in smaller bodies of water like Core Sound? When you have pound nets and sharks in this small body of water, it gives the fish a small chance of making it to the ocean to survive. Should the pound nets only be set in larger bodies of water like the Pamlico Sound. Another thing that should be looked at is the amount of sharks that are in this area. More and more sharks are starting to show up. And we don't know how many that we never do see. I watched a show about the North Carolina coast and how many shark attacks that we are having. Just on our coast-line. They were all bull-sharks. We have already had seven bull-shark attacks in three weeks on the North Carolina coast. On that program they stated that the sharks are coming into shallows to be able to get the bait fish. The flounder also goes into the shallows to feed. The flounder is one of the sharks favorite foods. I have seen flounder with old wounds that was caused by a shark. The bull-shark is not only eating our food supply, but also trying to eat us. This a picture of a bull-shark caught and released on July 2, 2015 around 7 p.m. at The Harkers Island Pier at the bridge.

Thank you

Concerned Citizen and fisherman

From: Frank Wilson <user@votervoice.net>
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Sincerely,
Frank Wilson
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Swansboro, NC 28584
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From: david monroe <user@votervoice.net>
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To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
david monroe
15269 Silver Hill Rd
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fudmonroe@yahoo.com

From: Steven Fara <srfara@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:45 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Steven Fara
1118 Snow Hill Rd
Durham, NC 27712

From: dildayhouse@embarqmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Kelly Dilday
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Sincerely,
Kelly Dilday
252-794-9606

From: mike caulder <heatwave95@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:31 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
mike caulder
3415 Osprey Ln
Wilmington, NC 28409

From: Trevor Hall <halltnfamily@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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All other southern states have banned inshore large mesh gillnets. it's time for NC to follow.
Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Trevor Hall
552 Jasmine Trl
Prattville, AL 36066

From: James Tolston <jbtolston4750@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder fishing

I say cut off gill net fishing from commercial fishermen all together. They are causing more problems on a greater scale than recreational fishermen ever could in a lifetime of fishing. Also because of regulation, the commercial guys have to throw away all undersized catch that should be kept and added to their annual quotas. No wonder there aren't any fish left, they are killing off the breeding stock. Frank White used to say "when you break the chain by eliminating one species, then you end the life cycle."
James Tolston

From: martin tait <MAT1031@LIVE.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
martin tait
480 Grouse Ct
Wilmington, NC 28403

From: Mr. & Mrs. caleb barbour <landshark1993@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
sincerely, a new and concerned fisherman
6155 Old Bailey Hwy
Nashville, NC 27856

From: Randy Niebauer <niebs@northstate.net>
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Sincerely,
Randy Niebauer
1116 Wynnewood Ave
High Point, NC 27262

From: lawsonjne@windstream.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

James Lawson
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Moorestville, NC 28115-6994
July 7, 2015
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James c Lawson
7046649076

From: STUART BATTEN <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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STUART BATTEN
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Wilson, NC 27893
SJBATTEN10@YAHOO.COM

From: Len Rowe <rlrowejr@gmail.com>
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To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Len Rowe
2309 Kendrick Estates Dr
Gastonia, NC 28056

From: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Andrews <andsales1@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:08 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Mike Andrews
105 Arthur Dr
Emerald Isle, NC 28594

From: JOHN SANDS <SANDSLANDSCAPEMGMT@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:56 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
JOHN SANDS
4422 Dula St
Durham, NC 27705

From: DANIEL PHILEMON <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:59 PM
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 DANIEL PHILEMON
 218 White Oak Dr
 Wilmington, NC 28409
 DMPHILED@YAHOO.COM

From: Mel Bowers <mbowers1946@gmail.com>
 Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:53 PM
 To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
 Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
 Mel Bowers
 2264 Lee Dr
 Greenville, NC 27858

From: Lonnie Foreman <lwf0831@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:58 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Lonnie Foreman
723 Corbett St
Winterville, NC 28590

From: mbowers1946@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Mel Bowers
2264 Lee Drive
Greenville, NC 27858-8520
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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From: llewis28@ec.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Bradford Lewis
503 shell pt
Morehead City, NC 28557-4757
July 7, 2015
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Sincerely,
Bradford Lewis
252-726-5737

From: Bart Lewis <LLEWIS28@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:39 PM
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Bart Lewis
503 Shell Pt
Morehead City, NC 28557

From: roger mitchell <mitch8111@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely,
roger mitchell
2255 Toms Creek Church Rd
Pilot Mountain, NC 27041

From: Randell Mayo <randy@imagebuilders.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:21 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Randell Mayo
516 Medlin Rd
Clayton, NC 27527

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Sincerely,
Butler Anderson
17235 NC HIGHWAY 210
ROCKY POINT, NC 28457

From: chrispowell00@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Chris Powell
115 W. Albemarle St.
Edenton, NC 27932-1801
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Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Chris Powell
2523403900

From: woodjk1@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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John Wood
189 ARLISS ALBERTSON RD
BEULAVILLE, NC 28518-6877
July 7, 2015
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John Wood
9102984133

From: Kelly Dilday <dildayhouse@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:10 PM
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Kelly Dilday
621 Greens Cross Rd
Windsor, NC 27983

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Sincerely,
Ron Thigpen
3108 Megwood Ct
Apex, NC 27539

From: DERRICK MENDENHALL <MIRAGEDM@BELLSOUTH.NET>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:03 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
DERRICK MENDENHALL
450 Bermen Dr
Winston Salem, NC 27107

From: Eddie Moser <emoser@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:54 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Eddie Moser
2482 Harrison Dr
Burlington, NC 27215

From: anglers.corner@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Richard Starmer
531 Straw House Rd.
Reidsville, NC 27320-9687
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,

Richard Starmer
3363423132

From: Ray Brittain <raymondbrittain@gmail.com>
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Ray Brittain
333 Rose Bud Ln
Holly Ridge, NC 28445

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Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:40 PM
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Sincerely,
Al Taylor
311 Yearling Dr
Goldsboro, NC 27534

From: DEREK WOODS <DWOODS5@EC.RR.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:41 PM
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DEREK WOODS
2129 Forest Lagoon Pl
Wilmington, NC 28405

From: lenny.smathers@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Lenny Smathers
5562 Land Harbour Dr
Granite Falls, NC 28630-8737
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Lenny Smathers
8284931387

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Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:39 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Norton Baker
123 Deer Run Rd
Hampstead, NC 28443

From: bob hall <bhall@bigrocksports.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:32 PM
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Bob Hall

61 Trinitie Trl
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

From: plouthoundsman@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Eddie Frizzell
1038 old hwy 70 w
Black Mountain, NC 28711-2518
July 7, 2015
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CRAWFORD CURRIN
3621 Steeplegate Dr
Trinity, NC 27370

From: Phillip Stallings, III <phillipstallings@embarqmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Phillip Stallings III
539 Deer Run Rd
New Bern, NC 28562

From: Keith Laughinghouse <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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675 Mill Creek Rd
Newport, NC 28570
laughinghousekeith@yahoo.com

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Jordan L. Taylor
6589 S Old Carriage Rd
Rocky Mount, NC 27803
jtbaseballnc@yahoo.com

From: laughinghousekeith@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

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104 Hemlock Court
Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512-6207
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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Brian Forbes
4021 Ivy Ln
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

From: George Maravelas <gmaravelas@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:14 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
George Maravelas
6314 Cardinal Dr
New Bern, NC 28560

From: Robert Julian <knotmyjobangling@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Robert Julian

PO Box 994
Asheboro, NC 27204

From: JAMES BAKER <BOBAKERZ@TRIAD.RR.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:50 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
JAMES BAKER
313 Irvin Farm Rd
Reidsville, NC 27320

From: SAMUEL WARREN <SKWARREN@BBANDT.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:40 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
SAMUEL WARREN
1049 Soundside Rd
Edenton, NC 27932

From: JAMES MOLINARO <user@voterveice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:34 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
JAMES MOLINARO
21 Halo Ave
Sewell, NJ 08080
JIM.M1@VERIZON.NET

From: Sam Zeko <samzeko@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:38 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Sam Zeko
100 Olde Towne Yacht Club Rd Unit 403
Beaufort, NC 28516

From: drclites@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

David Clites
1600 Calico Drive
Morehead City, NC 28557-4421
July 7, 2015

Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

Dear Sirs,

Visiting our 2 sons in Texas recently gave me the opportunity to review/compare "cover-to-cover" the Texas vs. NC Saltwater Regulations (as well as testimonials from recreational fishermen in both states). I was sobered by the difference in both Regulations and health of the fish stocks. In our beloved Old North State, we are overdue to make changes to achieve a sustainable harvest. Specifically, I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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Please record my comments for the record and consider them at your August meeting for inclusion as management measures for immediate implementation to begin the restoration of the southern flounder in NC.

Thank you for considering these positive changes.

Sincerely,
David R Clites
252-622-7110

From: prkendall@bellsouth.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Peter kendall
202 bates retreat
Hampstead, NC 28443-2474
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Peter r kendall
9102703496

From: bill21834@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

WILLIAM CUDE
1805 Doyle St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27107-5526
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
WILLIAM CUDE
336-788-1536

From: Clifton Britt <cwbritt@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:23 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Clifton Britt
3405 Ruffin St
Raleigh, NC 27607

From: RICHARD ZEWE, Jr <RZEWE@NC.RR.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:19 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,

RICHARD ZEWE Jr
106 Parkroyale Ln
Cary, NC 27519

From: DANNY STEWART <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:10 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
DANNY STEWART
4159 Brandon Ln
Burlington, NC 27217
GIGEMDR@YAHOO.COM

From: CHARLES ANDERSON, III <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:13 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
CHARLES ANDERSON III
9003 Howardsville Tpke
Schuyler, VA 22969
GANDFISH@AOL.COM

From: hmichaelsd@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Howard Dickens
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hookerton, NC 28538-7105
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Howard Dickens
2527477413

From: Graham Herring <user@votervoices.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:06 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
GB Herring, Sportsman
8052 Grey Oak Dr
Raleigh, NC 27615
gbherring1@aol.com

From: Martin Davidson <smdjr1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Martin Davidson
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From: Todd Baker <baker@mebtel.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 7:04 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Todd Baker
203 Oakmont Ct
Mebane, NC 27302

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6) "My own post" This past June I observed 8 shrimp trawlers working the ICW At the end of Adams creek where it empties into the Neuse river. There is no possible way to trawl shallow water and not disturb the bottom and to net all of the finfish both juvenile and mature that are in that area. I am astounded that the shrimpers are even allowed to work those inshore waters. I believe the current rules have these waters designated as coastal when any moron can plainly see that they are in fact WAY inland. NC is the only state in the SE US that has not outlawed gill nets and trawling in inland waters. They get around it by designating inland waters as coastal and allowing the damage to our delicate eco systems to continue. When is the sate of NC going to wake up and get our fisheries healthy? People will come and spend far more tourist dollars on recreational fishing if there are fish to be caught. There are great examples in the states of Florida and Louisiana of how ending netting in inshore waters will boost and grow the local economies making NC a tourist destination to rival any southern state. We are decades behind on fisheries issues. Get it together please and let NC be the destination that people think of when planning their family fishing adventures.

We are watching your response to every fishery issue. Do the right thing for the people of NC.

Sincerely,
Charles Stephens
Winston Salem NC

Sincerely,
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Winston Salem, NC 27106

From: Jonathon McLendon <postmasters@bellsouth.net>
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Sincerely,
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Raleigh, NC 27613

From: JOHN EDGE <LEONARDEGEAUTOHSD@EMBARQMAIL.COM>
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I have noticed long sections of nets at sneeds ferry, each running at or about a quarter mile and yes the fishing isn't so good. as we all know that too small fish are usually dead by the time its harvested commercially in nets and there is a lot that have to be thrown back dead, honestly a good night I may get four. I haven't caught my limit of six in two years. but its still relaxing. at any rate, I know I don't gig a too small fish over once a year. so I don't think the recreational fisherman with a six limit has had any impact on population, common sense, right? the #5 moratorium option seems to be the proper way to go. but also the nets should have large enough mesh for 15 inches or smaller to survive. also to make the limit 15 inches up across the board recreational and commercial would surely help. its common sense guys, isn't that what you folks expect a responsible citizen to do, so lets all act that way. thank you for your time. leonard edge, Roseboro, nc

Sincerely,
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Roseboro, NC 28382

From: Brent Sanders <brentsanders2@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Brent Sanders
2000 Brownstone Rd
Sanford, NC 27330

From: Captains David & Tammy Baxley <fishattopsail@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:43 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

We have been trying to keep up with all the politics of fishing issues as of late and have voiced our concern of by catch from netting by illegal operations of visitors in the sound and creek areas and the Recreational gigging is ridiculous. We know of instances where there has been illegal limits mostly from out of town visitors that come here to literally clean out the Flounder as much as they can in a day or two and they are gone. It is a known fact that our Fisheries Management are not "catching them in the act" so they come and do it again. We are not opposed to commercial fishermen making a living off the water in a legal manner. The problems arise with the illegal recreational people not getting caught and prosecuted fully so visitors will know we are not going to stand for this behavior.

Captains David and Tammy Baxley
Owners/Operators Headhunter Outdoors
Holly Ridge NC

From: Cid Hickman <cidhickmancpa@gmail.com>
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632 Reynwood Vista Ln
Sanford, NC 27330

From: Nate Moran <nmoran@evsmoving.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:36 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment

Proposal one should be implemented immediately to save our distressed stocks of southern flounder.

Nate Moran
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From: whewett1@ec.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Walter Hewett
110 Abalone Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411-9300
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Walter Hewett
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From: Paul Fisher <paxafi216@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:23 PM
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Paul Fisher
307 Paradox Point Dr
Aurora, NC 27806

From: topgun2@citcom.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:27 PM
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Suzanne Jones
1195 Stone Drive
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Suzanne Jones
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The commission have a HARD job to meet all parties needs. I would like to thank all commissioners for their time an commitment to our natural resources.

Sincerely,
Ronald Lowe
522 Open Grove Way
Willow Spring, NC 27592

From: David Hawkins <ddhawk45@gmail.com>
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David Hawkins
6905 Woodmere Dr
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Chris Beaman Sr
171 Beaman Old Creek Rd
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From: Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Haddock <whaddock@pinehursthomesinc.com>
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Wayne Haddock
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Pinehurst, NC 28374

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Thank you for your service.

PS Beginning last fall, I have begun to travel to SC to fish the waters there. I have not caught red drum as large as I have there in some 25 years of fishing on the NC Outer Banks. I believe SC restrictions on commercial fishing clearly help the fisheries there.

Sincerely,
Jan Lhotsky
602 E Lake Dr
Greensboro, NC 27401

From: oppenheim1@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ken oppenheim
1088 tacketts pond dr
Raleigh, NC 27614-7886
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

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From: Ken Oppenheim <oppenheim1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:03 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

I served on the Fin fish advisory committee for several years and was appalled by the voting by the commission after the biologists made their case for managing the resource. This was when the commercials ruled the commission. I hope we have moved away from that and you vote for option 1

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Sincerely,
Ken Oppenheim
300 Macgregor Dr
Beaufort, NC 28516

From: Dave Davis <daveauto@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:00 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Dave Davis
1200 Kirkland Rd Ste 103
Raleigh, NC 27603

From: pmbaly@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Paul Braly
16 Porters Glenn Place
Durham, NC 27713-9164
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Paul Braly
919-489-1758

From: jediknight2@ec.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Kevin Smith
7265 Savanna Run Loop
Wilmington, NC 28411-7295
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Kevin Smith
9102289531

From: JIM MCLEOD <jamesfraziermcleod@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:50 PM
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Sincerely,
JIM MCLEOD

806 Bayshore Dr
Wilmington, NC 28411

From: Robert Mack <robmack1@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Robert Mack
356 Wagontree Ct
Dallas, NC 28034

From: Bob Bright <rbright34@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,

Bob Bright
1210 Perry Park Dr
Kinston, NC 28501

From: George Trent <btrent@triad.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:51 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
George W. Trent, Jr.
2623 Reid School Rd
Reidsville, NC 27320

From: Chris Naff <horseopera@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:51 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

Please manage Southern flounder in such a way that one might have the chance to catch large fish whatever his or her profession or gear. If juvenile to barely mature fish represent the overwhelming preponderance of the Southern Flounder any user group can manage to catch, then we should apologize to proven fisheries biologists and the public who would like to have relied on the excellent fishery we once had where a child or a grandmother, or a strikenetter might have a reasonable chance to get a few decent fish. I have for years kept a personal recreational 17" limit on SF, only keeping legal fish smaller than that if they were obviously injured; I haven't caught one of even 17" in a long while. If I could, I would give the fish the chance to thrive in a way most beneficial to all users, which might well require means beyond the items enumerated, and could entail waiting for our little fish to grow large by curtailing current depletion of the existing Southern Flounder. Is it sensible to think that a small amount of discipline would produce a huge windfall in terms of happier Southern Flounder lovers and also give us a renewed chance to hold our heads up and say we can manage a good fishery here? My head hangs low now, and I cry over memories and dreams of what was once available to a guy in a little boat, knowing flounder will eat like crazy and grow fat in relatively short order should we let them. Thanks for trying to help the resource!

Sincerely,
Chris Naff
190 Rogers Rd
Manteo, NC 27954

From: gmassey@triad.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Gregory massey
2942 mine creek rd
Burlington, NC 27217-7343
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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From: Stephen Wood <stephenwood@brookwoodfarms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:46 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Stephen F Wood
44 Pine Hill Dr
Siler City, NC 27344

From: william poore <kpoore@triad.rr.xom>
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WILLIAM POORE
6809 Whitby Ct
Clemmons, NC 27012

From: Chad Davis <cdavis97@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:38 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

As a resident of North Carolina and full time working waterman, I am very concerned for the future of our Southern flounder fishery if the MFC continues to allow the overfishing of this important recreational and commercial species. The MFC and DMF have failed to take action in the past to reverse a decades long neglect that has resulted in a depleted stock. I support and applaud the current Commission for their efforts to move a Supplement to the Southern flounder FMP forward, and I support their efforts to implement at least a 40% reduction in harvest this Fall. These efforts are necessary to slow what science shows is now a harvest of mostly juvenile fish that have yet to spawn. We need these changes to allow for greater escapement of the fish leaving our inshore waters to spawn if we are to have any hope of restoring the Southern flounder stocks. Specifically I support the following options as included in the six proposals put forth by the Commission:

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Sincerely,
Capt. Chad Davis
617 Vale Dr
Wilmington, NC 28411

From: Scott Gould <sgould@capefearperio.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:36 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Scott Gould
7010 Market St
Wilmington, NC 28411

From: WILLIAM GREENWOOD <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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WILLIAM GREENWOOD
1501 Marsh Cove Ln
Wilmington, NC 28409
GOLFER607@YAHOO.COM

From: Ken Hilgers <khilgers@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Ken Hilgers
211 Kilmorack Dr
Cary, NC 27511

From: Ben Speir <benkspeir@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:38 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Benjamin K Speir
4720 Aspen Ct
Charlotte, NC 28210

From: patrick.evans@greensboro-nc.gov
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Patrick Evans
1290 Oregon Hill Rd
Reidsville, NC 27320-8258
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Robert Watson
2704 farmland acres
Morganton, NC 28655-8900
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Robert S. Watson
828 443 0618

From: LLOYD GARRETT <BGARRETT4@NC.RR.COM>
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Sincerely,
LLOYD GARRETT
5412 Huntingwood Dr
Raleigh, NC 27606

From: Mr. & Mrs. James Rhodes <jerainc@nc.rr.com>
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To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
James E. Rhodes
315 Selkirk Trl
Southern Pines, NC 28387

From: David Gentry <degentry@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:26 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder FMP comments

NCDMF,

Of the management proposals offered, I am in favor of Proposal 1.

I think that a significant reduction in the TAC for commercial landings needs to be implemented. Commercial landings comprise the majority of the total catch and this is the most direct and equitable way to reduce the total catch. In addition, I agree with making commercial and recreational size limits the same, regardless of whether that is 14 or 15".

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David Gentry
degentry@hotmail.com

From: jasonmitchell76@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jason Mitchell
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Greensboro, NC 27410-9524

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Sick of this BS
Jason Mitchell

From: rd_ibx@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Phillip Delcambre
97 Granny Gut Drive
Oriental, NC 28571-9492
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Phillip Delcambre

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Fred Stanback
220 Stonewall Road
Salisbury, NC 28144-2860
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704 633 3022

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
James Parsons
210 Sumter Ct
Havelock, NC 28532

From: Todd Shamel <todd.shamel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:16 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Please act to save our Southern flounder

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Todd Shamel
2028 Haig Point Way
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From: stuart way <user@votervoice.net>
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Sincerely,
stuart way
1239 Lambe Rd
Snow Camp, NC 27349
stuartway331@yahoo.com

From: Thomas Taylor <tetaylor@ec.rr.com>
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Sincerely,
Thomas Taylor
812 Oyster Lndg
Wilmington, NC 28405

From: Richard Manger <lawdude52@gmail.com>
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Richard A. Manger

3007 Camp Ranger Ln
Jamestown, NC 27282

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Bo Nowell
1336 Apache Ln
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bonowell@aol.com

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Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Jess Grace
7103 grouper ct
Wilmington, NC 28409-5004
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Sincerely,
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krh_howard@yahoo.com

From: Brenda Bridgers <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,

Brenda Bridgers
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brendabridgers@yahoo.com

From: CHARLES LANIER, jr <user@votervoice.net>
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Sincerely,
CHARLES LANIER jr
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CHUCKACOOK@AOL.COM

From: Isaac Clark <user@votervoice.net>
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Isaac Clark
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From: Todd Culp <saltyculp@gmail.com>
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Todd Culp
46872 Emery Dr
Richfield, NC 28137

From: James Pasquarell <jpasquarell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Jim Pasquell
305 Point of Sail Dr
Aurora, NC 27806

From: spmcclure726@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Stephen McClure
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Charlotte, NC 28226
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Stephen McClure

704-654-1367

From: lhhjr2@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Louis Hall,jr
303 avenue road
Smithfield, NC 27577-8811
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From: Danny Keel <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:55 PM
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Sincerely,
Danny Keel
118 Paul St
Washington, NC 27889
professerkeel@yahoo.com

From: John Ramey <johnramey@bellsouth.net>
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Sincerely,
John Ramey
2008 Miss Ellie Dr
Greensboro, NC 27405

From: Richard Dana <richard@danarealty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:58 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Richard Dana
450 Roundabout Rd
Carthage, NC 28327

From: Josh Newton <newtoj1@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Josh Newton
3071A Rock Hill Rd
Burlington, NC 27215

From: Don Simpson <simpsondon@suddenlink.net>
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Sincerely,
Don Simpson

5707 Barbary Coast Dr
New Bern, NC 28560

From: jimnc9@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jim Ward
715 Weathergreen Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27615-3224
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Jim Ward
919-818-4359

From: john@rakoci.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

John Rakoci
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Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469-5441
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
John Rakoci
843 655 7777

From: chris_travis@att.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Chris Travis
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Newton, NC 28658-7444
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Sincerely,
Chris Travis
828-446-0993

From: dagator16@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Clay PATTON
40 Coffey Cir.
Asheville, NC 28806-9584

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From: donwill2@bellsouth.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Don Williamson
8906 Danson Dr
Charlotte, NC 28277-5647
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Don Williamson
7045024855

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Greg Holley
8040 Bald Eagle Ln
Wilmington, NC 28411-9303
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Greg Holley
9105153615

From: jjl@millridgeco.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Joe Lyle
3609 Willow Bluff Drive
Raleigh, NC 27604-6059
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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919-876-6505

From: Edward Ammons <kathyandkirk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:40 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
E K Ammons
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Belhaven, NC 27810

From: Gary Jones <garyjones1231@gmail.com>
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Gary L. Jones P.E.
189 Mansfield Landing Ln
Knotts Island, NC 27950

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NOTE: As a recreational fisherman (who buys license every year) that only has the opportunity to fish these waters about twice a year, I'm in great favor of limiting the use of "Gill Nets" In fact I would like to see all these type "Meat Hunter Nets" outlawed. They don't discriminate, they kill every thing in their path. All the species that we enjoy in our inter-coastal waters are endangered by this type fishing.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
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Oakboro, NC 28129
TERRALSMITH@AOL.COM

From: Phil Dauksys <phil.dauksys@northhighland.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:49 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

As a resident of North Carolina and President of the local CCA Charlotte Chapter, I am very concerned for the future of our Southern flounder fishery if the MFC continues to allow the overfishing of this important recreational and commercial species. The MFC and DMF have failed to take action in the past to reverse a decades long neglect that has resulted in a depleted stock. I support and applaud the current Commission for their efforts to move a Supplement to the Southern flounder FMP forward, and I support their efforts to implement at least a 40% reduction in harvest this Fall. These efforts are necessary to slow what science shows is now a harvest of mostly juvenile fish that have yet to spawn. We need these changes to allow for greater escapement of the fish leaving our inshore waters to spawn if we are to have any hope of restoring the Southern flounder stocks. Specifically I support the following options as included in the six proposals put forth by the Commission:

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Sincerely,
Best, Phil Dauksys
2205 The Plz
Charlotte, NC 28205

From: Carl Van Staalduinen <carl.vanstaalduinen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:41 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Dear MFC Supplement,

As a resident of Beaufort County North Carolina I am very concerned for the future of our Southern flounder fishery if the MFC continues to allow the overfishing of this important recreational and commercial species. The MFC and DMF have failed to take action in the past to reverse a decades long neglect that has resulted in a depleted stock. I support and applaud the current Commission for their efforts to move a Supplement to the Southern flounder FMP forward, and I support their efforts to implement at least a 40% reduction in harvest this Fall. These efforts are necessary to slow what science shows is now a harvest of mostly juvenile fish that have yet to spawn. We need these changes to allow for greater escapement of the fish leaving our inshore waters to spawn if we are to have any hope of restoring the Southern flounder stocks. Specifically I support the following options as included in the six proposals put forth by the Commission:

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Carl Van Staalduinen
5664 Terra Ceia Rd
Pantego, NC 27860

From: Ann Simpson <simpsonann@suddenlink.net>
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Sincerely,
Ann Simpson
5707 Barbary Coast Dr
New Bern, NC 28560

From: Marty Fara <mjfara@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:46 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Marty Fara

109 Cardriff Pl
Durham, NC 27712

From: ianperna@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ian Perna
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knightdale, NC 27545-6731
July 7, 2015
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Ian Perna
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ian perna
1630 Plexor Ln
Knightdale, NC 27545

From: Breck Honeycutt <breckh@surry.net>
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Breck Honeycutt
127 Calico Ln
Ararat, NC 27007

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cpelt50144@aol.com

From: bigrjp3@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Rob Powell
511 Bremerton Dr.
Greenville, NC 27858-6502
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252-714-1169

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6545 hugo rd
hookerton, NC 28538-7105
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2527477413

From: ANDREW BARCLAY <ABARC27538@COMCAST.NET>
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ANDREW BARCLAY
658 Queensgate Rd
Baltimore, MD 21229

From: fracas714@icloud.com
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Ron Barnes
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Spring Lake, NC 28390-3006
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Barbara Rote
3516 Mack Brummitt Rd
Kittrell, NC 27544-7748
July 7, 2015
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Sincerely,
Barbara Rote

From: jdwebb.home@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jim Webb
126 Ashley Pl
Littleton, NC 27850-8452
July 7, 2015
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Jim Webb
9197237497

From: RANDY ROWE <RROWE1@SUDDENLINK.NET>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:15 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
RANDY ROWE
6180 US Highway 17 N
Vanceboro, NC 28586

From: John M. Lane, Jr. <jlane14@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:14 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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John M. Lane Jr.
2885 NC Highway 111 S
Seven Springs, NC 28578

From: Thom Rayne <trmusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:18 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

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Thank you.
Thom Rayne
Raleigh, NC

From: philip.piersol.gkma@statefarm.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Philip Piersol
1628 Waterway Cove Dr
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469-4805
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Sincerely,
Philip Piersol
3362158053

From: grmode@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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G. Richard Mode
206 WOODLAWN DR
MORGANTON, NC 28655-3656
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G. Richard Mode
929-443-2901

From: jcchambe@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Jay Chambers
2200 Leadenhall Way
Raleigh, NC 27603-5882
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Jay Chambers
919-523-8622

From: sayers@woodsonlawyers.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:12 PM
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Donald Sayers
225 North Main Street
Salisbury, NC 28144-4363
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Donald D Sayers
7046335000

From: woodwp@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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W.P. Wood
305 Foster Dr.
Rocky Mount, NC 27801-9218
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Danny Alexander
410 Parkside Dr.
Asheboro, NC 27203-3180
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Gerald Morris
109 Goose Creek Dr
Washington, NC 27889

From: Leonard Moretz <leonraleigh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:02 PM
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Leonard Moretz
7221 Dime Dr
Raleigh, NC 27606

From: Rich Olsen <fisherman11@earthlink.net>
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Rich Olsen
1015 Front St
Beaufort, NC 28516

From: Rytas Vilgalys <fungi@duke.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:01 PM
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Sincerely,
Rytas Vilgalys
2920 Hope Valley Rd
Durham, NC 27707

From: Stan Owens <stan.owens@usmc.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:04 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Stop this insanity! Do the right thing.
Sincerely,

Stan Owens
209 Valley Ridge Ln
Jacksonville, NC 28540

From: Betty Tapley <user@votervoices.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:06 PM
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Betty Tapley
551 Becton Rd
Havelock, NC 28532
bjtapley2002@yahoo.com

From: Chris Collins <chris.collins@edwardjones.com>
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Sincerely,
Chris Collins
1309 Nash St NW
Wilson, NC 27893

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Sincerely,
Phil Wood
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Rocky Mount, NC 27801

From: Jim Woodall <woodallj@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:08 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

Flounder fishing is my favorite inshore fishing activity. I have fished with recreational and recreational commercial licenses in North Carolina, and I have fished recreationally in Virginia and commercially in South Carolina. I have trawled in Louisiana, as well as NC. I believe the current population is seriously endangered. I also believe the current regulations are severely tilted with a bias for the commercial fishermen and that, on balance, the population decline is a result of those regulations. Neither SC or VA allow trawling inside, and their estuarine bottom habitat is far more healthy than those in NC. I am a wildlife biology graduate of NCSU ('72).

Currently the by-catch and netting discards are totally unacceptable if we are collectively trying to preserve or restore this fishery. This represents the juvenile classes that never mature. These practices must end if we are to save this fishery. One can see the dozens/hundreds of dead fish in the observation of one net, or the discard while trawling. I have netted and trawled, and I have seen this waste firsthand. With hundreds of boats, the losses are in the millions of fish.

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From: nrbranda@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Nancy Branda
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CHARLOTTE, NC 28270-3413
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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James Cappy Jr.
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Philip Piersol
3362158053

From: nstongel@lexcominc.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Nathan Tongel
10078 NC Hwy 8
Lexington, NC 27292-6493
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Dawn Humphries
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From: clifton mobley, sr <smobley021@bellsouth.net>
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clifton mobley
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RONALD REIJERKERK
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Scott Willis
325 Brighttown Rd
Maysville, NC 28555

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3325 Marathon Ave
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Harry Steele
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hcsteele@aol.com

From: Austin Heine <ajheine@ncsu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:54 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,
Dear MFC Commissioners,

I am a young sportsman/conservationist (age 24) who has grown up fishing for flounder on our state's coast. I have watched the flounder population decline since I was a child. This issue is of great concern to me because this is a sport that I enjoy and I hope to be able to continue to enjoy for the rest of my life. This is a sport I would like to be able to teach my kids one day and I worry that if something is not done soon, the population of flounder in the state will be taken past the point of recovery. I agree with the recommendations set forth in the email below by the CCA of NC with one exception. I believe that all

flounder fishermen, both recreational and commercial, should have a slot limit on flounder that must be followed. Any fish over a certain size (ex: 22 inches) should have to be released. These larger fish are the breeding stock and must be protected. This has been done with red drum in our state and others, so why not do it with flounder as well. Any tournaments for flounder could still take place. The tournaments will just have to be modified to be catch a release as is done with professional bass fishing. Please strongly consider the options below and the option for implementing a slot size for flounder in our state. I think with these provisions and a slot size, our state's flounder population will be able to recover and continue to be a species of great interest to both recreational and commercial fishermen in our state.

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Bill Brinson
2615 Temples Point Rd
Havelock, NC 28532

From: Frank Proctor <fproctor1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:58 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I support all positions put forth by CCA and I VOTE.

Frank Proctor
Harkers Island, NC
Sent from my iPad

From: lew.mccloud@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Lewis McCloud
281 HWY 172
Hubert, NC 28539-3501
July 7, 2015
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325 Brightown Rd
Maysville, NC 28555-9435
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baitco@aol.com

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Rob Jackson
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Dunn, NC 28334-6872
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Rob Jackson

From: tony@customsignsinc.us
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Tony Edwards
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Franklinton, NC 27525-9529
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Nicholas Wimbish
2755 Church Rd
Taylorsville, NC 28681

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SEAN PORTER
105 S Alena Ct
Hampstead, NC 28443

From: ANDRE DEMOUX <ANDRE@EC.RR.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

I fish recreational for flounder/drum/trout at least several times a week all year long from a boat. I have done this for years in NC. My observations are that drum and trout are doing fine. However, my flounder catches have fallen off dramatically the last several years.

When I launch in the mornings the commercial giggers and netters are coming in with ungodly amounts of flounder. Something is wrong with this picture. Let's (residents of NC) do something about it so our kids/grandkids will have something to fish for. The vast majority of these kids will not be commercial fisherman.

I would like to include my thoughts that as much as I am on the water I see commercial fisherman breaking the rules way more often than recreational fisherman. There has to be rules and enforcement of such rules or the commercial fisherman will find ways to wipe out the fisheries. Simply put, it is a matter of greed.

THEY DO NOT OWN NC RESOURCES MORE THAN I DO!

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Andre DeMoux
170 Sewell Rd
Jacksonville, NC 28540

From: donnycle@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:47 PM
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Donald Clement III
314 S. Ellis St.
Salisbury, NC 28144-4818
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CJ Bouchard

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From: trekkie@nomorestars.com
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Tom Boucher
1722 Lambton Ave
Wake Forest, NC 27587-4110
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richard dyer
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Josh Atwater
2615 US HIGHWAY 158 W
YANCEYVILLE, NC 27379

From: CLYDE DOUGHERTY <CLYDED@AMERICANFIRETECH.COM>
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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Keith Moore
4051 Keepee Trl
Burlington, NC 27215

From: Wayne Williams <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:35 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Wayne Williams
219 Williams Rd
Wilmington, NC 28409
redfishnc@yahoo.com

From: vickstrom.dwane@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Dwane Vickstrom
3523 Foxridge Rd
Charlotte, NC 28226-7353

July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Dwane Vickstrom
980-207-1180

From: asanders615@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Arlene Sanders
615 North Boundary Street
Raleigh, NC 27604-1954
July 7, 2015
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Sincerely,
Arlene Sanders
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From: millshw@guc.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Hugh Mills
481 Tucker Road
Grimesland, NC 27837-9270
July 7, 2015
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Sincerely,
Hugh Mills
252-341-1108

From: Chip Atwater <catwater@dukeathletic-tactical.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:25 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Chip Atwater
PO Box 250
Yanceyville, NC 27379

From: Charlie Adams, Jr. <adams@adamsadv.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:28 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Charlie Adams Jr.
1106 Greenville Blvd SE
Greenville, NC 27858

From: John Willis <jwillis@duke.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:28 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

(This letter, while initially drafted by others and edited by me, completely reflects my own views, and I stand by every word!!!)

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John Willis
805 Berkeley St
Durham, NC 27705

From: Billy McCollum <billymccollum45@gmail.com>
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Billy McCollum
221 PARK RD
SEVEN SPRINGS, NC 28578

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Sincerely,
DAVID ROGERS

891 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

From: PEGGY FREEMAN <PERRY_FREEMAN@HOTMAIL.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:24 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

I concur with the remainder of this correspondence and I would like to see those that have the ability to preserve this resource 9that belongs to all of us0 do so with swift, and for most a bit painful, action. It is impossible for me to believe that the over harvesting and extreme mortality in the by catch can go unnoticed by individual board members when they are so intimately involved in the marine environment. We cannot allow the few that gain so much destroy that which is for all to share.

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Sincerely,
PEGGY FREEMAN
150 Battlefield Ct
Manteo, NC 27954

From: Brenda Currin <123@currin.biz>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Brenda Currin
8645 Joe Currin Rd
Oxford, NC 27565

From: lacockrell@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Larry Cockrell
7324 Mine Shaft Rd
Raleigh, NC 27615-6029
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Larry A. Cockrell
9198467450

From: billymccollum45@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Billy McCollum McCollum
221 park rd
Seven springs, NC 28578-8961
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Billy McCollum McCollum
919 7787293

From: herb.n.hutchinson@gsk.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Herb Hutchinson
PO Box 290
Red Oak, NC 27868-0290
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Sincerely,
Herb N. Hutchinson

From: brown27030@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

John brown
134 Arless McCraw Ln.
Mount Airy, NC 27030-4986
July 7, 2015

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John brown

From: bradford.bowen@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Brad Bowen
714 WOODSIDE DR
AYDEN, NC 28513-8724
July 7, 2015

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Sincerely,
Brad Bowen
2527140118

From: jimmybrooks@crntyrylink.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

James brooks
2334 old fairground rd
Angier, NC 27501-8145
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James brooks

From: jwagcinc@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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jerry wagner
po box 58602
raleigh, NC 27658-8602
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To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

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New Bern, NC 28562-8950
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

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From: Mitch Vann <msvann@centurylink.net>
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From: David Blakewood <blakewoodd@bellsouth.net>
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ncbluemax@aol.com

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I have been recreationally fishing the NC Coastal waters for 50 years . There are a lot more recreational fishermen than there used to be but I feel that the resource not only flounder but other species as well has been depleted on the commercial side. Even with quotas its hard to measure what is actually taken illegally. I know its a livelihood for many but from what ive seen ...I don't think what has been done is working.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Brett Plummer
3712 Bridgeton Park Dr
Raleigh, NC 27612

From: Jim Garrett <jimgarrett@remaxpinehurst.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Jim Garrett
PO Box 593
Pinehurst, NC 28370

From: Howard Hufnagel <fiveblades@hughes.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:04 PM
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Sincerely,
Howard Hufnagel
211 Long Creek Dr
Havelock, NC 28532

From: James Singleton, III <scubajim@centurylink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:09 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
James Singleton III
130 Aqua Aly
Holly Ridge, NC 28445

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I also believe that flounder gigging is wiping out flounder as well. I hear of catches in dozens of all sizes, including fish under 15" nightly. Plus all missed gigs leading to wounded flounder. I feel that tougher regulations should be held for gigging and enforced.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER HOLLER
730 Sailor Ct
Kure Beach, NC 28449

From: bo maddison <bo@maddisoncaisoncpa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:03 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
bo maddison
1304 Diehl St
Raleigh, NC 27608

From: MATTHEW YABLUNOSKY <MYABLUNOSKY@FRONTIER.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:08 PM
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Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
MATTHEW YABLUNOSKY
2647 Oleander Dr
Durham, NC 27703

From: Matthew Tapley <matthew.tapley@wellsfargo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,

Matthew Tapley
611 Flagstone Way
Durham, NC 27712

From: Jesse Lankford <jesse.lankford@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:06 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Jesse Lankford
4316 Woodlawn Dr
Raleigh, NC 27616

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Sincerely,
ALLAN HUNTLEY
716 Bryant St
Raleigh, NC 27603
HUNTLEYA1@YAHOO.COM

From: Dan McDaniel <dappleseed@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:51 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Dan McDaniel
103 White Oak Ct
Chocowinity, NC 27817

From: TIMOTHY CURRIN <TCURRIN@CURRIN.BIZ>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:58 PM
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Sincerely,
TIMOTHY CURRIN
8645 Joe Currin Rd
Oxford, NC 27565

From: Ronny Mizell <ronny.mizell@ci.raleigh.nc.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:50 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Ronny Mizell
PO Box 412
Wendell, NC 27591

From: Vincent O'Connor <vconnor@carolina.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:58 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Vincent O'Connor
5637 Lebanon Rd
Mint Hill, NC 28227

From: Landon Funsten, III <LANFUN88@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Landon Funsten III
222 E Bland St Unit 376
Charlotte, NC 28203

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Ronny Mizell
4841 Wendell Blvd
Wendell, NC 27591

From: Larry James <lsjames67@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:53 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Larry James
7037 Belford Rd
Summerfield, NC 27358

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Sincerely,
Shawn Whicker
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Stokes, NC 27884

From: Hal Milholen, Jr <hmilholen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:58 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Hal Milholen
218 Pine Forest Dr
Siler City, NC 27344

From: Jill Carraway <jcarraway@gradywhite.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:59 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Jill Carraway
2848 Madison Grove Rd
Greenville, NC 27858

From: Stephen Hassenfelt <shassenfelt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:56 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Stephen Hassenfelt
2000 Granville Rd
Greensboro, NC 27408

From: Richard Capel <richardc@capel.net>
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Richard Capel
205 E Main St
Troy, NC 27371

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Richard Hamilton
4913 Richland Dr
Raleigh, NC 27612

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Sincerely,
Al Kwarziany
130 Point Dr
Wilmington, NC 28411

From: Richard Greene <user@votervoicenet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:50 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

As a resident of Virginia who often fishes and is licensed in North Carolina, I am very concerned for the future of our Southern flounder fishery if the MFC continues to allow the overfishing of this important recreational and commercial species. The MFC and DMF have failed to take action in the past to reverse a decades long neglect that has resulted in a depleted stock. I support and applaud the current Commission for their efforts to move a Supplement to the Southern flounder FMP forward, and I support their efforts to implement at least a 40% reduction in harvest this Fall. These efforts are necessary to slow what science shows is now a harvest of mostly juvenile fish that have yet to spawn. We need these changes to allow for greater escapement of the fish leaving our inshore waters to spawn if we are to have any hope of restoring the Southern flounder stocks. Specifically I support the following options as included in the six proposals put forth by the Commission:

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Sincerely,
Richard Greene
4410 Williams Rd
Lynchburg, VA 24503
r_cgreene@verizon.net

From: Marc Gilson <marcrgilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:55 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Sincerely,
Marc Gilson
366 Friendly Ln
Wilmington, NC 28409

From: Steve Cobb <steve.cobb@deansom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:50 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

As an avid lifetime fisherman I am very concerned about the depletion of the flounder stocks in North Carolina. Every year I see a reduction in both numbers and quality of the fishery and believe the issue needs to be addressed. I have spoken to mates that worked on commercial boats that describe the culling process of short fish by sticking them with broom handles etc. with nails so they could process the legal fish quicker. I fear that if this is not addressed soon our stocks will be depleted to the point that there will be no viable fishery for this resource.

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Sincerely,
Steve Cobb
5729 Bethel Church Rd
McLeansville, NC 27301

From: David Sneed <david@ccanc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:41 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Dear MFC Supplement,

As a resident of North Carolina and an avid recreational fisherman, I am very concerned about the future of our Southern flounder fishery if the MFC continues to allow the overfishing of this important recreational and commercial species. The MFC and DMF have failed to take action in the past to reverse a decades long neglect that has resulted in a depleted stock. I support and applaud the current Commission for their efforts to move a Supplement to the Southern flounder FMP forward, and I support their efforts to implement at least a 40% reduction in harvest this Fall. These efforts are necessary to slow what science shows is now a harvest of mostly juvenile fish that have yet to spawn. We need these changes to allow for greater escapement of the fish leaving our inshore waters to spawn if we are to have any hope of restoring the Southern flounder stocks for my future grandchildren to enjoy. Specifically I support the following options as included in the six proposals put forth by the Commission:

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Sincerely,
David Sneed
903 Compton Rd
Greenville, NC 27858

From: Kevin Conner <kevbycon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:46 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Kevin Conner
10249 Timber Ridge Ct SE
Leland, NC 28451

From: LAWRENCE SULLIVAN <LSULLIVAN1@carolina.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:45 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

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LAWRENCE SULLIVAN
2123 Lockhart Dr
Charlotte, NC 28203

From: Dan Nifong <djnifong@gmail.com>
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2256 The Cir
Raleigh, NC 27608

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116 Bishop Dr
Winterville, NC 28590

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922 Valetta Rd
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Carlyle Rogers
1760 Maple Grove Church Rd
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saltwaterbluefish@yahoo.com

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674 Taylor Neck Rd
Arapahoe, NC 28510

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Jack Willis
250 White Oak Bluff Rd
Stella, NC 28582

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1900 Spring Garden Rd
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276 NC Highway 82
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2665 Micro Rd W
Selma, NC 27576

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Timothy Feifs
1115 Pebble Dr
Greensboro, NC 27410

From: James Daigle <jamesadaigle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:50 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

As a recreational fisherman I would like to see size limit go up and bag limit go down but not season closures.
Sent from my iPhone

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39 Country Club West
Arapahoe, NC 28510

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Laura Boyd
218 Kaitlyn Ln
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

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Rob Sutton
7601 Penns Grove Rd
Summerfield, NC 27358

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272 Royal Rd
Beaufort, NC 28516

From: autozoomllc@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

John Davis
4966 Boyds Rd.
Grimesland, NC 27837-8927
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

- A total catch reduction of at least 40%;
- No change in recreational limits;
- A minimum 15 inch minimum size limit for all commercial catch;
- Establish a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) quota for this fishery;
- Continue the pound net and gig fishery as selective gear and set attendance requirements, daily creel limits, and escape panels as necessary to control catch and bycatch.

Please record my comments for the record and consider them at your August meeting for inclusion as management measures for immediate implementation to begin the restoration of the southern flounder in NC.

Sincerely,
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From: Greg Holley <rgholley@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:35 PM
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Sincerely,
james powell
5057 Christian Light Rd
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

From: Travis Comer <tcomer@hickoryprinting.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:35 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Travis Comer
4267 Roy Farlow Rd
Trinity, NC 27370

From: Frank Best <fbest@bestcdev.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:34 PM
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Frank Best
PO Box 11360
Goldsboro, NC 27532

From: Greg Roels <greg.roels@globalknowledge.com>
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105 Schaffer Close
Cary, NC 27518

From: John O'Hare <john-ohare@outlook.com>
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John O'Hare
299 Old March Rd
Advance, NC 27006

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Christopher Hayes
4327 Chantilly Dr
Granite Falls, NC 28630

From: BRIAN O'HARE <OHARE351@ROADRUNNER.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 2:36 PM
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Benjy Faulkner

3500 Old Pfafftown Rd

Winston Salem, NC 27106

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Sincerely,

Eric Boyd

218 Kaitlyn Ln

Kings Mountain, NC 28086

From: Thomas Sherwood <beronion@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 1:48 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

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Sincerely,
Tom Sherwood
Southport, NC

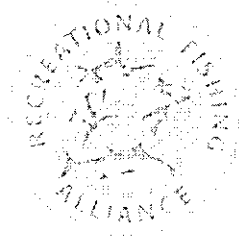
From: Brian McCorkle <brian.mccorkle@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 1:26 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: My Public Comment form.
Attachments: Recreational Fishing Alliance Voter form.pdf

Please see my attached voter form for Option 1 when it comes to commercial netting.
Please call or email with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Brian McCorkle
8910-228-6179

See attachment on next page



Recreational Fishing Alliance of North Carolina Southern Flounder Public Comment

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Commissioners and Division Staff,

My name is Brian McCorkle.

I live and vote in New Hanover County.

My address is 301 N. Front St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

Email brian.mccorkle@nhd.com

Phone 910.228.6174

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1 is the best for management of Southern flounder. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the management of North Carolina's fisheries.

Thank you,
Brian McCorkle

You can email this form: flounder.supp@ncdmf.gov

You can mail this form:

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, N.C. 28557

RFA-NC recommends Option 1, based on data provided by the NCDMF staff and scientist in the document "NC Southern Flounder Draft Supplement. Option 1 will allow the southern flounder population to recover the quickest out of all the options presented.

The deadline for public comment is July 10th, so have your comments sent in by July 7th at the latest!!

From: James Griffith <jwgj1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 12:59 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: The Flounder population in North Carolina

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
POB 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

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Sincerely,
Anthony Sappio
Southport, NC

From: Smith, Christopher M. (GE Power & Water) <Christopher.Smith@gnf.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 12:04 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

Commissioner,

I have been a commercial fisherman and currently a recreational fisherman and each needs a quota overhaul. Recreational and commercial gigging needs to be reduced, as I feel this has the biggest impact on the fishery. Commercial quota needs to be cut by at least 30% for all other gear and recreational needs a 4 fish per day/ person limit. I am a diehard flounder fisherman and hate seeing this species being wiped out by all.

Sincerely
Chris S.

From: david@ccanc.org
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:32 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

David Sneed
903 Compton Road
Greenville, NC 27858-6331
July 7, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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Please record my comments for the record and consider them at your August meeting for inclusion as management measures for immediate implementation to begin the restoration of the southern flounder in NC.

Sincerely,
David Sneed
252 341 2096

From: Kathy Cayton <kathy.cayton@pamlicocounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:05 AM
To: Rep. Michael Speciale; Senator Norman Sanderson; SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: Tim Buck
Subject: Resolution Opposing the Development of a Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan
Attachments: Resolution in Opposition of the Development of a supplement to the of Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan.pdf
Importance: High

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on July 6, 2015 approved the attached resolution. Any assistance you can offer on this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any question please feel free to contact me.

Kathy P. Cayton
Pamlico County
Clerk to the Board / Admin. Asst. to County Manager
P.O. Box 776
Bayboro, NC 28515
Phone : 252 745-3133
Fax: 252 745-5514

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A RESOLUTION ASKING THE NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (NCDENR) AND THE NC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION (NCMFC) TO OPPOSE THE NC DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES (NCDMF) USE OF THE SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT REDUCTIONS OF SOUTHERN FLOUNDER

WHEREAS, the southern flounder fishery is important to North Carolina counties throughout the coastal area; and

WHEREAS, the southern flounder population has been able to sustain itself at levels allowing substantial harvest for over 30years, landing millions of pounds annually; and

WHEREAS, the latest southern flounder stock assessment did not pass peer review and has been deemed unable to assess the status of the southern flounder population in North Carolina, and thus the status of the population is unknown; and

WHEREAS, the supplement process allows for limited stakeholder and public input; and

WHEREAS, when there is need for an amendment, a thoughtful and comprehensive review of any proposed measure to assess the long-term viability of the fishery, it should allow ample opportunity for stakeholder and public input; and

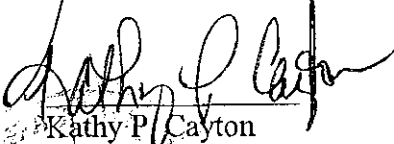
WHEREAS, North Carolina began requiring substantial conservation measures on southern flounder to provide for a sustainable population and viable fisheries in 1979 and has continued to responsibly manage the fishery until the present; and

WHEREAS, effort in the gill net fishery and pound net fishery, the largest fisheries harvesting southern flounder in North Carolina, has been drastically reduced in recent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners asks the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of the Environment and Natural Resources and the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to oppose the development of a supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan.

ADOPTED, this day the 6th day of July 2015

Attest


Kathy P. Cayton
Clerk to the Board


Pat Prescott, Chairman
Pamlico County Board of Commissioners

From: Bob Hines <bobphyllishines@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:26 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

Please implement proposal 1 to attempt to restore the flounder population off the North Carolina coast.

The use of gill nets is devastating the flounder population, as well as many other fish. This is not the first State this has happened in. Additionally, Commercial fisherman must be held to the same size limits as sport fishermen--15.5 inches.

Failure to pass proposal 1 will destroy any chance of restoring the once thriving flounder population.
Thank you.

Bob Hines
4241 Skeffington Ct.
Southport, N. C. 28461
404-556-4365
Sent from my iPhone

From: Garry Green <tradergarry@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 11:03 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Please Implement Proposal One Immediately

To Whom It May Concern:
Please Implement Proposal One Immediately.
With Kindest Regards,

Garry Green
122 S 13th St. Wilmington NC 28401

From: John Bradley <jnbwolf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 9:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Implement proposal 1

Save our fishing. Tighten up the regs where they will make the most impact, commercial fishing.
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Sent from my iPhone

From: crmabe@ncdot.gov
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 9:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

C.R. Mabe
1667 Chadwick landing
Shalotte, NC 28470-5752
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C.R.Mabe

From: Kathy Cayton [mailto:kathy.cayton@pamlicocounty.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:10 AM
To: Anna Beckwith; Feldman, Crystal M; Sam Corbett
Cc: Tim Buck
Subject: Resolution Opposing the Development of a Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan
Importance: High

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Kathy P. Cayton
Pamlico County
Clerk to the Board / Admin. Asst. to County Manager
P.O. Box 776
Bayboro, NC 28515
Phone : 252 745-3133
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From: Bob Hines <bobphyllishines@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:26 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

Please implement proposal 1 to attempt to restore the flounder population off the North Carolina coast.

The use of gill nets is devastating the flounder population, as well as many other fish. This is not the first State this has happened in. Additionally, Commercial fisherman must be held to the same size limits as sport fishermen--15.5 inches.

Failure to pass proposal 1 will destroy any chance of restoring the once thriving flounder population.
Thank you.

Bob Hines
4241 Skeffington Ct.
Southport, N. C. 28461
404-556-4365
Sent from my iPhone

From: Garry Green <tradergarry@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 11:03 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Please Implement Proposal One Immediately

To Whom It May Concern:
Please Implement Proposal One Immediately.
With Kindest Regards,

Garry Green
122 S 13th St. Wilmington NC 28401

From: John Bradley <jnbwolf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 9:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Implement proposal 1

Save our fishing. Tighten up the regs where they will make the most impact, commercial fishing.
Thank you
Sent from my iPhone

From: crmabe@ncdot.gov
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 9:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

C.R. Mabe
1667 Chadwick landing
Shallotte, NC 28470-5752
July 6, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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A RESOLUTION ASKING THE NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (NCDENR) AND THE NC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION (NCMFC) TO OPPOSE THE NC DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES (NCDMF) USE OF THE SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT REDUCTIONS OF SOUTHERN FLOUNDER

WHEREAS, the southern flounder fishery is important to North Carolina counties throughout the coastal area; and

WHEREAS, the southern flounder population has been able to sustain itself at levels allowing substantial harvest for over 30 years, landing millions of pounds annually; and

WHEREAS, the latest southern flounder stock assessment did not pass peer review and has been deemed unable to assess the status of the southern flounder population in North Carolina, and thus the status of the population is unknown; and

WHEREAS, the supplement process allows for limited stakeholder and public input; and

WHEREAS, when there is need for an amendment, a thoughtful and comprehensive review of any proposed measure to assess the long-term viability of the fishery, it should allow ample opportunity for stakeholder and public input; and

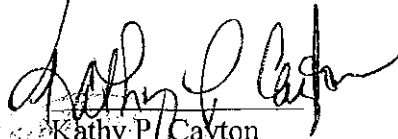
WHEREAS, North Carolina began requiring substantial conservation measures on southern flounder to provide for a sustainable population and viable fisheries in 1979 and has continued to responsibly manage the fishery until the present; and

WHEREAS, effort in the gill net fishery and pound net fishery, the largest fisheries harvesting southern flounder in North Carolina, has been drastically reduced in recent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners asks the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of the Environment and Natural Resources and the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to oppose the development of a supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan.

ADOPTED, this day the 6th day of July 2015

Attest



Kathy P. Cayton
Clerk to the Board



Pat Prescott, Chairman
Pamlico County Board of Commissioners

From: Daniel george <herondang@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 7:35 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder supplement proposals

To whom it may concern,

After reviewing the flounder supplement proposals it would be my opinion that PROPOSAL ONE be implemented immediately for the fastest rejuvenation of North Carolina's depleted stocks of the southern flounder. I would further that request by suggesting that all inshore estuaries in the near future be net and shrimp trawl free forever.

Thank you for your consideration,
Daniel George, avid recreational and tournament fisherman.

From: sgoodman@localnet.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 5:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Sam Goodman
625 St. Matthews Ch Rd
Salisbury, NC 28146-5561
July 6, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Sam Goodman

From: brophy195@roadrunner.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 5:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Anna Brophy
233 S Harbor Watch Dr.
STATESVILLE, NC 28677-2500
July 6, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Anna Brophy
704-508-1235

From: jrl1479@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 5:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Josh Lea
106 Marsh Creek Dr
Hampstead, NC 28443-2222
July 6, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Josh Lea

From: cclarke@travelers.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 3:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Chris Clarke
795 Elizabeth Lane
Matthews, NC 28105-2544
July 6, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Chris Clarke
7048464978

From: trueline@ec.rr.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 1:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

John Hislop
222 PENINSULA MANOR ROAD
HUBERT, NC 28539-3765
July 6, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
John Hislop
9103402651

From: Keith Wetherington <klwether@live.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 12:54 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: FW: Flounder public comment

From: klwether@live.com
To: flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov
Subject: Flounder public comment
Date: Mon, 6 Jul 2015 12:53:06 -0400

Recreational Fishing Alliance of North Carolina
Southern Flounder Public Comment
North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Commissioners and Division Staff,
My name is ___ Faye Wetherington _____.
I live and vote in ___ Craven _____ County.
My address is ___ 1800 Kite Town
Rd _____
Email fpwether@hotmail.com
Phone _____ 252-244-
2558 _____.

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You can email this form: flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov

You can mail this form:

Southern Flounder Comments c/o Nancy Fish P.O. Box 769 Morehead City, N.C. 28557

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From: kedougla1@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 12:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Kelly Douglass
5309 Eolian Ct
Raleigh, NC 27607-3615
July 6, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Kelly Douglass
919-272-6503

From: mpentecost71@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 10:37 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Michelle Pentecost
1739 Seifert circle
Charlotte, NC 28205-7255
July 6, 2015
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Sincerely,
Michelle Pentecost
7049688865

From: janjohn98@skybest.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 10:37 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

John Grant
641 Po Place Farm Rd
West Jefferson, NC 28694-8816
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Thanks for you help

John W Grant
336 977 8160

From: wlamm@embarqmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 10:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Wooten Lamm
3805 Mansfield Drive
Rocky Mount, NC 27804-3207
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Sincerely,
Wooten Lamm
252-937-6435

From: debra.dandro@att.net
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 10:22 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Debra Dandro
3433 Linden Berry Lane
Charlotte, NC 28269-1300
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Sincerely,
Debra Dandro
7045976101

From: timraderart@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 9:52 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Tim Hergenrader
106 Black Horse Run S
New Bern, NC 28560-5987
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Sincerely,
Tim Hergenrader
252-571-2615

From: odelaly@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 9:17 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Candace Little
161 mtn crest ln
Canton, NC 28716-5819
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Sincerely,
Candace Little

From: Jim <jimmyjamming@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 9:14 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

To Whom it May Concern:

Please stop the needless slaughter of juvenile finfish, including Southern Flounder, from the bycatch of inshore and nearshore netters. The percentage of bycatch to shrimp is astounding. The dead flounder are left for the gulls.

Also, gigging of flounder would be illegal if introduced to the legislature today because the technology of lighting with generators and so forth was not available when this practice began. This outdated type of "fishing" gives the fish little chance and takes a huge toll on the flounder population. Please stop or limit gigging of flounder.

Recreational fishing brings far more dollars per pound of fish caught than commercial fishing. I do not want to see jobs lost, but it has gotten to be an industrial size operation all too often with fleets instead of the "family business". Local businesses generate jobs too.

Please help conserve our precious fishery for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Jim Sossamon
243 NE 63rd Street
Oak Island, NC 28465
910-278-6369
jimmyjamming@bellsouth.net

From: Ken Carter <ekc8397@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 8:53 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Support of Proposal #1

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
POB 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Ms. Fish,

Thank you for requesting public comment on the management of Southern Flounder.

Based on the options given to the public by NCDMF staff and commissioners, I believe proposal 1 is the best for management of Southern Flounder.

The use of gill nets is killing off the inshore fishery and the commercial 14 inch flounder size makes no sense since there is not enough meat on a flounder that size to justify killing it.

Ken Carter
1636 Sound Watch Drive
Wilmington, NC 28409
N 34o 07', W 077o 52.5'
EKC8397@Gmail.com <mailto:EKC8397@Gmail.com>
Cell: (440) 785-8397

From: Miller, Ricky R. (GE Power & Water) <Ricky.Miller@ge.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 6:42 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Discussion

To whom it may concern:

I am a recreational fisherman from southern Pender county. I am really not your typical recreational kind of guy. I take my hobby and responsibility very serious. I purchase extreme amount of equipment each year to pursue the not only southern flounder but various other species in our coastal waters. I have been doing this for the past fifteen years and my success in recent years on southern flounder has been decreasing year after year.

When I first started this sport fifteen years ago finding and catching my limit and more was not a problem. As I grew in my knowledge and fish catching skills flounder fishing for lack of a better word was somewhat easy and very productive. In the last three to five years all that has gone out the window. I believe in combination with over fishing in the commercial sector and the economy bringing offshore guys inshore, the flounder populations are relentlessly pursued twenty fours a day seven days a week weather permitting.

I am asking that you, the people in charge take efforts to help bring those stocks back to their levels they use to be so that others in the future can enjoy this great resource!

Thank you for reading this and caring as I do about our future Southern Flounder populations.

Please feel free to call me or reply with any questions you may have I will be happy to tell you anything you would like to know concerning this very important matter!

Thanks Again,
Ricky Miller
111 East Point Road
Rocky Point, NC 28457
910-675-9545

From: Owens, Chris <ChrisOwens@murphybrownllc.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2015 8:26 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I'm a recreational gigger and hook and line fisherman. My biggest concern was what the proposals would mean to me when I first started hearing of closings and other information such as 1 fish per person for recreational. I make several trips a month, plus my entire family spend a week at Surf City renting a house every summer. While we do other things, fishing is a big part of the week. I spend money buying meals, gas, fishing license, boat fees to do this. Not to mention the cost of renting a house at the beach. If the recreational fisherman is cut down to 1 flounder, then it is not worth my time to do this and that money can be better spent on doing other things. There are plenty others like me.

As far as the proposals, 1 and 2 do the most to help protect the flounder. Despite what they want to say, commercial fishing is hurting the resource more than the recreational fisherman. I believe everyone should have to pay by the same rules. If I have a 15" size limit, then so should a commercial gigger. If a season closure is put on recreational fisherman, then it should apply to commercial fisherman as well. I also do not have a problem with a season closure in December and January. I also believe the commercial fisherman should have a limit on the amount they can harvest each day. I understand theirs should be more than mine, but they should still have a limit. That limit should be for one trip, regardless of how many commercial permits are on the boat.

It's not covered in any of the proposals, but I believe there should be a better accounting for recreational fishermen as well. I see too many instances on Facebook groups for flounder gigging where people go night after night getting large numbers of flounder. Do some of these people have commercial licenses and use them just as means of getting more fish? I'm not sure, but I think who has commercial licenses should also be highly regulated.

I have been gigging for over 30 years. I have just lately began teaching my kids. This is something that I want to hand down to them. I have a lot of memories not in just the fish we caught, but in what I saw on those nights gigging and the time I spent with family. Something I want my kids to look back on in future years, but that will only happen with having a flounder population that is sustainable.

Thank you.

From: Roger & Sherry <ssnyder8@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2015 5:36 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder fishing

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
POB 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

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Thank you for listening.

Sincerely
Roger Snyder
Wilmington, NC

From: Molly Duncan <mbduncan22315@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2015 4:03 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Management

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Sincerely,
Molly Duncan
Southport, NC

From: Susanne Duncan <sbduncan55@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2015 4:01 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Management of Southern Flounder

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Sincerely,
Susanne Duncan
Southport, NC

From: Charles Schoonmaker <schoonfish@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 04, 2015 6:39 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I wish to vote for option 1. Thank you.

Capt. Charles Schoonmaker
725 Camp Kirkwood Rd.
Watha NC 28478

Pender county
Betty and Charlie
Sent from my iPad

From: Betty Schoonmaker <schoon@lostboyfishing.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 04, 2015 6:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I vote for option number one.
Betty Schoonmaker
PO Box 297
Willard, NC 28478
Pender county
Betty and Charlie
Sent from my iPad

From: Charles Schoonmaker <schoonfish@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 04, 2015 6:21 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I am in favor of option 1.
Thank you.

Capt. Charles Schoonmaker
725 Camp Kirkwood Road
Watha NC 28471
Pender County
Betty and Charlie
Sent from my iPad

From: Glenn Schroeder <schred2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 04, 2015 12:50 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Comments

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Sincerely,
Glenn Schroeder

From: Doug Furness <dougfurnessnc@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 04, 2015 5:52 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Comments

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Sincerely,
Douglas G. Furness
Wilmington, NC

From: Steven Cannon <stevecannon@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 9:09 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

In my personal opinion commercial nets should not be allowed in inland waters. I have personally seen numerous flounder in these nets that are under size and spoiled from the high water temps. Just last week I was fishing in the Pamlico river and ran across a span of nets that was roughly 800 yards long just off the shore line. These nets were full of dead flounder and dead bait fish, it was frustrating to be able to see so many fish gone to waste. I personally have no issues with new restrictions if that's what it takes to help NC fish numbers. Although I would hate to see the recreational limit go below a bag limit of 3 or less fish per person, I feel that anything less than a three fish limit wouldn't be worth the time and effort to take trips to flounder fish. Thank you for your time and I hope whatever is done is in the best interest of everyone involved. Steven
Sent from my iPhone

From: Joe Bigley <jbigley409@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 4:26 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Support for Southern Flounder Proposal #1

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Sincerely,
Joseph Bigley
Wilmington, NC

From: laura_peterson@charter.net
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 1:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

laura peterson
Po Box 371
Sneads ferry, NC 28460-0371
July 3, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

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Sincerely,
Laura Ingram Peterson
9103893269

From: Greg Zotti <gbzotti@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 12:31 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Comments

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Morehead City, NC 28557

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Sincerely,
Greg Zotti
Leland, NC

From: revots1122@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 9:22 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Sam Stover
905 gum branch rd
Jacksonville, NC 28540-6274
July 3, 2015
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Sincerely,
Sam Stover
910-388-6524

From: Grover Canady <kitcat2@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 8:08 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Gill nets

I think the use of gill nets should be discontinued as there use results in the death of too many species that are not targeted and that the commercial fisherman should be held to the same regulations as the angler, including the length limit.

THANK YOU
Grover Canady

From: Billy & Mary Ann Manger <fig8har@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 6:30 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Ban Flounder Nets & all Nets

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
POB 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

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Sincerely,
Billy Manger
Wilmington, NC

From: Sean Day <seanday1366@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 5:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder regs

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
POB 769
Morehead City, NC 28557 <x-apple-data-detectors://3/1>

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Sincerely,
Sean Day
Hempstead
Sent from my iPad

From: WILLIAM SLADE <bslade@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 5:03 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: SOUTHERN FLOUNDER MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. Increase to 15 minimum if needed.
2. We should be allowed some time(maybe 12 months) to use our 5 1/2 stretch nets. 80% of my nets are 5 1/2 and 20% 6 " stretch. Seems unfair to change the size with no prior warning.

3. I support regulations that will keep our fisheries healthy.

From: Frank Piner <frank.piner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 3:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Proposal 1

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Morehead City, NC 28557

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Sincerely,
Frank Piner
Wilmington, NC

From: Julie Burton <julieburton@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 2:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: samjcorbett3@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; sobx11@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

Dear MFC Commissioners,

I have been a resident of North Carolina for 13 years and see our fishing resources depleted more each year. Our current management program is not working for those of us who would like to take advantage of what could be excellent fishing along our coast. I visit Florida frequently and have admired greatly their progress at bring back depleted fishing stocks. We need to follow their lead and take some very serious actions, particularly for recovery of the Southern flounder, but other stocks as well.

I support the following actions for recovery of Southern flounder: (3) A closure of the flounder large mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters, (4) a universal 15 inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen, (5) A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the shock has recovered.

Captain Harold Burton
hburton@ec.rr.com

From: Jamie Wilson <jwilson15@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 1:24 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Comments

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
POB 769

Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Ms. Fish,

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the public comment on the management of Southern Flounder.

I believe it is very clear that recreational fishing is not the problem. Gill nets, gigging and the commercial harvesting of the Flounder are causing the shortage. Let's do the right thing for the fishery and the local economy (bring in more tourist to hook and line fish) based on the options given to the public by NCDMF staff and commissioners, I believe proposal 1 is the best for management of Southern Flounder.

Sincerely,

Jamie Wilson

WJ Gartland & Associates

1401 Wagon Court

Wilmington, NC 28412

910-520-8581 Office

866-672-9796 Fax

jwilson@gartlandassociates.com

From: Albee iMac <ralbee@bellsouth.net>

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 12:02 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Subject: Southern Flounder Comments

Southern Flounder Comments

c/o Nancy Fish

POB 769

Morehead City, NC 28557

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Sincerely,

Robert M. Albee

Wilmington, NC 28412

From: Chuck Amos <cbamos@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 11:56 AM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Subject: Southern Flounder Limits / Proposal 1

Southern Flounder Comments

c/o Nancy Fish

POB 769

Morehead City, NC 28557

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Sincerely,
Charles B. Amos
Carolina Beach, NC

From: Rich Gauthe <rgauthe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 11:33 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: Chris Johnston BF Fishing
Subject: Flounder Proposal

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Sincerely,
Richard Gauthe
Sent from my iPhone

From: Richard Girolami <rggwiz@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 11:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder proposals

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Richard Girolami

266 Fayemmarsh Rd
Wilmington NC28412

From: David Shucavage <david@carolinaestateplanners.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 11:16 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder - I choose proposal 1
Attachments: Davids Email Footer.jpg

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
POB 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Ms. Fish,

I am an avid fisherman, and a board member of Cape Fear River Watch. I have evaluated the options and believe that proposal 1 is the best for management of Southern Flounder.

We need to eliminate gill nets and the commercial 14 inch flounder size to get the fishery back.

David Shucavage
Wilmington, NC

From: cuffkey66 <cuffkey66@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 11:14 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Comments

I strongly support plan #1. It would do the most good and accomplish the goals intended.

Dennis Gan
103 Olde Well Loop
Wilmington,NC

From: richard o'donnell <rodonny@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 11:33 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

I support proposal #1 and would like to see gill netting outlawed.
Richard O'Donnell, 901 Rivage Promenade, Wilmington NC 28412
Sent from Windows Mail

From: Biostudy Solutions <tommy@biostudysolutions.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 10:45 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: NC

Please support the efforts of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of North Carolina to have Marine Fisheries adopt Proposal 1. It bans gill nets, forces change in pound nets, implements reforms in commercial giggering and requires commercial operations to respect the same minimum size for harvest as recreational anglers.

From: Malcolm Thaden <mthaden@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 10:37 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Proposal 1

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Sincerely,
Malcolm Thaden
Wilmington, NC

From: Jim Hartsell <taz1967@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 10:31 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Comments
Importance: High

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Jim Hartsell
Bolivia, NC

From: Don Harris <dharris5@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 10:31 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Losing our Flounder

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Morehead City, NC 28557

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Sincerely,

Don

(910) 617-8844 cell; (910) 509-7061 office

1900 Eastwood Road, #38

Wilmington, NC 28403

Don Harris, Intracoastal Realty Web Site

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My FREE Real Estate Search App: <http://app.intracoastalrealty.com/donharris>

Romans 12:1-18

From: Sean Ottaly <seanottaly@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 8:48 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Subject: New Flounder Regs

I would love to see "proposal 1" be activated into law.

Regards,

Sean V.Ottaly

From: toesover55@gmail.com

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 6:17 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Steven Decker

8021 Austin Peck Trail

Efland, NC 27243-9543

July 1, 2015

Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Steven Decker
9193045387

From: dmadren@nc.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 1:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Dale Madren
2001 Dobson Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27612-2866
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Sincerely,
Dale Madren
919-845-9502

From: ahjardin@uncc.edu
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 11:57 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Angelique Hjarding
6615 Eastfield Park Drive
Charlotte, NC 28269-3222
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Sincerely,
Angelique Hjarding
704-718-0928

From: garrettreef@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 11:47 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Garrett Creef
1501 Brownlea Drive
Greenville, NC 27858-4631
July 1, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

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Sincerely,
Garrett Creef
252-367-0480

From: kanewd@frontier.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 10:32 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

william kane
P.O. Box 716
Cullowhee, NC 28723-0716
July 1, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
william duncan kane
8282935866

From: jonesws@appstate.edu
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 10:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Will Jones
109 keystone dr.
Cary, NC 27513-2809
July 1, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Will Jones

From: ljc1110@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 10:12 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Lydia Coates
1300 Cardinal Pl.
Greensboro, NC 27408-8502
July 1, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Lydia Coates
(336) 271-2624

From: paulbbrown@windstream.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 9:13 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Section 14.10E and 14.10F removed from House Bill 97. this does not help our estuaries. and should never have been added.

From: southernfly1@charter.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 7:52 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Marty Poirier

2240 Bear Creek Rd
leicester, NC 28748-6323
July 1, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Marty Poirier

From: mmturco@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 6:57 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Michelle Turco
816 Havenwood Court
Raleigh, NC 27615-6117
July 1, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a North Carolina resident and enjoyer of seafood. As a scientist, I also understand the impact of overfishing on a population. Southern Flounder is currently overfished. In order to restore this population for generations of fishers and eaters to come, please consider:

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Please consider inclusion of these suggestions for the restoration of the southern flounder in NC.

Sincerely,
Michelle Turco, PhD
6083466480

From: wncfishbuster@netzero.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 6:32 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jon Davis
1455 silvers welch rd.
Old Fort, NC 28762-8761
July 1, 2015
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Sincerely,
Jon Davis
8284422286

From: agendreau@embarqmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 5:17 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

allen Gendreau
401 Elsmore dr
new bern, NC 28562-2294
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Sincerely,

Allen Gendreau
Allen Roger Gendreau

From: jpowell740@nc.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 4:37 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Joseph Powell
7079 Lamplighter Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28306-9627
July 1, 2015
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Sincerely,
Joseph Powell
9104255268

From: racetorock@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 3:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Chris Powell
812 B Ave.
West Columbia, SC 29169-6717
July 1, 2015
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Sincerely,
Chris Powell

From: princess_92405@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 2:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Audrey Grisso
989 Castle Way NE
LELAND, NC 28451-8780
July 1, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Audrey Grisso
9102534098

From: ronnakamoto@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 11:37 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ron Nakamoto
74 West Bailey Lane
Hampstead, NC 28443-3967
June 30, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Ron Nakamoto

From: RONALD NAKAMOTO <ronnakamoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 11:35 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I would highly recommend that NC look at other states and how they handled similar issues. Florida had some of the same issues with declining populations. In the nineties they ended up banning gill nets and even though it did not take affect right away it was finally enforced and the flounder and other fish are flourishing today. I understand peoples concerns with commercial and recreational but if something is not done soon and as drastic as we need it to happen then their livelihood will be gone anyways due to over fishing.

Thanks you

Ron Nakamoto

From: Gary Hardison <garyhardison@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 11:15 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: flounder

Dear sirs

As a restaurant owner I try to buy only Pound net flounder as they are always good quality. Gill net fish are not of good quality because so many are left in nets over night in 80 degree water,
As a fisherman I wonder why NC is the only State to continue to use these nets that kill everything that swims.

As a citizen I beg you to do the right thing and ban Gill nets in NC and begin the process of rebuilding our fish population.

John G Hardison
11 Creek Side Dr
Arapahoe NC 28510

From: jasonrutledge53@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 11:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jason Rutledge
3756 crosland rd
winston/salem, NC 27106-2106
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Jason Rutledge

From: battleforthenet@hjarding.dk
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Mark Hjarding
6615 Eastfield Park Drive
Charlotte, NC 28269-3222
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Mark Hjarding
7044511155

From: dalebmiller74@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Bruce Miller
130 leisure lane
Salisbury, NC 28146-7593
June 30, 2015
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Bruce Miller
704 640 2345

From: ianperna@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:42 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ian Perna
819 howdenshire run
knightdale, NC 27545-6731
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Sincerely, a worried resident
Ian Perna
15408151673

From: susan@superfreeman.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Susan Freeman
20116 Chateau Drive
Saratoga, CA 95070-4310
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Susan Freeman

From: silverhawkmoon@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Carla Smith
6924 Hudson Chapel Rd
Catawba, NC 28609-9504
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Carla Smith
8283026769

From: monawarren40@outlook.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

mona warren
1903 james rd
Robersonville, NC 27871-9123
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
mona warren

From: statehobo@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Timothy Murray
5258 Alonza Ln.
Bailey, NC 27807-8792
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Timothy Murray
252 458 6447

From: ljrDavis50@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Linda Davis

9000 Mini Ranch Rd
Waxhaw, NC 28173-8726
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Sincerely,
Linda Davis

From: cdavis97@ec.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Chad Davis
617 Vale Dr
Wilmington, NC 28411-9484

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Sincerely,

Capt. Chad Davis
9106127460

From: mbowers1946@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Mel Bowers
2264 LEE DRIVE
GREENVILLE, NC 27858-8520
June 30, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Mel Bowers
4025404744

From: cvgreek@live.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Chris Vlachos
1625 Ft. Bragg Rd.
Fayetteville, NC 28305-4711
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Chris Vlachos
9103223579

From: 02seedoc@bellsouth.net
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Michael Goins
5030 Randall parkway
Wilmington, NC 28403-2829
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Sincerely,
Michael Goins
9103920270

From: jtayloraxn@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

john taylor
1841 lambert road
graham, NC 27253-9615
June 30, 2015

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Sincerely,
john taylor
3364373379

From: pam@tecdatasystems.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Pam Farthing
3208 Pleasant Plains Rd.
Apex, NC 27502-9090
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Pam Farthing
9192706084

From: nickrweir@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Nick Weir
1010 Magnolia St
Winston-Salem, NC 27103-4326
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Sincerely,

Nick Weir

From: wesley_mcgee2004@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Wesley McGee
108 Vera Drive
Jacksonville, NC 28540-7191
June 30, 2015
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Remove the gig fishery.
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Sincerely,
Wesley McGee

From: andrea.crook@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Andrea Crook
200 Kelly Road
Sanford, NC 27332-3303
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Andrea Crook
9104785092

From: elizaro@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Laura Fitzpatrick
3612 Briarthorne Dr
Charlotte, NC 28269-1273
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Laura Fitzpatrick
704-599-2158

From: krhoyle64@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ken Hoyle
610 N. Currie Drive
Sanford, NC 27330-9349
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Ken Hoyle

From: laughinghousekeith@yahoo.com

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Keith Laughinghouse
104 Hemlock Court
Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512-6207
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Keith Laughinghouse
2522411111

From: tracy price <tracyprice5@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 6:59 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

While I would like to see number one or two placed. I believe 3 or 5 will be more amicable . 4 is useless.

From: jdginger@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 6:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jonathon Howard
P.O. Box 1264
Beulaville, NC 28518-1264
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Jonathon Daniel Howard
910-282-7978

From: lake_america@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 6:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Attila Nemezc
415 E. 2nd St.
Washington, NC 27889-5004
June 30, 2015
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From: jsteveb@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 6:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Steve Buckley
210 Aspen Avenue

Elon, NC 27244-9108

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Sincerely,
Steve Buckley
336-449-1212

From: loganleitch@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 5:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration Please Cut Back the Commercial Harvest

Logan Leitch
106 Halpen Dr
Cary, NC 27513-5667
June 30, 2015
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Logan Leitch

From: bubbles4m9@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 5:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Crystal Helms
2800 Garden Glen Court
Monroe, NC 28112-7614
June 30, 2015
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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 5:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Joshua Roberts
325 Shadowbrook Dr
Burlington, NC 27215-7724
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Joshua Roberts

From: ben.hocutt919@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 5:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Benjamin Hocutt
323 price hocutt rd
Wendell, NC 27591-7554
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Benjamin Hocutt
9193980749

From: bobbyelanning@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 5:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Bobby Lanning
75 Lanning Dr
Fairview, NC 28730-7738
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Sincerely,
Bobby Lanning
8286063077

From: doris.morris@noolf.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 4:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder

Doris Morris
Hwy 32 south
Plymouth, NC 27962
June 30, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned of the loss of income for the Commercial Fishermen. The NC Marine Fisheries data for the southern flounder stated that the Commercial Fishermen sold 2.9 million pounds to NC dealers - 5 times greater in 2014 than in 2013. A HUGE increase and recovery, even with 100% restriction of large gill nets on the sounds, as they are the ONLY ones mandated to protecting sea turtles. The NC Commercial Fishermen supply 96% of the southern flounder for the US.

I DO NOT support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered, an amendment is the proper procedure to take action on!

Are any restrictions for recreational fishermen being considered? This is not a job feeding their families or our country. It is a "sport" that kill thousands of southern flounder at the pleasure of "hook & release".

Isn't it amazing how it is so much easier to pass the buck... and blame the "other guy". With the NC Marine Fisheries own data of increase of harvest, I submit the following guidelines for the southern flounder:

- Amendment Only

Please record my comments for the record and consider them at your August meeting for true management measures of the southern flounder in NC.

Sincerely,
Doris Morris
252-793-9756

From: collin_peel@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:07 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Collin Peel
6402 Old Cove
Emerald Isle, NC 28594-3341
June 30, 2015
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Sincerely,
Collin Peel
2766258103

From: cabc777@juno.com
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 10:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Steve Austin
4245 Preacher Holmes rd
Graham, NC 27253-9111
June 29, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Steve Austin
336-376-3225

From: Bob <rjlorenz@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 3:28 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Lorenz - Southern Flounder Comment
Attachments: MFCltrRJLflounder15.doc

Dear Nancy:

Attached is my commentary on the options proposed for Southern Flounder Management. I appreciate an opportunity to make comment and hope for serious review and consideration by the DMF and MFC.

Best Wishes
Bob Lorenz

See attachment on next page

Robert J. Lorenz
1509 Meridian Terrace
Wilmington, NC 28411

Cell: 910-232-4755
Email: rjlorenz@ec.rr.com

July 1, 2015

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
Attn: Southern Flounder Comments – Nancy Fish
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Subject: Southern Flounder Management Proposals

Dear Mrs. Fish:

Please forward my request to the Division of Marine Fisheries, Director Dr. Louis Daniel, the Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Commission Chairman Sammy Corbett for the following management option, with amendment, to be voted affirmative at the August 19-21 2015 meeting of the Marine Fisheries Commission.

Please vote affirmative and implement Option 2 of the Southern Management Proposals with the following amendments or qualifiers:

- Pound nets shall have escape panel stretch mesh of 6 inches.
- Implement a 626,000 pound TAC for the pound net fishery to cap the explosive growth in that fishery during the past decade.
- Closure of recreational fishing on November 1st through December 31st should not be an option. It would unfairly limit or eliminate the heart of an ocean fishing season and opportunity for flounder fishing by recreational anglers. Recreational anglers already provided the lion's share of Southern Flounder harvest reductions over the past 10 years. The commercial sector conserved Southern Flounder only due to collateral conservation effected through the ITP for Sea Turtles. If a further conservation measure is required of recreational anglers, the daily bag limit could be dropped from 5 fish to 3 during the November 1 to December 31 time period.

The recent stock assessment basically defined that in North Carolina most of the Southern Flounder stock is harvested before the fish have an opportunity to spawn even once. The larger fish that make it through the summer are harvested at increasing levels in the Fall at and near the inlets. A third and confusing development in the data is that perhaps up to 40% of the fish that make it to the ocean and spawn do not return to our inshore NC waters. This makes for a deplorable situation and a need for some aggressive management to be quickly implemented.

The commercial fishery must now finally take pain with Southern Flounder to preserve their future. Conservation of this species can no longer be maintained by only increasing restrictions on the recreational angler. If pure economic value is to be considered, with no thought to social value or welfare, the large mesh gill net fishery for Southern Flounder would be eliminated. The large mesh gill net fishery is worth about \$2.5 million with 850 participants, within a total NC commercial fishery of \$80 million with 3200 participants. Match that against the value of 1.4 million coastal recreational anglers, their license money to DENR, and the \$1.5 billion they spent in NC in pursuit and equipping recreational fishing. We cannot manage stocks solely for commercial take where the attitude is "fish as long as we can find some".

Robert J. Lorenz

From: jack1941@bellsouth.net
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 2:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

John Hamrick
1224 Brookwood Road
Shelby, NC 28150-4204
June 29, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
John Hamrick
7044871198

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From: davisville@bellsouth.net
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 12:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Mark Davis
19 Forsythia Lane
Candler, NC 28715-8284
June 29, 2015
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Sincerely,
Mark Davis
828-670-1479

From: bgrogan@triad.rr.com
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 12:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Brian Grogan
3432 Vance St. Ext.
Reidsville, NC 27320-8871
June 29, 2015
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Sincerely,
Brian Grogan

From: merutled@ncsu.edu
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 10:12 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

M.E. Rutledge
1101 Lady's Slipper Court
Raleigh, NC 27606-8102
June 29, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,

M.E. Rutledge

From: vhunter@copycei.com
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 8:17 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Vernon Hunter
1925 Sunset Drive
Raleigh, NC 27608-2453
June 29, 2015
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Sincerely,
Vernon Hunter
(919) 821-0220

From: Lora Sharkey <ljsharkey200@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 4:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I agree with Capt. Dave Timpy and the RFA-nc that Option 1 is the best option for the Southern Flounder population. It is important to select the most reliable fishery management plan modification to realize true improvements to the Flounder's population. Capt. Timpy has run through all 6 proposed options and concluded the projected increase in fish to be highest with Option 1. The limits should be put into effect as soon as possible to improve the Flounder's long term viability.

Lora Sharkey
432 Cades Trail
Southport, NC
28461

From: rwhite@mindspring.com
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 1:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ray White
P O Box 922
Manteo, NC 27954-0922
June 28, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I have been a sportsman for over 60 years and feel the recreational take numbers are understated. I support: 20% catch reduction in both commercial and recreational: continue pound net and gig fisheries with annual poundage ,

Sincerely,
Ray White

From: hjmartinez2@netzero.net
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 8:32 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

henry martinez
6372 barbour lake road
fayetteville, NC 28306-9329
June 28, 2015
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Sincerely,
henry martinez
9108180414

From: lew.mccloud@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 7:42 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Lewis McCloud
281 HWY 172
Hubert, NC 28539-3501

June 28, 2015

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Sincerely,
Lewis McCloud

From: david.barfield@ge.com
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2015 3:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

David Barfield
1049 Bellenden Dr
Durham, NC 27713-9283
June 27, 2015
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Sincerely,
David Barfield

From: johnr@greathornproperties.com

Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2015 11:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

john robbins
1255 odell school rd
concord, NC 28027-9797
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Sincerely,
john robbins
7049063808

From: wlfman@prodigy.net
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2015 10:22 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Bruce Allen
1137 Thornwood Pl
Fayetteville, NC 28304-2855
June 27, 2015
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Sincerely,
Bruce Allen
9108677770

From: jimmytgainey@murphybrownllc.com
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2015 9:47 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

James Gainey
4158 Indian Springs Road
Seven Springwood, NC 28578-8746
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From: trueline@ec.rr.com
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To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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John Hislop
222 PENINSULA MANOR ROAD
HUBERT, NC 28539-3765
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9103402651

From: kpage@spi-co.com
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2015 8:47 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Kenny Page
1513 Sunrise Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27608-2629
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Sincerely,
Kenny Page
919-219-1660

From: turpin.steve@hotmail.com

Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2015 7:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

steve Turpin
16 West Sugar Maple Dr.
Hendersonville, NC 28739-9639
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Sincerely,
steve Turpin
8283939227

From: jmikestallings@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 8:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Mike Stallings
4120 Carybrook Road
Rocky Mount, NC 27803-1437
June 26, 2015
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Sincerely,
Mike Stallings
Rocky Mount

From: w_h_brown@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 6:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

William Brown
8813 New Forest Dr
Wilmington, NC 28411-8936
June 26, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a saltwater fisherman and I am concerned over the depleted southern flounder stocks. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible. In this regard, I submit the following guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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- No change in recreational limits, our fishing methods are drastically inefficient when compared to the commercial sector;
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Sincerely,

William Brown
910-540-0332

From: lhhjr2@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 5:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Louis Hall,jr
303 avenue road
Smithfield, NC 27577-8811

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Sincerely,
Louis h hall,jr
9193681966

From: ncfishead@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 5:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

John Olin
raleigh, NC 27613
June 26, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

Come on!! Facts are Facts if you don't act we will have nothing to manage. This species has been over fished for years. Please stop the madness and reduce the catch now before it is too late.

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Rocky Mount, NC 27803-8904
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Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Kevin Harrell

From: mgoochsdn@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 3:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Marty Gooch
1529 Jenkins Rd
Wake Forest, NC 27587-9072
June 26, 2015
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Sincerely,
Marty R Gooch
9195543852

From: sfortnc@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 3:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

STEVE FORT
310 park street
little river, SC 29566-7205
June 26, 2015
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Sincerely,
STEVE FORT
910-540-5408

From: rtrgc@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 2:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Hugh Bryan
3916 Riviera Dr
Elm City, NC 27822-8878
June 26, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Hugh Bryan
2529724139

From: kkeyzer@embarqmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 2:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Kevin Keyzer
2756 Spartan Drive
Grimesland, NC 27837-9136
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Sincerely,
Kevin Keyzer
252-378-6349

From: johnsonroach@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 1:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Don Roach II
3678 Ben-Mil Court
Fanklinton, NC 27525-8393
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Sincerely,
Don Roach II
919-764-9112

From: chri@ncwf.org
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 1:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Chris North
1118 Scaleybark rd 309C
Charlotte, NC 28209-4520
June 26, 2015
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Sincerely,
Chris North
704-332-5696

From: captgary@specfever.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 1:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Gary Dubiel
PO Box 1029, 9506 Connie Cove
Oriental, NC 28571-1029
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Sincerely,
Gary Dubiel
252-249-1520

From: vstamey@practicalsoftwaresolutions.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 1:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Vince Stamey
287 Mallard Dr
New London, NC 28127-9106
June 26, 2015
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Sincerely,
Vince Stamey
3364612004

From: boostedglh@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 12:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Steve Hedrick
4008 Ketch Point Dr
rocky mount nc, NC 27803-1418
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Sincerely,
Steve Hedrick
252 451 0006

From: scott.ritter@duke.edu
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 12:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Scott Ritter
100 W. Laurenbrook Ct.
Cary, NC 27518-6845
June 26, 2015
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Sincerely,
Scott Ritter
919-454-6450

From: flatsmeow@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 11:57 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

George poerner
117 Berts Creek Rd
Robbinsville, NC 28771-7609
June 26, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

Stop playing games! Get real about saving the flounder! There is only one way, STOP ALL NETTING OF FLOUNDER for a period of 10 years. We did it in New Jersey and restored the STRIPPED BASS! Also make it a crime to sell any flounder until the stocks are replenished. I am 81 years old and have seen a lot of mistakes in my life. Please take my word for it and save the flounder for our children.

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Sincerely,
Capt George
828-479-1033

From: det1721@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 11:57 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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David Tidwell
3701 Old Red Cross Rd
Climax, NC 27233-8249
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336 379 0686

From: fshnfool@carolina.rr.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 11:47 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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jeremy black

109 cottonwood dr.
mt holly, NC 28120-9550
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Sincerely,
jeremy black
7048271384

From: oldsouthadv@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 11:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ramon Bell
7796 NC Hwy 68 N
Stokesdale, NC 27357-9325
June 26, 2015
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Sincerely,
Ramon Bell
336-643-4455

From: Fish, Nancy
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 11:14 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Comments

Received a call from Glenn Summer from Duplin County at 910-289-0401 on southern flounder – he does not have access to a computer and he has problems writing, so he asked that I convey his thoughts.

- Mr. Summer feels a commercial trip limit is needed for southern flounder, but he was not sure what that exact limit needed to be.
- He also feels there needs to be some type of income requirement for people holding a Standard Commercial Fishing License because “part-timers are abusing the system.” He said it was not fair that people who were really recreational fishermen were able to obtain a commercial license and go out and gig 100s of flounder, while he could only keep six.

Nancy D. Fish
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
Marine Fisheries Commission Liaison
nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov
252-808-8021

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From: paulbbrown@windstream.net
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 11:12 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

paul brown
600 n. rocky river rd.
sanford, NC 27330-0416
June 26, 2015
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Sincerely,
paul brown
9197749667

From: weg_scales@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 10:32 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

W. Edward Godwin, Jr.
7223 Masonboro Sound Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409-2949
June 26, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

As an avid saltwater angler and active follower of all fisheries matters I support a supplement to management of Southern Flounder. It is my opinion that the principal reason SF are in trouble is the amount of gill nets "up the creeks" in those flounder's bedrooms and kitchens. Placed there gill nets will not only catch most every flounder there, big and small, but also everything else because they end up laying flat on the bottom. Lack of water depth doesn't allow the mesh to be stretched so that it is selective. Too many fishermen, with more coming, using effective gear year round adds up to too much catch and discards. Additionally, commercial gear should be used by commercial fishermen only. There is far too much catch without trip tickets by hobbieists and folks catching for black market or their church or family fish fry !

I support the following changes:

- Eliminate RCGL, limit SCFL to significant sellers only;
- A total catch reduction of at least 40%;
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- 15 inch minimum size limit for all commercial catch;
- Establish a TAC quota with payback;
- Allow only existing pound nets, add escape panels;
- No change to gig fishery except no December closure.

I believe the recommendations above will allow SF to recover.

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Sincerely,
W. Edward Godwin, Jr.
704)564-1291

From: jewilkins@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 10:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Jonathan Wilkins
4500 West Fairway Drive

New Bern, NC 28562-7534
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Jonathan Wilkins
252-636-6100

From: hcoulombe@nc.rr.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 9:22 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Harry Coulombe
135 Highview Drive
Youngsville, NC 27596-7914
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Harry Coulombe

919-556-5999

From: bej7780@charter.net
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 9:22 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Ben Jones
903 Bairds Creek Rd
Vilas, NC 28692-9232
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Sincerely,
Ben E. Jones
828-963-7091

From: wgstorm@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 8:52 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Gary Storm
108 downing grove ct
Morrisville, NC 27560-5738
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Sincerely,
Gary Storm
9194683227

From: mbingo111@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 8:32 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Mike Mull
407 Page St
Cary, NC 27511-3221
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Sincerely,
Mike Mull
919 946-8017

From: marmotamonax@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 8:17 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Britt Paige
5210 Johnson Bridge Rd.
Hickory, NC 28602-8440
June 26, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Britt Paige
8283973520

From: jknightfish@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 8:12 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

John Knight
402 Ryan Rd
Cary, NC 27511-3529
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John Knight
(919) 460-0071

From: herb.j.gorham@gsk.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 6:42 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Herb Gorham
604 Nichole Ln
Rocky Mount, NC 27803-1539
June 26, 2015
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Herb Gorham III

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Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 6:17 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Holly Jacques
10001 Crackling Branch Court
Zebulon, NC 27597-9614
June 26, 2015
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Sincerely,
Holly Jacques
919-802-6328

From: trueline@ec.rr.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 12:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

John Hislop
222 PENINSULA MANOR ROAD
HUBERT, NC 28539-3765
June 26, 2015
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John Hislop
9103261857

From: kaseystonecipher@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Kasey Stonecipher
501 Mills Gap Road
Arden, NC 28704-9318
June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
Kasey Stonecipher
8287782910

From: lenny.smathers@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Lenny Smathers
5562 Land Harbour Dr
Granite Falls, NC 28630-8737
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,

Lenny Smathers
8284931387

From: troutphisher2@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

R.G. Taylor
282 JUNNY RD
ANGIER, NC 27501-8617
June 25, 2015
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R.G. Taylor
919-418-5600

From: bens.gallery@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

ben heinemann
906 cardens creek dr
durham, NC 27712-9217
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

The limit could be 15 a day... I haven't been able to catch or even see 5 flounder in two years of fishing, please reorganize the and give the flounder a fair chance of survival. Thanks

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9194795589

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From: grayrockman@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

David Himmel
4102 gray rock road
kittrell, NC 27544-7739
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From: rgr.poland@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Matt Poland
177 e 12 oaks rd
Raeford, NC 28376
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Matt

From: discodaledavis@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 9:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Dale Davis
P.O Box 663
Edenton, NC 27932-0663
June 25, 2015
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Dale J. Davis
252-312-3360

From: jimnc9@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 9:27 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Jim Ward
715 Weathergreen Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27615-3224
June 25, 2015
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Jim Ward
919-818-4359

From: hannah.barfield2@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 9:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Hannah Barfield
6609 Electra
Raleigh, NC 27607-4820
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Hannah Barfield
9194926301

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From: shawn.whicker@bradyservices.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 9:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Shawn Whicker
2998 Beargrass Rd
Stokes, NC 27884-9640
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Sincerely,
Shawn Whicker
252-917-0599

From: Pansy Hunt <phunt3@windstream.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 8:46 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

I think you should place observers on shrimp boats fishing inside waters to count dead baby flounder. This could be why flounder numbers are depleted. Why doesn't any of the 6 proposals address this?

From: jff54@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 8:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

John Fischer
1141 Buttercup Lane
Wake Forest, NC 27587-7136
June 25, 2015
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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 8:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Mary Boelte
4745 NC HWY 150 E
Browns Summit, NC 27214-9551
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Mary Boelte
3365404622

From: jpowell740@nc.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 8:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Joseph Powell
7079 Lamplighter Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28306-9627
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Joseph Powell
9104255268

From: pro@starhillgolf.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 7:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Cdr Brown
101
Bogue, NC 28584
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2522414860

From: stu.creighton@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 7:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Stuart Creighton
201 Mildred St.
Oriental, NC 28571-9210

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Sincerely,
Stuart Creighton
919-770-3817

From: gmassey@triad.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 7:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Gregory Massey
2942 mine creek rd
Burlington, NC 27217-7343
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

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Gregory h massey

From: wcook07@embarqmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 7:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Walter cook
309pelican harbor road
Beaufort, NC 28516
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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From: topgun2@citcom.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 7:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Suzanne Jones
1195 Stone Drive
Brevard, NC 28712-7686
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Suzanne Jones
828-877-3326

From: lapplewh@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 6:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

benjie applewhite
150 justice flynn rd
riegelwood, NC 28456-7003
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Sincerely,
benjie applewhite

From: oak40th@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 6:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Steve craven
273 George Clyde Lane
High Point, NC 27262-8224
June 25, 2015
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Steve craven
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From: wlamm@embarqmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 6:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Wooten Lamm
3805 Mansfield Drive
Rocky Mount, NC 27804-3207
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Sincerely,
Wooten Lamm
252-937-6435

From: lloyd.blackwood@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 6:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Lloyd Blackwood
PO box 142
Woodleaf, NC 27054-0142
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Lloyd Blackwood
704-202-6799

From: peteboelte@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 6:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Pete Boelte
225 north Chanel haven dr
Wilmington, NC 28409-3505
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Sincerely,
Pete Boelte
828-241-2047

From: Sunset Pier <sunsetpier@atmc.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 6:15 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: flounder

I run Sunset Beach Fishing Pier. I received an email from NCDENR a couple of days before this one stating that the Commercial Harvest had increased 23% from 2013 to 2014 and now we the recreationalists are being asked to limit our catch. I think the one that over fished the species should be the ones to correct the error. I feel no changes to Recreational fishermen should be made. N. C. receives a lot more money from recreational fishermen coming to this state in the way of revenue from vacationers and fishermen than the commercial industry could ever pay. If the limit is 1 18" fish per day, vacationers will go just one state below us to spend their money and catch a lot more fish. Explain to me why SC has not changed their limits on flounder or trout but yet NC continuously punishes the recreational fishermen for the ills of the commercial fishermen.

Sincerely,
Sunset Beach Fishing Pier
Becky Kaplan
Owner

From: bwritter@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 6:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Barry Ritter
303 Cedar Ave
Hampstead, NC 28443-2818
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Barry W Ritter

9106199435

From: gradybarnes@wildblue.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Grady Barnes
1655 Evans Road
Franklinton, NC 27525-8105
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

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Sincerely,
Grady Barnes
919-417-3205

From: walker21@charter.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

george walker
4726 ilex dr
wilmington, NC 28412-7646
June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
george h walker jr

From: killiam42@live.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Melvin Killian
1741 8th St Dr N E Apt D
Hickory, NC 28601-2318
June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
Melvin Killian
828 578 6210

From: tarheelbowman@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Walter Henderson
539 Long Mill Road
Franklinton, NC 27525-8735
June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
Walter Henderson
919-495-1104

From: karljr1955@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Karl Andersen
3602 Gosford Gate
Greenville, NC 27858-6419
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

This one is worth reading. I am partly responsible for your being in office.....so please do read it.

I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan currently being considered. I support the purpose of the Supplement to address this urgent problem and return the southern flounder to sustainability as quickly as possible.

North Carolina is the only state of the Eastern and Gulf states that has NOT implemented logical regulations to protect our fisheries. Up until now, past governing bodies have been way too lenient towards trying to protect our commercial fishermen and in doing so we have decimated our fisheries resources. We as tax paying citizens supplement the income of thousands of people in NC every month that don't work, cant work or have below average incomes. It would certainly make more economical sense to supplement the income of the small number of NC commercial fishermen and put tougher regulations in place to protect and restore our fisheries resources for the benefit of all citizens and for the state financially. I call this spending money to make money. The prior is spending money with little hope of seeing a return. I think you will find it difficult to disagree with either of these statements.

I am an avid fisherman who spends thousands of dollars each year to catch fish in our ocean waters. Every year it becomes more difficult to bring some fish home to the family for dinner. In this regard, I agree with the following proposed guidelines for reduction in catch that I consider minimum for restoration of the southern flounder:

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I fish, I eat seafood from NC..... when its available..... and I VOTE.

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Sincerely,
Karl Andersen
252-245-6013

From: rboelte@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Edwin Boelte II
4745 East NC HWY 150
Browns Summit, NC 27214-9551
June 25, 2015
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Edwin R Boelte II
3366563567

From: chris.e.raynor@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Christopher Raynor
120 Holly Bay Lane
Holly Springs, NC 27540-8384

June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
Christopher Raynor
6127603395

From: ddallin@bellsouth.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Dennis Dallin
10201 Roadstead Way West
Raleigh, NC 27613-6103
June 25, 2015
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Dennis Dallin
Raleigh

From: smokeymichael@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 4:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Michael Huffman
2024 Francis Drive
Clayton, NC 27527-9173
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Sincerely,
Michael Huffman
9199659497

From: jamesbaer@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 4:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

James Barmer
700 Holly Road
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870-3018
June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
James Barmer
2525371571

From: dmmerriman@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 4:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

David Merriman
2697 Fairview rd
Raleigh, NC 27608-1347
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Sincerely,
David Merriman
919-289-6153

From: rjs1033@netscape.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 4:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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RobertJ. Smith
105 Glencroft Rd.
Hubert, NC 28539-3529
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Revoke all commercial license for those whom do not derive at least 51% of their reported income from commercial fishing. Too many are selling "under the counter" and not reporting catches. Please record my comments for the record and consider them at your August meeting for inclusion as management measures for immediate implementation to begin the restoration of the southern flounder in NC.

Sincerely,
RobertJ. Smith
2522594281

From: lcharwood@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 4:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Leonard Harwood
17 Dixon court
Candler, NC 28715-9343
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Leonard Harwood

828 667-8047

From: jkoonce@sc.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 4:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Jim Koonce
309 North Shores Road
Washington, NC 27889-5322
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Jim Koonce

From: aagillmo@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 4:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Aaron Gilmore
1009 Hunting Ridge Road
Wilmington, NC 28412-7424
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Aaron Gilmore

From: rockfish28584@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 4:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Rocky Carter
105 wind dance lane
Swansboro, NC 28584-9603
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Rocky Carter
3364239100

From: lee_stone@embarqmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 4:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Lee Stone
108 Harbour Way
Washington, NC 27889-9212
June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
Lee Stone

From: boldgoat@bellsouth.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

JOHN LIMBRUNNER
1022 WELLINGTON COURT
LENOIR, NC 28645-8200
June 25, 2015
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JOHN LIMBRUNNER
8287579247

From: lterry@ec.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Larry Terry
417 Hillcrest Dr
Morehead City, NC 28557-8444
June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
Larry Terry
2526224861

From: vhunter@copycei.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Vernon Hunter
1925 Sunset Drive
Raleigh, NC 27608-2453
June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
Vernon Hunter
(919) 821-0220

From: suttonrw@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Rob Sutton
8403 stokesdale st
stokesdale, NC 27357-9239
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Rob Sutton

From: timraderart@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Tim Hergenrader
106 Black Horse Run S
New Bern, NC 28560-5987
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Tim Hergenrader
252-571-2615

From: wahoofishing@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Joseph Simpson
509 Grant Forest Ln
Cary, NC 27519-9321
June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
Joseph Simpson
919-747-1999

From: redfishfighter@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Matthew Harris
7107 Grouper Ct
Wilmington, NC 28409-5004
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Sincerely,
Matthew Harris
910-512-6710

From: churchrw@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ralph Church
4861 South Gate BLVD SE
Southport, NC 28461-8724
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Sincerely,
Wayne Church
9102534326

From: fisherman11@earthlink.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Richard Olsen
1015 Front St.
Beaufort, NC 28516-2307
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Sincerely,
Richard A Olsen
2527284746

From: robert.neil.wiggins@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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robert wiggins
175 puppy creek circle
raeford, NC 28376-5522
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Sincerely,
robert wiggins
910 848-6600

From: rwaynechurchjr@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Wayne Church
2820 Green Hill Rd NE
Leland, NC 28451-8626
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9105407890

From: dirtydraws21@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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David Drach
526 hardy rd
Snow hill, NC 28580-7392
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David Drach

From: mike.seamster@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Michael Seamster
791 Seamster Road
Providence, NC 27315-9447
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Sincerely,
Michael Seamster
336-388-2025

From: hmichaelsd@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Howard Dickens
6545 hugo rd
hookerton, NC 28538-7105
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Howard Dickens
2527477413

From: bmcalhany@triad.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Ben McAlhany
2910 round hill road
Greensboro, NC 27408-3711
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Ben McAlhany
3366017993

From: waynesmith1946@yahoo.com
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To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Gerald Smith
419 hudson road
siler city, NC 27344-8363
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Gerald Smith
919-742-2208

From: amcnairy@msn.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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WH McNairy
5225 N Church St
Greensboro, NC 27455-1357
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WH McNairy
3362855197

From: jhott@taloving.com
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To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Justi Hott
106 Chatham Pass
New Bern, NC 28562-7200
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Sincerely,
Justin Hott

From: dandscox@charter.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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David Cox
1120 Robert Whitfield Rd.
Hurdle Mills, NC 27541-9109
June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
David Cox
336-364-4520

From: jakerobertson@roadrunner.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Robert Robertson
308 Grace St.
Mount Airy, NC 27030-2910
June 25, 2015
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Robert S Robertson
3367106641

From: jcinnb@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

James COx
1409 N Pasteur St
new Bern, NC 28560-3139
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am a marine fisheries enthusiast who is concerned over the serious neglect for the welfare of the southern flounder for the past ten years that has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery.

When I first moved to New Bern, in 2007, I fished a lot, caught enough flounder to keep it interesting.

Then, about 2012 I started catching only small flounder, and the last year or two I have not caught a single keep able flounder.

Talk about economic impact, I have pretty much quit fishing for flounder. I am not buying gas, boating supplies, bait or tackle from local small businesses

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James C Cox, Jr.
252-269-6045

From: msu11ski@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Joseph Geiger
4713 trent river dr
Trent Woods, NC 28562-7527
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5172042789

From: earl.jones@realtyservicesec.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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PO Box 15069
New Bern, NC 28561-5069
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Sincerely,
Robert e. Jones

From: tony@customsignsinc.us
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Tony Edwards
25 Moss Way
Franklinton, NC 27525-9529
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Tony Edwards

From: mikeymar@centurylink.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Michael Martin
1004 Dairy House Court
Wake Forest, NC 27587-4656
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Michael Martin
9196180176

From: snappygolf@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Tom Stevens
8028 Hawkshead Rd
Wake Forest, NC 27587-9420
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Tom Stevens
9195562825

From: Gerald Otteni <gotteni1401@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:06 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Subject: Proposed Flounder Management Proposal

I have owned a house on Sunset Beach for 19 years and have enjoyed recreational flounder fishing in nearby waters over the years and I am concerned about the status of our state marine fisheries. I have witnessed a steady decline in both the size and number of flounder caught by me and many friends despite DMF regulation changes to the recreational fishermen which have regularly increased the size requirements and decreased the limits of fish taken from these waters. It is clear from scientific studies that commercial fishermen comprise nearly 80% of the harvest and recreational fishermen just over 20%, but no limits or stricter regulations have been imposed on the commercial side of total equation.

I believe it is time to manage the flounder fishery and make it a sustainable fishery by reducing the overall harvest taken by commercial interests. History has shown me that limiting the recreational side will be ineffective in allowing the fishery to rebound and the only way to achieve stated goals is to put restrictions on commercial interests whose 80% harvest percentage will have the biggest impact.

I therefore support closure of the fishery for both commercial and recreational fishing in the fall to allow the breeding stock to escape and have an opportunity to rebound. I believe that size limits should be equal at 15 inches across the board for commercial as well as recreational fisherman (it makes no sense to allow commercial interests to harvest smaller fish and sell them at market when they are harvesting 80% of the total). Establishing a TAC and imposing it on commercial fishing is necessary and will go a long way in attaining the desired decrease in fish harvested in the state. This is now done with striped bass and is successful in other states for other species. Furthermore, I believe large mesh gill net fishing should be stopped altogether or severely curtailed in the future as this method is not viable to maintain a sustainable flounder population for either commercial or recreational interests.

Thank you for reading these comments.

Sincerely,
Gerald V Otteni
5604 Yorke Street
Concord, NC

From: ghurt@mictospace.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Greg Hurt
1107 South Second St
Smithfield, NC 27577-4220
June 25, 2015
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Greg Hurt
919 868 0998

From: grmode@earthlink.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Comments on Southern Flounder Restoration

G. Richard Mode
206 WOODLAWN DR
MORGANTON, NC 28655-3656
June 25, 2015
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G. Richard Mode
929-443-2901

From: draines@carolinaeasthealth.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

David Raines
1870 N.C.HWY 118
Vanceboro, NC 28586
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Dwane Vickstrom
3523 Foxridge Rd
Charlotte, NC 28226-7353
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Dwane Vickstrom
980-207-1180

From: stanbackf@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:57 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Fred Stanback
220 Stonewall Road
Salisbury, NC 28144-2860
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Sincerely,
Fred Stanback
704 633 3022

From: koppenheim@nc.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Ken Oppenheim
300 macgregor dr
Beaufort, NC 28516-9028
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

The DMF let the river herring go down the tubes. Do what your biologists are telling you and cut back the commercial harvest. I have not been able to catch a keeper flounder in years. Get rid of the nets like other stTees have done

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Ken Oppenheim
919 349-6140

From: bocash3@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:52 PM
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William B Cash
275 Double Eagle Drive
Nebo, NC 28761-9132
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Sincerely,
Wm. Bo Cash
8287643329

From: scottgeyer@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Scott Geyer
2501 Beretania Circle
Charlotte, NC 28211-3633
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Scott Geyer
704 564-7234

From: domcanavarro@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:52 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Dom Canavarro
1510 ridge rd
raleigh, NC 27607-6731
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Dom Canavarro

From: ncfpresident@live.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

April D.Rice
207 Stock wood dr
Stanley, NC 28164-9437
June 25, 2015
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April D.Rice

From: wstanley@archdaleinsurance.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

WALTER STANLEY
3201 ARCHDALE RD
ARCHDALE, NC 27263-2709
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Sincerely,
WALTER STANLEY
3364423438

From: bobcrownraleigh@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Bob Falkenbach
3011 Krogen Court
Creedmoor, NC 27522-9740
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Bob Falkenbach
9193952174

From: michael.k.mason@wellsfargo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Michael Mason
4620 Gomar Lane
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526-8464
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

Dear Flounder Supplement:

I am long time NC resident who is concerned over the serious neglect of the southern flounder stocks in NC. This has resulted in a depleted stock of the fishery. I support the Supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan via the following guidelines:

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Manage the saltwater fish for the benefit of the FISH and ALL of NC, not just the few who seek to exploit the fish to profit in the short term.

Sincerely,

Michael K Mason

From: tim@ncwf.org
 Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:47 PM
 To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
 Subject: Southern Flounder comments

Tim Gestwicki
 3146 St. julien St
 charlotte, NC 28205
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Sincerely,
 Tim Gestwicki

From: duanebrown22@gmail.com
 Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:42 PM
 To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
 Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Duane Brown
 178 Canebrake Dr
 New Bern, NC 28562-8950

June 25, 2015
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From: flightlineess@skybest.com
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Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Kevin Griffith
137 View Point Lane
Sparta, NC 28675-9619
June 25, 2015
Flounder Supplement

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Sincerely,
Kevin M Griffith
336-200-1204

From: jack.dunn@cpgre.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Jack Dunn
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Sincerely,
Jack Dunn
919-803-5490

From: randell@med.unc.edu
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Restoration

Scott Randell
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June 25, 2015
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Sincerely,
Scott Randell

From: Smith, Tricia
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:45 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: FW: new proclamation subsription

From: Donald Cox [mailto:alltymetowing@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:01 PM
To: Smith, Tricia
Subject: Re: new proclamation subsription

thanks patricia. if they pass this ruling really gonna hurt me. only time I can fish is on the weekends. take my daughter maybe 2 weekends out of each month.

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Tricia <tricia.smith@ncdenr.gov>
To: Donald Cox <alltymetowing@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Jun 25, 2015 11:19 am
Subject: RE: new proclamation subsription

Hi Donald,

I have added you to the news release distribution list and asked that you be added to the proclamations distribution list. There have been no changes to the commercial flounder gigging size limits at this point. A public comment period on six proposals for flounder management will end July 10. You can find out about the proposals and how to comment at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/southern-flounder-hot-topic>.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Patricia

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From: Donald Cox [mailto:alltymetowing@aol.com <mailto:alltymetowing@aol.com?>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 9:52 PM
To: Smith, Tricia
Subject: new proclamation subscription

new subscription and can u tell me if their is a new law for commercial flounder gigging sizes, thanks
donald

From: Tyler Comar <tcomar1371@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:06 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

Gill nets should be banned . They catch everything an there is no one watching them cant tell you how
many have gotten tangled on my boat at night.

From: John Raynor <jpr8771@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 9:23 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I submit my vote for proposal 1 as it pertains to the future of management for the flounder fisheries.

Thank you

John P. Raynor
Smith & Nephew Orthopaedics
Recon/Trauma Representative
(919) 868-1826

From: Wayne and Faye Myers <myers@fayway.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 9:03 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder proposals. Support proposal #1

Dear commissioners,

As a recreational fisherman who is on the water nearly two hundred days of the year, I have seen the waste from gill nets and other commercial harvest methods, floating in and out with the tides. I have not always fished specifically for Flounder, but when I have, I have never caught more than one or two that I could keep and have returned hundreds alive to the water. I have never caught my limit of legal sized Flounder and the way things are going, probably never will. In the last two years, the ratio between keepers and undersized fish has spread from about 2 or 3 to 1 keeper down to 6 to 1 or lower. Many times I am fishing with two other anglers whom I go out with regularly and between the three of us, we have rarely, if ever, come home with 1 keeper each. If nothing is done to stem commercial over fishing and fish kill, there won't be any flounder for anyone to catch. The reason I suggest commercial fisherman be the main target of new regulation is that they are responsible for 70 to 80 percent, if not more, of all fish taken. The way things are now, you could close recreational fishing for Flounder and still deplete the fish stocks to well below desirable limits just from the commercial impact.

To address the impact this proposal would have on the commercial fisherman, should the catch be limited to sustainable numbers, the market will adjust by giving a higher price per pound. Who knows, they may even end up making more money overall than they do now.

Many people come to this area each year to fish and they spend a lot of money with guides, marinas, bait and tackle shops, motels, restaurants and all sorts of other businesses as well. Let's do the right thing and support the majority of businesses, vacationers and residents and not just the commercial side of this great resource.

Thank you,
Wayne Myers
Calabash, NC

From: York, David <york.dg@pg.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:21 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

Dear NCDENR,

I support Proposal 1 for the harvest management of the southern flounder.

Thank you,

David York
OC Power & Controls E&I
P&G Browns Summit, NC

A wise man once said: Wealth is not measured by how much money you have, but by the things you have that money cannot buy.

From: donald cox jr <alltymetowing@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 10:04 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

my name is Donald cox jr. have a standard commercial fishing license. the only time I get to flounder gig is on the weekends. take my daughter maybe 2 weekends out of a month. so if or when this law takes affect your saying I cant fish on the weekends at all? just renewed my scfl a year ago. sounds like I wasted my money once again.

From: Carlton [mailto:rucpitt@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 9:02 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Southern Flounder Management

Dear Commissioners,

As a lifeline NC resident and saltwater as well as freshwater fisherman, I am very concerned about the continuing downward slide of North Carolina's depleted southern flounder stock. It is long past time to address this resource as soon as possible! You have a real opportunity to make positive changes to sustain our public fisheries at the Marine Fisheries Commission meeting in August.

#1 - first and foremost - ban inshore gill nets and all inshore trawling! If you do nothing else, at the very least - do YOUR jobs to protect and sustain the State's fisheries for all residents and visitors. Inshore netting results in such a completely wasted by-catch of juvenile fish which have never been allowed to reproduce. Please stop this waste as soon as possible.

I would like to see you do everything necessary to place into temporary rule under the supplement process to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan measures that will support and ensure the following:

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3. Suspend the harvest of southern flounder by any and all gill nets. Doing this will achieve most of the 50% reduction requested above and solve many problems for our inshore marine fisheries. The management costs, conflicts, by-catch issues and unsustainable harvest associated with the use of gill nets has created an unmanageable situation for marine fisheries in North Carolina. It's time to stop the use of this highly destructive gear. Add inshore trawling to the list of fisheries practices which produce such a waste of by-catch it is no longer acceptable.

Modern commercial fisheries practices have far outpaced the ability of the resource to sustain itself.

Please support these three simple changes and help our southern flounder stock begin the recovery that it deserves and many citizens expect.

Thank you,
CA Pittman

From: Ayers Family <ayersattheroost@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 4:18 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com
Subject: Southern Flounder FMP Supplement

Dear Commissioners:

My family has lived on the North Carolina coast for many years and personally witnessed the depletion of flounder and other fish in our waters due to commercial nets. When my children were young, they caught doormat size flounder. Now, they catch almost nothing unless they go offshore. We are killing our State's tourism and business. I am also a conservationist and believe the nets are destroying our estuaries. All for the almighty dollar. I was especially sickened this year to find nets lining the shore of the creek on which I live. It has become lifeless. No flounder, no trout, no drum, no crabs, etc.

This year my family has decided to travel outside of North Carolina for our weekly summer vacation. My boys want to fish and actually catch one. The thousands of dollars we spend each summer will go elsewhere. Thousands that could be spent here in North Carolina. Furthermore, the 50 lbs. of shrimp we usually purchase at home will be purchased in South Carolina on our way home.

It's time for you all to start considering the damage that has already been done to our estuaries by these commercial nets. I urge you to make the necessary changes to the commercial harvest rules in order to allow our waters to recover.

Respectfully,
Tina Ayers, Oriental, NC

From: Webster collett <rcw1010@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 1:54 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Thank you for your solicitation of input regarding plight of the Southern flounder. As a recreational fisherman it would seem that we usually get the short end of the stick when stock regulation is being considered. As a group we certainly have considerable impact on the coastal economy yet commercial interests always seem to trump whatever efforts we make or positions we take. Are the commercial

interests so well organized and politically connected in Raleigh that the true issue (stock enhancement) gets put to the side while an all out personal and political fight ensues? It would certainly appear that that is the case.

Gill nets have been banned by all adjoining states. It seems that stocks(translate as limits) are a lot healthier in SC . Surely there is a connection between the amount of fish and the lack of gill nets there. I propose we would see a similar result if they were banned in NC

Gigging and "propping" continue to be practiced at unsustainable rates. I realize it's a tough enforcement issue but when giggers post their kills on social media accompanied by music it is apparent that a disregard for the resource exists! I have been fishing legally in a boat and seen proppers hoist a rope with at least 30 flounders on it. I would term that "shameful."I suggest that stricter enforcement and meaningful punishments for violators be pursued on a more urgent basis.

Whatever decisions are reached, be it different limits or catch quotas, please don't punish the recreational fisherman. A level playing field is needed so that the real issues can be creatively solved rather than favoritism for one faction which generates further mistrust and lack of faith in the state political process.

R.W. Collett
Ocean Isle Beach, N.C

From: Peter Leavitt <redfin1@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 8:25 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: Peter Leavitt
Subject: flounder regs.

Hi Folks.....

You got a tough job.....Worked for the USFS for 32 years.....Can't please the public.....Great job if didn't have to deal with PEOPLE.....In my case, trees didn't ever give me any flack.....only GREEN THINKING PEOPLE.....Had no idea what SOUTHERN FOREST management was all about.....They would rather wipe their ass with sticks than toilet paper made from low quality Loblolly Pine Trees.....Any how.....

As to the Southern Flounder, how about considering an attachment that states: Anyone 65-75 + or some old age number, can keep 1-2 flounder per day 13" +. Personally I am a MEAT fisherman, have been all my life, and am 78 years old.

Don't have many more years to fish, but I always have enjoyed a Flounder dinner now and then. The last several years I have kept count.....You have to catch 20 - 30 flounder before you catch a keeper 15". If you don't consider something like I have suggested, I can kiss it good by.....Thats sad, they were a good eating fish.....If your lucky you too will be my age someday and your decision will also affect you.....

Thanks for reading this ...I hope
Peter Leavitt
1021 Basil Drive
New Bern, N. C. 28562
252 638 2408

From: Pruitt, Scott <pruitt.sd@pg.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 2:41 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I like proposal #1. I like the fact that you all are finally doing something to the commercial fisherman, and leaving the avg. person alone. We have been cut enough that it is almost not worth the trip to the beach. The avg. person does not hurt anything at the beach. We come down for a weekend or a week and can't even get enough fish for a fish fry in one trip. The commercial fishermen go out with

nets and bring in boatloads day after day. Fish that we cant keep because of the size limit, they can. And by the boatload. So that's my 2 cents worth.

Thanks Scott

From: Mccullough, Teresa A <teresa.mccullough@hospira.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 9:10 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Marine Fisheries Commission announces public comment period for flounder management proposals

I am a kayak fisherman and I fish mainly inshore waters and I believe if the pound nets and gills were removed from inshore waters (spawning grounds) that the fishery would come back strong in a couple years. For the pound nets the total weight should be their total catch and they keep them all (not what is legal to keep) because by the time they pull they nets in the fish are already dead, so when the total weight is caught it is complete. I also support the CCA-NC option that includes a 15-inch minimum size limit across all sectors, a commercial Total Allowable Catch to provide a measureable harvest limit, a prohibition on the use of anchored large-mesh gill nets in inshore waters effective Jan. 1, 2016, no change in recreational limits.

Being a kayak fisherman for the past several years I have seen a decline in the flounder and other species and have not had a limit of fish on hook and line for many years and I truly believe it is due to the gill and pound nets in the inshore waters (estuaries) that is the big factor. If you look at other areas around the US that do not allow these inshore the fishery is stronger than ever and they bag limits are higher than ours. Thank for giving us hook and line recreational fisherman a chance to voice our views.

Teresa McCullough

Kayak Fisherman Inshore Waters

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From: JWW1215 [mailto:JWW1215@alumni.ecu.edu]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 5:49 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Public Comment Southern Flounder

Dear Commissioners,

As a concerned citizen, I am aware of the continued downward slide of North Carolina's depleted southern flounder stock. It is well past the time to reverse this downward slide and you now have a real opportunity to make that happen at the Marine Fisheries Commission meeting in August.

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4: Commercial and Recreational observe a 15" size limit

Please support these changes and help our southern flounder stock begin the recovery that it deserves and many citizen expect.

Thank You
Josh Wilder

From: James Hall <jdhall1948@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2015 2:19 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Public Comment
Attachments: IMG_0135.JPG; ATT00001.txt; IMG_0136.JPG; ATT00002.txt

See attachment on next page



Recreational Fishing Alliance of North Carolina Southern Flounder Public Comment

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Commissioners and Division Staff,

My name is James D Hall

I live and vote in Brunswick County.

My address is 5 Pender St
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

Email foxhole0001@gmail.com

Phone 910-523-0343

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the public comment on the management of Southern Flounder. Based on options given to the public by NCDMF staff and commissioners, I believe option:

Opt 1 is the best for management of Southern flounder. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the management of North Carolina's fisheries.

Thank you,

You can email this form: flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov

You can mail this form:

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, N.C. 28557

RFA-NC recommends Option 1, based on data provided by the NCDMF staff and scientist in the document "NC Southern Flounder Draft Supplement. Option 1 will allow the southern flounder population to recover the quickest out of all the options presented.

The deadline for public comment is July 10th, so have your comments sent in by July 7th at the latest!!



Recreational Fishing Alliance of North Carolina Southern Flounder Public Comment

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Commissioners and Division Staff,

My name is Brenda C Hall

I live and vote in Brunswick County.

My address is 5 Pender St

Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

Email brenhall03@gmail.com

Phone 336-772-6787

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From: Curtis <curcrawford@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2015 10:03 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

Hello, my name is Curtis Crawford & I have been Flounder fishing the North Carolina coast for 40 years & have definitely noticed a decline in the Flounder population both quantity & size the past few years but I can't understand why you would even consider regulating the recreational fisherman. The commercial & Giggling crews must have stricter & more ways of being held accountable for their record keeping & fishing practices

From: Greg Gilder <grgbear@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2015 6:10 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement; David & Elsie Krauter
Subject: Southern Flounder Management Proposals

To Whom It May Concern,

First let me state that I appreciate that you are permitting recreational fisherman to submit comments and concerns as you consider measures to safeguard the Southern Flounder population. I am unfortunately not direct on all of the actions taken over the past several years to accomplish this task, so as I reference certain items of concern or recommendation, please excuse my ignorance. I did attempt to read the Draft Supplement A, but the spreadsheet on the change in commercial controls was lengthy and a little difficult to digest.

While I'm not definite it appears that some restrictions have been placed on shrimp draggers to help decrease the loss of millions of baby flounder to their nets. I say this because I have not seen shrimp trollers in the Sneads Ferry area for quite some time, but then my flounder trips have greatly decreased over the past several years so I can't be definite. While I can't be definite I believe this to be true as I have seen a huge increase in flounder below the 15" minimum over the past couple years. In addition to seeing a huge increase in flounder while giggling, I've noticed a huge increase in small flounder that we've been catching over the past couple years on our annual trips to the Outer Banks that were released back. I feel it important to point out the huge increase in flounder that I've seen over the past couple of years as we may not have had quite enough time to truly see the ramifications of past management efforts and may still need 1-2 years to really tell.

While I know we're talking a financial impact on possibly hundreds of commercial fisherman, as I read the recommendations, I believe the best option is the standardized 15" limit for both recreational and commercial fisherman, with the requirement that they replace existing nets to the larger mesh to reduce dead discards. If that doesn't meet the reduction needs sought then I would recommend closed seasons of November 15th to Jan 1st, Dec 1st to Jan 15th or even Nov 15th to Jan 15th if necessary to accomplish the recommended goals.

I have to admit that my recommendations are somewhat selfish as my favorite hobby is taking my 76 year old father-in-law flounder giggling when we get the chance, but that has already decreased to about once every 3-4 months. When we do go it takes all night to get the limit at 15" and most nights we don't get the limit. Increasing the limit to 16" will make it even more difficult. Reducing the catch limit would make it completely unfeasible to go flounder giggling, as it already costs us around \$50-\$60 in gas and food per trip. I would even go so far as to say reducing the limit to one or two flounder would kill giggling completely for every recreational fisherman that doesn't have a place right there on the water. I do not know if a separate catch limit for giggling versus hook & line is feasible or even legal, but it is an option as giggling actually has the smallest dent on the flounder population.

I'll close by stating that the NCDENR email I received with this email address had both the 60 something paged Draft Supplement A and the Southern Flounder Management Proposal attached. The two documents were contradictory in recommendations and I hope the "Proposal" attachment is the one you're actually considering. One of the proposals within that document was to reduce the recreational size limit back to 14". If a 2 month closed season, Nov 15th thru Jan 15th, would permit this change and still reach the desired management goals, I would LOVE to see it. If the 2 month closed season would not reach the goal, as much as I'd love to see it, I would not recommend the 14" proposal as there were

hundreds of flounder caught and released that I personally saw, that fell between 14-15". I'm sure the hundreds that I saw would equate to thousands that I didn't see. Lastly, I'll add that I myself, and I'm sure all of the individuals that I know that flounder gig, would be more than willing to complete trip surveys on flounder caught and even those turned back that fell below the length limit, if this would help in management controls that benefit all.

Respectfully,
Gregory R Gilder
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Cell (910) 489-4459

From: Gregory Judy <gwjudy50@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2015 9:42 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: southern flounder proposals

I am opposed to the supplement options and would prefer that the MFC go ahead with an amendment process instead. If the Commission refuses to go the amendment route, which should provide much better examination of data and options, I would go along with a 15 inch fish, commercial and recreational. Pound net panels would need to be 5.5 inch stretched mesh if hung on the diamond and 6 inch if hung on the square. I base this opinion on the tailbag requirements of the winter trawl fishery for summer flounder. Minimum stretch mesh for gillnets would have to be either 5.75 or 6 inches. People say that gillnets are not selective, but that is a simplification of the truth. A quarter of an inch makes a big difference in flounder selectivity. Division data appears to be limited in this question, with the Albemarle Sound gillnet survey being the only survey that uses 1/4 inch graduations in the sampling nets; and as stated in DMF proposals, the Albemarle Sound southern flounder population is comprised of the smallest fish of any area in the state. If that is true, then, of course, the percentage of small fish retained is going to much higher than if the survey was done in an area having a more balanced size composition. Retain the 6 fish bag for rec and the Dec.1-Dec.31 closure.

From: Thomas Dufalla <tdufalla@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2015 8:58 AM
To: flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov.
Subject: Flounder Fishery Proposals

Sir

I live on the water ion NC. I have witnessed how the commercial fishing in the internal waters has decimated the Fish resources in NC . Seems we could take notice of what all the states around us have done, by banning commercial netting in internal waters. Their fisheries have flourished, while ours have declined.

Tom Dufalla

From: Jackie Strickland <revjackie@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 10:58 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

At the present time only two inlets get any attention for dredging. Cape Fear and Beaufort. We all know that all of our inlets are in need of some dredge work. Not necessarily for boat traffic but for fish habitat. If flounder do not come inside and spawn then naturally numbers will continue to decline. If a

flounder lays her eggs in the ocean immediately blue fish etc eat the eggs. In alot of cases she dies. We don't need more creel limits. We need habitat improvement. I grew up fishing Brunswick county. Tubbs inlet has always been a very good flounder fishery. Mainly because of the amount of marshes between little river and all the way up to Holden's beach. "20 mile marsh". Now it is almost completely filled in. My catch has went from 50 fish average 5-6 years ago to less than 20 now. Why? Is it over fishing NO! It is because the inlet is filled in and the flounder by pass it. They don't come into the eastern channel anymore to spawn. So sad our leaders have allowed this inlet as well as others like it to get to this point. I guess the saddest part is there is no other plan in place other than once again reducing creel limits. Could someone please see the need to improve habitat once again. Put politics on the back burner. Lets do what is right , not for any class of fisherman but for the flounder! By the way a 14 inch flounder is not a juvenile. Especially summer flounder. They are as round as they are long. I am in favor to leaving commercial limits at 14 as well as reducing it back to 14" as well for recreational fishermen. Thanks for your time and for considering my thoughts. Sitting on the sand in Brunswick co. Jack

From: nalavany@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 8:16 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement; samjcorbett3@gmail.com;
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awillis.mfc@gmail.com
Subject: N. C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan

June 19, 2015

Dear Marine Fisheries Commission Members,

I am writing to you with respect to Amendment 1 of the N. C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan. I am a conservationist and an avid recreational fisherman who moved to N.C. in 2006 from Tampa, Florida.

I am deeply concerned that Southern Flounder has been overfished for far too long. It is with dismay that the commercial fishery continue to exploit Southern Flounder with little to no concern about the resource. It is also deplorable to me that the overfishing has been allowed for this long under the watch of those in leadership positions that are supposed to honor the vitality of the resource. However, as a newcomer to this wonderful state, it seems like leadership is more interested in protecting the commercial fishing industry over a publicly owned resource.

In 2008 I called a MFC member with knowledge about the Southern Flounder fishery. I did so after being concerned about the miles of large mesh net scattered throughout the shallow lower Neuse River and Western Pamlico Sound shorelines. Unfortunately, this gentleman lectured me on how "heritage" is more important than a viable fishery for Southern Flounder. Fast forward to 2015!

I am very pleased that the MFC is now considering options to protect Southern Flounder from over exploitation. As such, I am in support of the following actions for the recovery of Southern Flounder:

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.
2. A TAC (Total Allowable Catch) limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%. No depleted fish stock in North Carolina has ever recovered without the implementation of a TAC or quota.
3. A closure of the flounder large mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters. We support recovery of our coastal marine resources by the use of cleaner, more efficient commercial gear specifically pound nets and commercial gigging
4. A universal 15-inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen.
5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered.

Please know that my son and I fish the Neuse River and Western Pamlico Sound weekly beginning in early May to the end of December. We have had the pleasure of doing so since 2006. We are quite the accomplished fisherman given our consistent top 10 finishes in various fishing tournaments in the area including the Neuse River Backwater Open. In this time we witnessed firsthand the depletion of Summer Flounder.

From 2006 to 2010 we were excited if we caught 3 legal Southern Flounder between the both of us. Since 2010 we are lucky to take home two legal flounder between both of us. Most of the time we wouldn't catch any Southern Flounder despite the fact that we so enjoy targeting this species. So far this year we have yet to catch one Southern Flounder of any size. As conservationists we would do anything to help restore the stock, but for much too long the burden of doing so has been on the recreational fishing population. To be certain, this "plan" has not worked hence the need to substantially alter commercial harvest methods.

Thank you for considering my comments and for your dedicated service to the State of North Carolina.

Cordially,
Blace A. Nalavany, Ph.D.
704 Stillwater Drive
Winterville, NC 28590

From: Mitchell Lassard <mitchelllassard@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 7:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: Janet_Bradbury@Burr.Senate.Gov
Subject: four proposals from the June 17th meeting

1. Propose that the Marine fisheries commission table, and send the Southern Flounder Fishery Management plan to the North Carolina General Assembly. This will be a more complete way to solve management problems with better stakeholder input, and public review. The General Assembly is the voted in lawmakers of North Carolina, not the Marine Fisheries Commission. The public doesn't know where the commission was hired from, or gets paid from. It was apparent at the meeting their was a conflict of interest with the commission. There is no scientific evidence of an emergency presented to date for these supplements.

2. Propose the Director of the Marine Fisheries Commission provide for public review the person or person's that proposed the agenda item's, and the facts (references) that they used to submit the agenda item. Take ownership of the agenda item.

3. Propose the Director of the Marine Fisheries provide to the public for review the hiring process of all Commission member's for all boards. This should be public law.

4. Propose that the Director of Marine Fisheries submit proposals to Senator's Burr, and Tillis offices to help get the sea turtles, and other water borne turtles off the endangered specie's list in North Carolina. Per my phone conversation with the Director, the state isn't getting our cudo's for bringing back the turtle population in North Carolina. There is Scientific, and real time evidence of this recovery in the waters of North Carolina. Very respectfully, Mitchell T. Lassard (CWO2 USN Ret.) 910-358-0901

From: Coastal Walter <coastalwalter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 6:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement; annabeckwith@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com
Subject: Re: SOUTHERN FLOUNDER COMMENTS by N.C. OWAA Writer/Author
Subject: SOUTHERN FLOUNDER COMMENTS by N.C. OWAA Writer/Author
To: flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov, annabeckwith@yahoo.com, amikewicker@gmail.com
Date: Friday, June 19, 2015, 6:29 PM

To Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to address this committee. We are the LAST of the eleven South Atlantic and Gulf Coast States that still allows less than 400 gill netters to destroy our inshore fishery system and are allowed to use gill nets INSIDE the barrier islands. These are the reason why gill nets by-catch and use of nets -destroys so much of our inshore fisheries. Their days operating inshore of barrier islands need to be stopped.

Gill nets have been BANNED by EVERY State from VA- FLA to Texas gulf coast. It takes about three years to recover from the devastation of gill nets. These gill netters deserve no buy out and this commission must realize just how bad the rest of the 3.5 million recreational N.C. anglers and tourists bring to North Carolina.

Stop all gill netting of Flounder and all inshore species INSIDE North Carolina Barrier Islands.

Respectfully Submitted
Walter Dinkins
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Wilmington, N.C. 28411

- BA (Honors), Masters degrees.
- Presbyterian U.S.A. Minister
- Journalist- Outdoors Writers Association of America (OWAA)
- Commander, US Naval Reserves (w/ 5 Combat -Deployments and 30 years of honorable Service).
- Member- 2015 OWAA "Ethics Committee"
- Chaplain for PROJECT HEALING WATERS Fly Fishing DEEP SOUTH REGION (Special Wounded Warrior Programs).
- Author of two Outdoor books: The RAIL BIRD HUNTERS BIBLE (2014) & RED FISH on A FLY (2007)

From: Aundrea O'Neal <aundreaoneal@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 3:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Aug 2015 MFC Meeting

I disagree with all options presented by the NCMFC in reference to the Southern Flounder. I feel like the process should be supported by Scientific data, which so far has not been provided to the public or the Commercial Fishing Industry and has NOT been peer supported.

I also feel that if any measures are taken it should be by due process in the form of an amendment pursuant to the Fisheries Reform Act. There has been no scientific evidence put forward justifying an emergency action such as a supplement.

Aundrea O'Neal

From: mary laughlin <mary.laughlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:58 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Management of Southern Flounder

To whom it may concern, I have carefully reviewed the options for southern flounder management and I think Proposal 1 is the best option.

Thank you for allowing public participation, Mary Laughlin

From: Paul Richards <paulr214@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 12:47 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I am a recreational fisherman. Proposal 1 appears to me to be the most beneficial option for sustaining the flounder fishery.

Thank you,
Paul Richards

From: Bryan Brinkley <babrinkley20@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 10:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: STOP COMMERCIAL FISHING

I will let it be known that I am a recreational fisherman. I spend most of my measly law enforcement paycheck on new rods, gear, bait, gas just to name a few and head down to the coast about every weekend between april and november. A large portion of that time is spent inshore fishing. As is the case for the thousands and thousands of people that go to the coast of North Carolina every year. And as most of the inshore fisherman in North Carolina chasing flounder, I usually come home with an empty cooler. I find it comical a bill is proposed to limit the recreational catches from 6 to 2 fish per day. I can't remember the last time I caught my 6 fish limit. You probably don't understand this so I will put this in political terms, Recreational fisherman contribute 95 % of the money involved in fishing and catch 5% of the fish. Commercial fishing accounts for 95% of the flounder catches. This finite resource known as our flounder population is running out. We no longer can go out and catch a keeper flounder consistently on a daily basis. But, commercial fisherman are allowed to drag there nets around estuary's, the oceans daycare, and catch every and anything they would like. Just the bycatch of these boats outweighs the fish caught by recreational fisherman. If nothing is done there will soon be no fish to catch. What I find truly the biggest sign of this injustice is that all other states on the east coast have already outlawed it. WHAT IS NORTH CAROLINA WAITING FOR? This isnt about people. This isnt about recreational or commercial fishing. This is about the dying population of flounder that are becoming more and more scare every day that we allow this to continue. Changes were made in commercial fishing and the red drum have made a recovery. Changes have been made and the trout are trying to make a recovery. MAKE A CHANGE AND LET THE FLOUNDER POPULATION MAKE A RECOVERY. Get the commercial fisherman out of our state's "Ocean Daycare." I doubt this message will every be read by anyone of influence, but I pray this message will be heard and we can make a difference before Commercial Fisherman fish themselves out of jobs and destroy this fish population to the point of no return.

Sincerely With High Hopes,
Bryan Brinkley

From: Bryan Brinkley <babrinkley20@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 7:24 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Supplement

From: Brian Cadle <bcadle65@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 1:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

It's one of the most asinine proposals laid down by CCA or any other special interest group. I already use 5 3/4" to the max 6.5" mesh, 98% of what I catch is legal size lot over 15", not to mention pretty close to that same 98% is alive. The remaining undersize flounder fall out ALIVE and swim off, being flounder webbing doesn't really "gill" them, Majority of my fish caught are what we called bagged, and or pushed thru around their bellies, BUT still alive. My bycatch is made up of all few black drum, sheepshead a carp or two at times and menhaden which I use for crab pots next day. I might add the black drum etc are 98% legal sized using that size mesh. I fish back my nets on at times under a 12 hours

soak, depending on water temp because I pack freshest seafood I can, I wont keep what I wont eat personally. Now back to topic at hand, the data is flawed to benefit the CCA. I am sorry to say, it's not as drastic as they say in the fact commercial guys are depleting the resource, without justification or researching other contributing factors that can cause lower catches by both recs and comms. It's not a battle, we share the water. Before the deal is sealed on the fate of peoples livelihood, for whom this is all the know and have to provide for their families by. Lets look at water quality, decline of certain habitats taken away by either man or nature such as inlets, the building and or changing of coastlines with bulk heading, that alone has a adverse affect on habitat. Then, bottom end of all this is trawling. Don't get me wrong I am not against this, but deep down, trawl industry DOES need better gear to further reduce by-catch. Also, I know boats come from out of state. While I support them as a whole, I do NOT accept they rape our resources and go back to their home states where we don't reap the benefits. Maybe raising the fees to some crazy absurd amount will curtail that. One idea I haven't seen is, why not have opening and closures per area and or a inland quota for flounder, seasonal. Why not just change the size of mesh and also put "escape" openings for those using 200 yard lengths. Too many other options that need to be decided before we are screwed.

Let's come up with better proposals. I all for a inland quota, changing the mesh size to a standard and or size change. Also for changes to lower the max yardage set to either 2500 yards in sounds with the max of 200 yard in one set with (escape openings every 50 yards. Changing the amount to 1500 yards in waters designated as rivers or from say Pamlico Point Light across to Willow Point up stream to Pamlico and Pungo rivers. Also, if you are trying to reduce bycatch not just for the set netters you need to look deeper at the trawl industry and reduce their bycatch an additional 50%

From: Jim Ayers <jimayers2@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:07 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Destruction of Flounder and everything elsy by commercial fishing

The nets need to be removed from the Pamlico Sound and Neuse River. Not just some but all nets. The commercial fisheries continue the destruction of our rivers and sound. Our fishery and crab nursery cannot recover. Each year the nets and trawlers return to NC because we are too ignorant or corrupt, I believe corrupt, to stop the netting. All you have to do is look at the return of fisheries to the States which have banned netting. Every state produces more annually than NC..... the only State allowing the netting to continue. I guess the folks in NC that want to fish will have to spend their money elsewhere because there are no fish left here! Jim

From: Kimberly Polk <kpolk08@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 9:24 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder management

I have heard about the possible new restrictions on flounder limits. My husband and I really enjoy recreational fishing and gigging. We also enjoy catching our own dinner. I understand the need to put certain limits in place. I ask that you consider putting the limits on the commercial fishing instead.

From: Morris, Bruce CIV <Bruce.W.Morris@uscg.mil>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 8:30 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder amendments

To whom it may Concern,
The scientific data does not support having a supplement instead of an amendment. All groups are entitled
Access to the resource given to all. The southern flounder fishery has been up and down over the years but you are having less

Commercial fisherman working the waters but more recreational fishing going on now than ever before.
Until there is a better
Accounting system for recreational catches were are just guessing which is not GOOD Science. Please
Reconsider the amendment route instead of the supplement which is more restrictive for all concerned.

Bruce Morris
Commercial Fisherman /Board Member

From: Nathan Roughton <roughton1121@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 11:27 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Save our way of life

My name is Nathan Roughton im a commercial fisherman l've fished for 19 years the flounder are not
over fished I would love to carry a biologist with me and show everyone there plentiful I catch at least 10 a
day in crab pots if anything needs to be managed is crabs there on the decline not flounder same with
herrin they say theres hardly any that's bull during the winter there's tons of em

From: Gaither Midgette <gaithermidgette@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 6:15 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I believe the closer to large mesh gill nets because of sea turtle interaction taking place know
should be considered as a reduction in flounder catches there is no reason to take further action!
Fisherman were having record catches of flounder before turtle int shut them down! There is no call for a
reduction plan without "good scientific dada" fisherman know there's no problem with flounder stocks.

I also believe the recreational size should be reduced to 14 in thats creating conflict between
recreational and commercial there is enough conflict between the two due to lack of education of the
importance of commercial fisherman. Thank you for your time

From: Mike <mcshannon@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 5:21 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder

Dear Sirs/Madam,

I attended the New Bern Meeting and was impressed with arguments from both sides. The
message that I took home was that we simply cannot do nothing.

I support Proposal 2 as put forward by the Marine Fisheries Commission

It is a compromise that will allow further evaluation without jeopardizing a chance for recovery of
the Southern flounder.

Mike Shannon
New Bern, NC

From: Sen. Angela Bryant <Angela.Bryant@ncleg.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 3:57 PM
To: 'Rodger Lentz'; SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: Senator Buck Newton; Rep. Susan Martin; Rep. Jean Farmer-Butterfield; Karon Hardy (Sen. Angela Bryant)
Subject: RE: Southern Flounder Comments

Thanks for your information on this matter. I will surely look into these fishery issues in more depth as soon as I can. Thanks much.

Sen. Angela R. Bryant
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-----Original Message-----

From: Rodger Lentz [mailto:rlentz@wilsonnc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:50 AM
To: flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov
Cc: Sen. Buck Newton; Rep. Susan Martin; Rep. Jean Farmer-Butterfield; Sen. Angela Bryant
Subject: Southern Flounder Comments

Dear Commission Members:

I am a recreational fisherman from Wilson, NC. I am gravely concerned about the state of our fisheries in our estuaries. The quality of our fisheries continues to decline because commercial overfishing is allowed through the use of destructive gill nets. We must take steps now to reduce commercial overfishing in the estuaries to allow the southern flounder to recover. I urge you to take the following steps:

Now we are asking CCA members, recreational anglers and conservation supporters to provide written comments to the Commission in support of the following actions for the recovery of Southern flounder:

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.
2. A TAC (Total Allowable Catch) limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%. No depleted fish stock in North Carolina has ever recovered without the implementation of a TAC or quota.
3. A closure of the flounder large mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters. I support recovery of our coastal marine resources by the use of cleaner, more efficient commercial gear specifically pound nets and commercial gigging.
4. A universal 15-inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen.
5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered.

The fish in our waters belong to all North Carolinians. Recreational fishing provides massive economic impact through purchase of boats, bait, tackle, gas, lodging, meals, etc. Look at what the recovery of stripped bass has done for the Roanoke River. The tourism it brings is a huge economic boost for that area. Our state can have a world class inshore fishery, if we manage the resource appropriately. So far, we have failed to do that. As a result, we fail our small coastal and estuaries communities who would benefit from tourism dollars that a world class fishery would bring.

Rodger Lentz

Sent from my iPad

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From: Jim Overman <flatfishjim@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 2:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Support of CCA recommendations for Southern Flounder

As a recreational fisherman I beg you to support the recommendations of the CCA to help protect our future southern flounder fishery. These recommendations would also benefit other fisheries in our valuable estuaries and sounds. Recreational fisherman are very important to the economy of NC and in particular to eastern NC. Please let's take the steps necessary to insure the recovery of the Southern Flounder in NC. flatfishjim@gmail.com

From: Heather ONeal <hecklejoymooney@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 1:33 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Please, respectfully consider the public consumers right to purchase fresh NC seafood.

Coming from a commercial fishing community, I see firsthand the hardship stricter regulations have put on fishing families and therefore on their surrounding communities.

It is in commercial fishermen's best interest to conserve, when conservation is needed. It is their livelihood, and in most cases it is a family affair. Their fathers and grandfathers were commercial fishermen and their sons and grandsons likely will be after them. Their years of experience is as valuable as any study that can be done. They have seen years of cycles and what environmental factors surround the rise and fall of stocks. Their advice would be valuable to panels and committees considering any actions to improve our waters.

Accurate, unbiased stock assessments are needed to correctly identify the stock problems and the sources of these problems. All environmental and man made factors should be considered, and any future legislation should seek to take necessary measures to prevent further pollution of our waterways. Thank you for carefully considering all sides of this issue and looking at the big picture before you make any decisions.

Sincerely, Heather ONeal
Ocracoke, NC

From: Shane Pinkston [mailto:shane@southprintinc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 1:22 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Southern Flounder Comments

Dear Commissioners,

Please consider my comments to ensure the heritage and sustainability of the North Carolina Southern Flounder fishery

1. Reduce the harvest of southern flounder by commercial fishermen by at least 50%.

2. Implement a yearly Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of at least 50% lower than the average commercial southern flounder harvest of the last 5 years.
3. Suspend the harvest of southern flounder by any and all gill nets. It's time to stop the use of this highly destructive gear.
4. Recreational minimums should be increased to 16"

Thank you,
Shane Pinkston

From: Tommy McArthur <mcarthur22002@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 1:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Forgot to put my name on the bottom of the last one

Members of the Commission,

This supplement is not needed. There is no data to support such a drastic measure. The stock assessment proved the southern flounder were not in trouble. I am opposed to this supplement because there is no data to support it. Also how can you say that a reduction is needed for the commercial sector when we are at the most northern range of the southern flounder. I was part of the flounder tagging study in Neuse River with Kevin Brown. Some of those fish that were tagged were caught in South Carolina and Georgia. Also I looked yesterday at the size limits to the south of us. South Carolina is at 14 inches, Georgia is at 12 inches and Florida is at 12 inches. How can you suggest the drastic measures you have as options when these fish leave and mix with the stocks in other southern states? I feel the fishery needs to remain status Quo. If there is a problem it is with the ones who come and go gigging with a commercial license or with out and gig as many as they want and there is never a trip ticket done on them

Tommy McArthur

From: Tony Watts <tbw0770@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 11:54 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

The rec. fisherman is not hurting the flounder or any other fish count it is the commercial fisherman. And the pound nets that are taking all the fish. I live on state line between sc and nc. And most everybody that gigs here. Bought sc license. Cause there limits are higher. So we are spending out money in another state. I.e. gas, food, etc. cause some times I mite not get but 1 or 2 flounder. But another time. I mite can get 10. So with the mc limit of 6 fish. It ain't worth the time or money to try and fish in nc. Please quit hurting the rec fisherman. We are the ones eating in the restaurants. That buy the commercial fish. The low limit deters ppl from fishing for flounder which hurts economy cause boats. And supplies are not being bought and the ones that do fish drive to sc. Were they cater to rec fishermen. Cause they are there tourest. Thanks. Blake watts. Long time fisherman.

From: Ed Schenk <eschenk@atmc.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 11:51 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

Flounder problem as you well know is over fishing on the commercial side and not the weekend and week day fisherman.

One of the biggest problems you have is also the flounder gigging because anything they gig under 15" is dead, plus you have stated that you have no way to check on their catch or the amount of their catch, so just stop it all. The people doing this as commercial fisherman (that is a joke) do not feed or support their family's doing this. Needs to stop.

Also you need to limit the commercial catch and give them a size limit not a poundage limit/us a little practical knowledge and leave the weekend guy alone.

Ed Schenk
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eschenk@atmc.net

From: Steve King <stking@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 11:29 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Comments on Flounder Regs

Hi folks -- I'd like to submit my written comments for changes to the Southern Flounder regulations in NC

- 1) Please cut Commerical harvest to 50%
- 2) Please make the size limit 15" for all user groups
- 3) Reduce recreational harvest to 3 fishes.
- 4) Eliminate large gill nets, and recreational gigging

Thx

Steve King
Cary, NC

From: Jason Baker <jasonbaker_email@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 11:10 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: So Flounder public comment -

Jason Baker
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252-622-9665

I could not make the meeting in New Bern today because I work for a living. The choice of time and place for public comments was done very poorly.

My comment is just that whatever route is chosen to help the recovery of Southern Flounder that a ban on large mesh gill nets is included. If a total ban is not utilized then there needs to be a limited use that includes no Fall timeframe netting. I grew up netting and loved it, but the time has come for this to end. It is a highly destructive way of doing business, a poor practice. Our fishery is being decimated by a small user group and it is sad.

I mainly go fishing in Bogue sound, Neuse river occasionally as well. I can catch a lot of flounder! However they are all 12-14" like they come out of a cookie cutter. The larger fish are harder to find inshore or in the rivers. The offshore wrecks do well but my wife and daughter are scared to go outside the inlet. As long as large mesh nets are allowed to be utilize the. The fishing here will suffer and we will see a stock collapse.

This is sad, I am raising my daughter and she loves to fish. This is what has spurred me to write you today. I fear for her future fishing around here. I ant to see stocks recovered and fishing of my youth restored. The commercial crews, ones I used to fish with, claim "it is their" heritage! I have heard this many times. Well it is MY heritage as well, and it deserves to be MY daughters heritage too!

Unless you and the MFC choose to make the hard decisions now that must be made then selfishly you will be choosing the heritage of a select few over the deserved heritage of us all.

Thank you for listening and taking the time to read my comments, please make the best decision, which is usually the hardest decision, the one you least want to make. Resource first!

Respectfully,
Jason Baker

From: Jural Herring <jural.herring@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 11:08 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: flounder

It is time to stop putting more restrictions on recreational flounder fishing and put the restrictions where they belong, on the commercial fishing. It is proven fact that the reason the flounder numbers are down is because of over fishing by the commercial section. Please change the flounder rules for the commercial fishery and leave the recreational fishing alone. The restrictions on the recreational fishery are too strict as they are right now.

Sincerely,
Jural Herring

From: jack.dunn@cpgre.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 11:05 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder fishing regulations

I strongly support eliminating the use of large mesh gill nets for the harvesting of southern flounder. The stock is under pressure and is a vital and unique resource to the state of North Carolina. Thank you for your consideration.

I am sympathetic to the dilemma this creates for some commercial fisherman but the stock needs to be protected first for the benefit of all residents of North Carolina. If there are ways the commission can support pound nets or other sustainable commercial practices I support the devotion of state resources to help commercial fisherman transition in this direction.

Best
Jack Dunn

From: Derek Strickland <dstrickland@barnhillcontracting.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 10:09 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

In respect to flounder fishing in North Carolina and the apparent decline in numbers of southern flounder, it is my opinion if any "rules" changes are made, the reduction in size and number should come from the commercial fishing side of things. There should be no changes to the recreational fishing "rules" that would decrease the number of flounder an angler could keep in a day and there should be no increase in the size for a "keeper" flounder. Thank you for considering my opinion.

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From: Ray Brown <lrbrown@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 10:09 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Written Comments regarding the southern flounder amendment...

Dear Sirs and Madame:

I fully support the MFC's decision to use a supplement to curb the harvest of southern flounder, after all, it was your decision to do this via your vote to ask Dr. van der Vaart for his permission to use the supplement; which he has granted and encouraged you to do.

After reviewing all the possibilities listed at the last commission meeting I'd like to let you know that I support the following:

1. A continued commercial southern flounder fishery via the use of poundnets, gigs, and rod and reel within the confines of a biologically sound annual TAC on all commercial harvest.
2. A continued recreational southern flounder fishery with a daily individual TAC not to exceed 6 fish.

3. A universal harvest size of no less than 15" on all types of fishermen.
4. The prohibition of all large mesh entanglement nets (gill nets) for the purpose of harvesting southern flounder. The reasons should be obvious to you for even as I write this note this type of gear is prohibited in most of NC's estuarine waters because of the inherent characteristics associated with it. No group, no person, no Commission has taken them out of the water, but rather what they do when used properly is what has gotten them banned. NC is the last southern flounder producing state that allows their extensive use and in recent years the time, energy, and expense to the taxpayer of NC in keeping them in the water for only a short period of time has become something a prudent person would simply recognize as more burden than benefit. Especially when one views the history of this fishery and sees that other types of gear that have less peripheral issues, such as pound nets and gigs, can harvest what appears to be all the poundage the stock can afford to give up each year and still return to a "viable" status from the current official NC position of "depleted".

Again, by a majority vote you asked the Sec to allow you to curb harvest to rebuild the stocks. You have that opportunity to not only do so, but to make what is left a cleaner and more viable fishery than we've had in years if you have the foresight and courage to reward clean gear and those who use it and punish bad gear and take it from the water.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senator Buck Newton; Rep. Susan Martin; Rep. Jean Farmer-Butterfield; Senator Angela Bryant
Subject: Southern Flounder Comments

Dear Commission Members:

I am a recreational fisherman from Wilson, NC. I am gravely concerned about the state of our fisheries in our estuaries. The quality of our fisheries continues to decline because commercial overfishing is allowed through the use of destructive gill nets. We must take steps now to reduce commercial overfishing in the estuaries to allow the southern flounder to recover. I urge you to take the following steps:

Now we are asking CCA members, recreational anglers and conservation supporters to provide written comments to the Commission in support of the following actions for the recovery of Southern flounder:

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.
2. A TAC (Total Allowable Catch) limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%. No depleted fish stock in North Carolina has ever recovered without the implementation of a TAC or quota.
3. A closure of the flounder large mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters. I support recovery of our coastal marine resources by the use of cleaner, more efficient commercial gear specifically pound nets and commercial gigging.
4. A universal 15-inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen.
5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered.

The fish in our waters belong to all North Carolinians. Recreational fishing provides massive economic impact through purchase of boats, bait, tackle, gas, lodging, meals, etc. Look at what the recovery of stripped bass has done for the Roanoke River. The tourism it brings is a huge economic boost for that area. Our state can have a world class inshore fishery, if we manage the resource appropriately. So far, we have failed to do that. As a result, we fail our small coastal and estuaries communities who would benefit from tourism dollars that a world class fishery would bring.

Rodger Lentz

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From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
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To: Daniel, Louis; Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Call of Action - Reform of Fisheries Management in North Carolina

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Dear Governor, Lt. Governor, members of the House, Senate and NC Marine Fisheries Commission:

I am writing you today as a very concerned recreational angler, citizen and full time resident of New Hanover County, North Carolina. The intent of my message is to express my concern over the potential changes in Fisheries management here in North Carolina. As a recreational angler in this State, I am disturbed by the direction our State is going by continuously allowing the wasteful gear practices in our ocean, sounds, estuaries, bays, rivers, creek, etc. Many of our public trust resources (i.e. marine fisheries) are being managed ineffectively, not by the intent of the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), but as a result of the current Rules governing the DMF. Wasteful gear, or more specifically monofilament gill nets, are a prime example of the archaic fishing practices that are depleting our marine resources.

Just recently, the NC Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) voted to put out for public comment, a supplemental action/management plan for southern flounder due to scientific reporting (conducted by DMF) that shows a decline and/or over harvest in the southern flounder stocks here in NC. In doing so, several options brought forward included a reduction of approximately 25-60% in the allowable harvest of this species by both the recreational and commercial sectors. Disturbingly, and referencing data provided by the NC DMF, southern flounder statistics show that the harvested fish taken by the recreational sector is a fraction of what is harvested commercially, yet, groups like the North Carolina Fisheries Association (NCFA) and the North Carolina Waterman United (NCWU) want to further deplete the resource by allowing an increase in size limits for the recreational sector which in turn only further depletes the resource. Similarly, these groups seek to prohibit any supplemental action plan for southern flounder which would allow continued setting of large mesh gill nets throughout North Carolina, thereby targeting a multitude of species, one of which has been documented as being in decline (i.e. flounder). How or why I

ask you is this practical or sustainable, beneficial to our economy, or helpful to the tax and salt water license paying citizens in/out of North Carolina??

As recent as this week, a revision of House Bill 97 was introduced, which would prohibit the MFC from adopting ANY supplemental management measures to the State's fisheries management plans until July 1, 2016. I strongly encourage each of you to consider the circumstances of passing such a Rule, as this language would have a devastating affect on our Natural Resources. In particular, our Flounder stocks and Red Drum (NC State fish) populations cannot sustain continued over harvest by the commercial industry. Reform has to start now and it starts and end with you! Today, I ask that you look at the science and statistics supporting the removal of gill nets in NC and move toward a decision that benefits the marine resources for which you have been tasked to protect. The NCFA, through lobbyist Jerry Schill, has purportedly portrayed an image that falls short of the reality of concern. Please know that many recreational fishermen/women in and out of State spend millions of dollars on an annual basis so they can enjoy the opportunity to catch these fish and to limit their ability to do so would jeopardize our State's robust coastal economy.

Please do not be misled, guided or influenced by the commercial fishing industry, or their lobbyist, in believing our resources are at sustainable levels as scientific data provided by the State's own management agency disputes any of these claims.

Lastly, please keep in mind that any legislation passed that would prohibit any supplemental management of our resources will not only impact our resources, but will severely affect the economy generated in our coastal town's.

I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: Ron McCoy [mailto:ron.mccoy2@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 7:24 AM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Southern flounder comments by Ron McCoy

First, I would like to thank you for your hard work in bringing forth the 6 proposals to help our depleted Southern Flounder.

This is my 3rd MFC meeting. What I hear are commercial fishermen and recreational fishermen, like me, competing for their catch of a depleted and declining fishery. A fishery that has been declining for decades.

By your own data:

	1998.	(15 years).	2013
Red Drum.	C2.		R3.
Spotted Sea Trout.	V4.		D1
Southern Founder.	V4.		D1
Weakfish (Gray Trout).	R3.		D1
Croakers.	R3.		C2
Spots.	V4.		C2

Why not have a growth category? It is time to make the tough decisions to grow the fishery. Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina have all made the tough decisions. I urge you to adopt Proposal 1 for the Southern Flounder. But, bring forth more proposals and

votes to turn our fishery to growth. If the fishery was growing, the competing for a share of the catch would go away!! All of us need common ground for growth. Short term change will be tough, but we all need to get on board.

"Proposal1". Let Proposal 1 be a beginning of growth, not just recovery for the Southern Flounder. Let Proposal 1 be a new beginning for our fish!

Ron McCoy
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Sent from my iPad

From: George Miller <gtmiller152@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 7:04 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Actions on Flounder fishing.

I am writing in support of the following actions relative to improving the flounder fishery.

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.
2. A TAC (Total Allowable Catch) limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%. No depleted fish stock in North Carolina has ever recovered without the implementation of a TAC or quota.
3. A closure of the flounder large mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters. We support recovery of our coastal marine resources by the use of cleaner, more efficient commercial gear specifically pound nets and commercial gigging.
4. A universal 15-inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen.
5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered with a provision for the event of death or disability of the owner.

Regards
George Miller

From: Randy Shuford <rashuford@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 6:51 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I am 66 years old and live in sunset beach nc. I am avid fisherman and have fished in coastal waters for last 30 years. I feel it is a privilege to purchase fishing license and consider myself conservative and only take fish I catch to eat fresh and actively support catch and release. I would support a change in regulation of southern flounder if it were proportional to commercial fisheries and recreational. I do not think just changing limits to recreational fishing is the answer and it is the commercial industry that should also be targeted. Close the season for both for a few months a year and make 15 inches limit for both.

Randy.
Sent from my I pad

From: dontheduke1@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 8:55 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

Appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Southern flounder, being a recreational fisherman. At present the commercial sector is responsible for 75% of flounder harvested in North Carolina waters. However, the recreational anglers have taken reductions in bag limits and increases in size limits over the last two decades. All the hits are o anglers and nothing has improved. Why? The commercial fishery has been allowed to continue catching unlimited amounts of flounder at smaller size limit with all the usual gear: large mesh gill nets, pound nets, trawls, gigs, etc. It is time for the commercial sector to do the right thing and take a break from killing our resources to allow them to recovery. The right way to achieve this is to:(1) make the catch equal across the board 15". (2) Remove gill nets from back waters, (3) Enforce a commercial closure in the fall to allow the majority of mature spawning adults to escape to the ocean. This would help the odds of jump-starting the juvenile population back to viable status ensuring a brighter future for the southern flounder fishery. The recreational sector is tired of being bullied and always taken the hits so the commercial sector can continue as usual. The recreational side should not have to accept anymore reductions to our bag limit or an increase in our minimum size.

I think you for allowing me to comment on our southern flounder. Don Downs

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To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Rena Jenkins has shared a document with you

Southern Flounder changes

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See attachment on next page

Flounder Gigging

I am a commercial fisherman that gigs for a living. 100% of my income comes from flounder gigging. Commercial fisherman that gig for a living have many things against them to make it thru a season. You have things that they have no control over that keeps them from being able to fish. In a average fishing season, you might be able to gig 3 to 4 nights a week. Those days can be during the week or during the weekend. Here are some things that affect the flounder giggers:

1. The Moon phases- It makes the tides extremely low and extremely high. The more brightness of the moon, the less chance of the fish coming to the banks. You may have two good weeks out of the month if the weather is good.
2. Winds- wind direction and the strength of the wind. It can affect the water and the ability to see. On an average good night the average water to see the fish in is about three feet or less. If the wind is too strong, it will keep the fisherman from fishing.
3. Rain- can keep fisherman out of the water. Too much rain can make the water muddy and limits the ability to see the fish. The water can stay muddy for days, weeks and sometimes months.
4. Storms- can keep fisherman from going into the water. Storms can run the fisherman out of the water if they are already fishing. Storms can pop-up at anytime.
5. Limited season- is due by the fish and weather. The commercial fisherman that gigs works on a day by day basis. They never know if there will be fish that night or what the weather is going to do. They are only able to gig at night time. They have a lot of nights that they don't even get 35 fish.
6. Water Temperature- too cold or too hot.
7. Tides- incoming and outgoing water. Strength of the tides.
8. Other limits- they pay for commercial license, but can't gig red drum and are limited on speckled trout and sheepshead. The recreational fisherman can get a red drum. They are also limited to a hundred pounds in the ocean.
9. Cost- cost of everything is going up. From gas to all equipment. Limiting them to 35 fish a night and or four days a week wouldn't even help to cover the costs of running their equipment, never the less having money to live on. Nights that they can get over 35 fish, they would like to get so they can make some money to survive.

A concerned commercial fisherman

Lonnie Brown

From: Eric Wood <ericjwood79@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 7:40 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Recreational Flounder Fishermen

Hello, I'm not sure exactly how to put this so I will keep it simple. I know the commercial fisherman is trying to put food on his family's table. I know the local restaurants need to have fish on their menu, but please remember that the recreational man needs to take their children fishing and teach them proper management and good fishing ethics.

Simply put, I don't mind if you have to increase size limits of flounder. I don't mind if you decrease the bag limit, SLIGHTLY. But please, PLEASE don't take it out on one side or the other (commercial or recreational), keep it balanced please.

I trust that the 9 DMF reps will make an unbiased decision on what is best for the species of flounder, not the humans harvesting them.

Thank you,
Eric Wood.

From: Eb Pesci <ebpesci@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 6:26 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Attachments: MFC June 2015.pdf

please add this attachment to the southern flounder comments

thank you

eb pesci

See attachment on next page

June 13, 2015

Dear Marine Fisheries Commissioners,

As a recreational fishermen, I have followed the downward slide of North Carolina's southern flounder for the last several years. It's time to reverse this slide and you now have a real opportunity to make that happen at the MFC meeting in August.

I would like to see you do what is necessary to have the following three things occur.

1. Reduce the harvest of southern flounder by commercial fishermen by at least 50%.
2. Implement a yearly Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for commercially harvested southern flounder. This TAC should be at least 50% lower than the average commercial southern flounder harvest of the last 3 years. Without a TAC, you can not have a harvest reduction that will work. An unlimited harvest has led to our depleted fish stock and these fish will not recover until a TAC is in place.
3. Suspend the harvest of southern flounder by **any and all** gillnets. Doing this will achieve most of the 50% reduction requested above and solve many problems for our inshore marine fisheries. The costs, conflicts, and general lawlessness associated with the use of these nets has created a truly terrible atmosphere for marine fisheries management in North Carolina. It's time for this destructive fishing gear to just go away.

Please support these three simple changes and help our southern flounder begin the recovery that we all so desperately want.

Thank you,

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From: Chris McCaffity <freefish7@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 3:04 PM
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Subject: NC Marine Fisheries Commission Southern Flounder Supplement Public Comments

NC Marine Fisheries Commission Southern Flounder Supplement Public Comments

I was planning not to work on June 17th so I could give public comments in person until reading that the commission wouldn't listen to everyone if too many people wanted to speak. I don't want to contribute to the disenfranchisement of other concerned citizens during this rushed supplement show, so I'll go fishing and submit written comments. Please keep an open heart and mind as you read them.

Think about the high cost of holding public hearings, not only in terms of the staff and facilities, but also the lost productivity of those who reluctantly take a day off to defend their jobs. Isn't this emergency supplement that's based on a stock assessment which was rejected during peer review a waste of time and money?

Consider how there was recently a rush to save Speckled Trout from "overfishing" with new laws forcing fishermen to discard thousands of dead and dying trout only to learn that previous assessments were wrong all along. Why isn't there a supplement to reverse those wasteful regulations in light of this development?

Southern Flounder landings are at record highs despite recent restrictions, indicating the peer review panel is right about this assessment. Is it wise or even ethical for the MFC to hastily write new laws based on discredited numbers without legislative oversight?

During a discussion with Dr. Daniel, he accurately described the solutions I promote as a "paradigm shift" in fishery management. The Visioning Project I submitted at the request of Senator Tillis summarizes some simple solutions for shifting the focus of fishery management away from restricting access toward enhancing our fisheries for everyone's benefit. This paradigm shift incorporates sound science and common sense into compassionate fishery management that secures our freedom and food supply while protecting our public resources. Staying on the current course will lead to more closures and wasteful regulations resulting in reduced recreational opportunity and access to local seafood. Can't we at least have an open and honest debate about which fishery management path stakeholders would like to take?

Stocking has a proven record of success that would allow more harvest of many species including flounder and herring. Think about if all the money being spent on restricting access to our public resources were put into hatcheries. Stocking natural fry would be the perfect union of open-water mariculture and wild-caught seafood that lives free and self-sufficient until harvested. It would create more recreational opportunity and feed more people while generating more revenue as stocks thrive at the highest levels our marine resources can sustain even as we harvest more. A little habitat enhancement would allow our coastal waters to sustain more marine life. Why wouldn't we want to follow a successful model that helps everyone and the environment by enhancing our marine resources rather than restricting the public's freedom to access them with wasteful regulations?

Hatcheries could be partially funded with our license fees and existing taxes that are already earmarked for promoting recreational fishing and domestic seafood production. Fishermen should be allowed to decide how our license fees will be used with a 2/3 majority vote of participating stakeholders. We should also be allowed to decide how our naturally occurring and hatchery supported quotas will be managed. A portion of our license fees could be used to set up a secure website where we can discuss issues and hold votes rather than attending an endless string of inconvenient and expensive meetings. Shouldn't we use advances in technology to improve the fishery management process and make wiser use of tax dollars?

In closing, I respectfully ask the commission to table this "emergency" supplement and for everyone to support stocking Southern Flounder.

Thank you,
Chris McCaffity
freefish7@hotmail.com <mailto:freefish7@hotmail.com>

From: james destefano <destefanoja@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 2:31 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

As a resident of Pamlico county I would like to see the elimination of inshore gill nets completely to aid in the recover of our depleted flounder, trout and redfish. Fishing 2 or 3 days a week I have seen a lot of dead fish discarded by netters floating in the Neuse river. The marks on their head were caused by nets. Florida, Texas, Louisiana have all seen a positive comeback once inshore netting was banned and all species recovered quickly once their nurseries had the nets removed. Thanks for your time.

James Destefano

From: Al Raynor <alraynor@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 2:29 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: RE: Management Measures to Address Southern Flounder Stock Concerns

Tuesday, June 16th, 2015
North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission
NC Division of Marine Fisheries
3441 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

RE: Management Measures to Address Southern Flounder Stock Concerns

Dear Commissioners,

Please accept the following comments as my personal concerns and recommendations in regards to the upcoming discussions and actions for the southern flounder fishery.

I would like to remind the commission that our marine fisheries are a public trust resource that belongs to all of the people of the Old North State, and not just one user group. This is an issue that we must put the resource first and foremost, and not user groups. Take care of the resource, and the resource, in return, will take care of the user groups. In regards to the management of southern flounder over the last 20 years, that has not been the case. Southern flounder, in my honest, humble opinion, has been managed solely for maximum commercial extraction, at the expense of recreational fishermen having to shoulder the majority of the burden in management philosophies. As many of you know full well, you can manage for yield, and you can manage for quality, but the two management philosophies are not very compatible. We have also have had a tendency to manage for gear use too. We have done everything possible to ensure non-selective, destructive gear (gill nets) stays in the water, when nearly every state north and south of us have either banned, or severely restricted this gear. I find it disturbing that we work diligently to export our seafood out of state, for pennies on the dollar, to places that protect their own, at the expense to our resource and its beneficiaries.

I find the proposals to address the southern flounder issue extremely disappointing, but not surprising. Again, as in the last 20 years, we choose to kick the can down the road and ignore the science, in order to keep one user group fishing with no limits/reductions on catch or gear. The science tells us that we must reduce harvest by somewhere between 40%-60% to stop overfishing and better returns on recruitment and SPR. Considering that the commercial industry accounts for nearly 80% of the total harvest, why won't the MFC make the cuts where they need to be? As presented at the last MFC meeting, if you were to cut out the recreational harvest altogether, the reduction would only be in the single digits, percentage-wise (including mortality of rec bycatch). We all know where the cuts need to

come from. Question is, will you have the courage to do it? Do all the citizens of NC have a place as stakeholders in this process, or will we once again, let big business dictate the management and exploitation of a public trust resource? With daily bag limits decreasing and size limits increasing for nearly all of our most sought after finfish, who will speak up for the resource?

I highly suggest that the Marine Fisheries Commission consider and move to implement some, if not all of the following, to include, but not be limited to:

1. Minimum size limit of 15" length for both recreational and commercial fisheries.
2. Seasonal closure for both recreational and commercial fishery by October 1st for north of Hatteras, and November 1st for south of Hatteras, to ensure escapement if TAC (mentioned in note 3) is not met.
3. A hard TAC, with paybacks, is implemented for the commercial industry that is 40% less than the yearly commercial harvest average between 2011 & 2014.
4. An immediate moratorium on all large mesh gill nets inside. (this option alone would completely meet the catch reduction requested by the MFC)
5. Immediate moratorium on all new pound net applications with implementation of 6" escapement panels.
6. Implement required reporting of all commercial gear catches kept above and beyond recreational limits, that is not sold. This is to be able to gauge impact of fish kept for personal consumption/use while using an SCFL to avoid recreational limits.
7. Require all reporting of commercial gear catches be electronic, using a web cloud based reporting system (to avoid purchase of equipment by dealers).
8. Commercial gigging be limited to 50 fish per vessel, per day.

We simply cannot kick the can down the road another time. Please consider these recommendations for implementation. Put the public trust resource, and its balanced use ahead of profits and personal politics. I have two teenage sons who would love to continue fishing, and have a quality fishery that benefits both recreational and commercial fishermen alike. We can do better. We must do better.

Yours In Service,
Alton L. Raynor, Jr.
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From: Kim Tavasso <kimtavasso@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 2:25 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Comments

Dear DMF,

According to the information available, there is a need to reduce the annual catch of southern flounder by at least 25% and possibly as much as 60%. This cannot be accomplished without some serious changes in the commercial portion of this fishery. Why is very simple. According to your own figures, 78.6% of the total catch comes from the commercial sector versus 21.4% recreationally. Per commercial trip the average catch is 84.2 pounds. With Pound Nets accounting for an average 372.8 pounds per trip. By contrast, the average catch per recreational trip is .9 pounds. Now please read this carefully, that is not 9.0 pounds, it is 0.9 pounds.

Your Proposal 1 offers some positive changes but may not do enough to generate the catch reduction you seek. 1) The number of pound nets needs to be reduced now. 2) In addition to the changes proposed for commercial gigging, the trip limit should be reduce to 25 flounder per trip which is in line with their average catch per trip currently (50.9 lbs. per trip). 3) As for anchored large mesh gill nets, their prohibition from internal waters should begin now, not next year. Why is it that other states have made this change years ago and we still allow them?

Please consider my thoughts when the decision is being made. As information, I am a 63 year old fisherman with over 50 years of saltwater fishing experience and I pray that the time for change has come.

Respectfully yours,
Kim Tavasso

From: Mike Moody <mike.moody@realtyservicesec.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 1:29 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: S. Flounder Comments

As a concerned inshore angler, small business owner, and Eastern North Carolina resident, I would like to submit the following comments in regard to moving forward with the management of Southern Flounder.

First and foremost, whatever FMPs, goals, reductions, etc. that have been in place for better than 10 years now must not be working. Something needs to change and change quickly. At this point in the management history, I don't feel that continuing down the same path or kicking the can down the road a few more years should be an option. Dr. Daniel's comments in regard to the age class of fish and region wide concern lead me to this conclusion.

I am not a scientist or a biologist but I think that the DMF has the answers if we allow them to follow the science and make changes quickly. I will say that I cannot understand how this fishery can be properly managed without a Cap, a TAC, an annual limit or whatever you want to call it. Just as most families and small businesses that are successful live within a budget, a CAP with real time reporting is the only way to get over harvest under control.

I would suggest that both users of this resource, the commercial sector and the recreational sector should have input in how their % of the TAC is caught, as long as the fishery is closed when their allocation is met.

As a recreational angler I would not be opposed to a smaller size limit along with a smaller bag limit, a circle or Khale hook restriction on live bait fishing or whatever other means are necessary to reduce recreational mortality.

I am also not opposed to the use of any commercial gear as long as the commercial sector is willing to foot the entire costs of the fishery.

Let's work together and find common ground now before it's too late! History has proven that we can manage stocks back to healthy levels with harvest reductions and short term sacrifice. Striped bass, red drum, and sea bass come to mind. We can adjust the TAC upward when recovery goals are met. The resource is better off as is the long term viability of ALL users of the resource.

Thank you for your efforts in serving on the Marine Fisheries Commission,

Mike Moody
Trent Woods, NC

From: Capt. Brent Stanley <captbrent@currentadventurecharters.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 12:11 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
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Subject: Southern Flounder FMP

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to make the following comments regarding the Flounder FMP. As a recreational angler in this state, I feel that there is not enough being done to protect this fishery and that the commercial sector is getting way more than their fair share. It also disgust me to know that it cost me, the taxpayer, more to pay for observer programs, etc than the commercial fishery is worth.

I would like for you to please consider the following actions for the recovery of Southern Flounder Stocks.

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.
2. A TAC (Total Allowable Catch) limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%. No depleted fish stock in North Carolina has ever recovered without the implementation of a TAC or quota.
3. A closure of the flounder large mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters. We support recovery of our coastal marine resources by the use of cleaner, more efficient commercial gear specifically pound nets and commercial gigging.
4. A universal 15-inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen.
5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered with a provision for the event of death or disability of the owner.

Sincerely,

Capt. Brent Stanley
Wilmington, NC
910.200.9959

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 1:45 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Souther Flounder Comments

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From: Jeff Allen <jwaggwm@bizec.rr.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 10:32 AM
Subject: Souther Flounder Comments
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From Jeff and Drake Allen (Father and Son)
1200 Clifton Rd. Jacksonville, NC 28540

Dear MFC,

We all know that anything uncertain merits precaution. Take your family's budget as an example. You try to account for all anticipated costs, but inevitably something unexpected pops up – maybe the car needs new brakes – and all of the sudden you need a little flexibility to buffer the shock of overshooting your budget. Fisheries management is similar. Every year, we set catch limits that are akin to a budget comprised of the amount of fish that a specific population can provide on an ongoing basis. The goal is to live off the interest and not eat into the principal. But, because we can't literally count the exact number of fish in the sea, we base catch limits on scientific estimates, called stock assessments. These assessments model population sizes based on the number, size, and age of fish being caught relative to the amount of effort fishermen make, independent surveys that count samples of fish from the same spots year after year, and our understanding of the life history characteristics of the species and ecosystems in which they live. Yet, no matter how robust the data and sophisticated the calculations used to derive the resulting population estimates, there is inevitably some degree of error, or uncertainty, which must be buffered against.

This scientific uncertainty must be taken into account when setting catch limits to ensure that overfishing doesn't occur and to help cushion the management response if it does. Unfortunately, managers have not adequately taken this into account when setting catch limits for summer flounder over the past decade. With every bit of good news – such as a survey indicating an abundant “year class” of juvenile fish – fisheries managers have set catch limits too close to the line of the projected population, only to have to cut catch when new information shows the population is not growing quite as quickly as thought.

We urge you to adopt the following to protect our future fishery.

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From: Lance Bruton <lbruton@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 8:53 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Management in NC

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please note that I am in support of the following actions for the recovery of Southern flounder:

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.
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5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered with a provision for the event of death or disability of the owner.

Thank you for your consideration.
Brett H. Bruton
919-906-3677

From: C R <saltwaterbluefish@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 8:43 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Public Comment
Attachments: NCDENR-options-and-letter.pdf

Dear NCDENR,

Please accept the attached letter as part of the public comment on the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan.

Sincerely,

Carlyle Rogers

See attachment on next page



Recreational Fishing Alliance of North Carolina

Southern Flounder Public Comment

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Commissioners and Division Staff,

My name is A. Carlyle Rogers.

I live and vote in Martin County.

My address is 1760 Maple Grove Church Road, Jamesville NC 27846

Email saltwaterbluefish@yahoo.com

Phone 252-802-2123

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the public comment on the management of Southern Flounder. Based on options given to the public by NCDMF staff and commissioners, I believe option:

Proposal #1 is the best for management of Southern flounder. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the management of North Carolina's fisheries.

Thank you,

Artie Carlyle Rogers

You can email this form: flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov

You can mail this form:

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, N.C. 28557

The deadline for public comment is July 10th, so have your comments sent in by July 7th at the latest!!

**Marine Fisheries Commission Proposals
for
Draft Supplement A to Amendment 1 of the
N.C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan**

Proposal 1

Pound Net Set Permits:

- 15-inch minimum size for southern flounder
- Escape panels shall be a minimum mesh size of
 - Option 1: 5 ¾ inch
 - Option 2: 6 inch(all other escape panel requirements remain)
- Immediately initiate a Total Allowable Catch that represents a 25 percent reduction of the 2013 landings (highest landings on record since 2005). The 2013 landings represent a 79 percent jump in landings from the 2005 Fishery Management Plan landings level of concern.
- Total Allowable Catch = 625,626 pounds (higher than all but one year between 2005-2012)
- Active pound net set permits may be renewed, but no new permit applications will be processed after June 1, 2015, until the completion of the next amendment.
- No pound net set permit transfers will occur until the completion of the next amendment, except upon death of the permittee pursuant to 15NCAC O3J .0504.
- Daily reporting as a condition of the permit for flounder pound nets.

Commercial Gig:

- Commercial gigging will only be allowed four days per week, beginning Monday at sunrise and ending on Friday at sunrise.
- 15-inch size limit
- Trip limit of 36 flounder per valid Standard Commercial Fishing License with maximum of one limit per operation, regardless of the number of valid Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses present.
 - Option 1: A maximum of one limit per operation regardless of the number of valid Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses present.
 - Option 2: A maximum of two limits per operation regardless of the number of valid Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses present.

Anchored Large Mesh Gill Nets (commercial and recreational):

- 2015 season will remain status quo.
- Effective Jan. 1, 2016, anchored large mesh gill nets will be a prohibited gear in the taking and possession of flounder in internal waters.

Commercial harvest by other gear:

- 15-inch size limit

Proposal 2

- All commercial fishing will observe a 15-inch size limit.
- N.C. large mesh gill nets in the southern flounder fishery will close Sept. 16 north of Cape Hatteras and will not open until Jan. 16. South of Cape Hatteras the closure would be Oct. 16 to Jan. 1.
- Pound nets will be subject to the 15-inch size limit and to a 5¾-inch or 6-inch escape panel.
- Commercial giggers will be subject to a 15-inch size limit and a 35-fish trip limit per boat.
- Recreational hook-and-line and giggers will have no reductions unless a closure from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31 is considered necessary to meet appropriate reductions.
- There will be a moratorium on pound net sets and permits based on the past five years of activity, until the next amendment is adopted, unless death or disability of the owner is an issue.

Proposal 3

- Retain the 15-inch size limit and 6-fish bag limit for recreational.
- Increase the size limit to 15 inches for commercial, with a 6-inch stretched mesh for large mesh gill nets, and escape panels in pound nets.
- Close all southern flounder fisheries from Nov. 16 –Dec. 31.

Proposal 4

- Maintain status quo for commercial.
- Decrease recreational size limit to 14 inches.
- Observe 60-day comment period, with stakeholder input.

Proposal 5

- Retain 15-inch size limit and 6-fish bag limit for recreational.
- Increase the size limit to 15 inches for commercial with a 5¾-inch stretched mesh for large mesh gill nets and escape panels in pound nets.
- Close commercial and recreational fisheries from Dec. 1 – 31.

Proposal 6

- Minimum mesh size limit of 5¾ inch stretch mesh for large mesh gill nets and escape panels in pound nets.
- Dec. 1 – 31 closure for all gear types, both commercial and recreational.

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 9:04 AM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Southern Flounder Management in NC

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From: Lance Bruton <lbruton@ec.rr.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 5:56 AM
Subject: Southern Flounder Management in NC
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I would like to express my opinions to you concerning the future of the Southern Flounder in NC waters. They are listed below.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lance Bruton
910.619.2905

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please note that I am in support of the following actions for the recovery of Southern flounder:

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.
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Thank you for your consideration.

Lance Bruton
910.619.2905

From: Mrinmay "Moy" Biswas <mbiswas@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 3:36 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Regulation:

I am writing in support of the following:

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules.
2. A Total Allowable Catch limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%.
3. A closure of the flounder large mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters.
4. A universal 15-inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mrinmay "Moy" Biswas, P.E.

From: Mike <mcshannon@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 2:20 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: art.thinguldstad@yahoo.com
Subject: Southern Flounder

Commercial hunting and fishing has historically led to extinction or near-extinction of many species. American bison, Black Rhino, Dodo Birds, Passenger Pigeons, Monk Seals, Polar Bears, etc. As for fish, white sharks, many tuna species, and flounder hit the list. Fishing for flounder using gill and other types of nets endanger the species and threaten the sustainability of both commercial and recreational fishing. North Carolina has the weakest laws of any state in regard to protections of habitat and viability of flounder and other fisheries.

Giving up short term goals in favor of long term gains is a sign of maturity. Let's show some by limiting catches of a threatened species, the Southern Flounder.

Mike Shannon
1033 Barkentine Dr
New Bern, NC

From: Art Thinguldstad <art.thinguldstad@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 11:19 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: Art Thinguldstad
Subject: Comment on management of Southern Flounder

Members of DMF/MFC:

As a holder of a North Carolina lifetime recreational fishing license and resident of Craven County, I am concerned about the trajectory of current debate about management of Southern Flounder and other species of saltwater fish that exist in North Carolina coastal waters in at least some part of the year.

As a concerned stakeholder in this debate, I would greatly appreciate your consideration of the following proposal for handling the issue of how to respond to the dwindling population of Southern Flounder and other valuable coastal fin fish species:

1. Utilize the list of North Carolina commercial fishing licenses to identify the list of all counties in eastern NC involved in commercial saltwater fishing
2. Establish a mechanism for monitoring the total impact on Southern Flounder (fish taken and non-reproducing juveniles killed) by the recreational and commercial fisherman on a monthly basis.
3. Contract with one of the universities that exist in the counties identified in Step 1 to produce a report that:
 - a. Uses scientific valid methods
 - b. Is peer reviewed
 - c. Is published in a respected academic journal that is focused on fish, fishing and estuarine biology to establish the total allowed catch of Southern Flounder for each month of the year that provides for recovery of the population of Souther Flounder within a scientifically justifiable and specific time period
4. Contract with one of the universities that exist in the counties identified in Step 1 to produce a report that:
 - a. Uses scientifically valid methods
 - b. Is peer reviewed
 - c. Is published in a respected academic journal that is focused on fish, fishing and estuarine biology to establish the aggregate and separate economic impact on of the commercial and recreational fishing in the counties identified Step 1.

5. Allocate the total allowed catch established in Step 2 between the commercial and recreational fishermen groups by multiplying the total allowed catch by the percentage of fishing economic impact established in Step 4.

6. Implement the monitoring policy established in a Step 2. If the actual total allowed catch measured for either commercial, recreational or both groups of fishermen exceeds the values established in Step 5, adjust the corresponding allocation so that the objectives established in Step 5 actually happens.

With best regards,
Art Thinguldstad
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252-675-3766

From: Henry <hbannen@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 10:49 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: The southern floundr ain't broke.

To who ever is in charge,

There is absolutely nothing wrong with the North Carolina summer flounder fishery. It is stable and increasing. The only unstable thing about the summer flounder fishery is the people we hire to manage it. Another name for the summer flounder is "Fluke". Weird, because the managers we hire to husband them are flukes.

The flukes publish every year a number that represents the amount of adult flounder (those that are capable of reproduction and of a size that can be caught in nets) available to be fished. Ten years ago that number was in the low 40,000 metric ton range. The managers at the time deemed that the available amount should be 50,000 metric tons.

Today the available amount exceeds 50,000 metric tons, but for some unholy reason the managers, out of thin air, deem that the amount should now be 60,000 metric tons. So, what possesses them to propose a further 60% reduction in the commercial harvest and a one fish per day in the recreational harvest?

We hire fisheries managers to measure and control the fishery to the point that the fish we remove are replaced by natural reproduction. It is an easy job, just look at the fish available at the start of the year and see what is left at the start of the next year. It is not the rocket science it's made up to be.

Again I say, the summer flounder fishery is healthy. It is the managers we hire that are sick.

Henry Bannen
Pine Knoll Shores
252 240 1528

From: Ben Thigpen <bthigpen@me.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 10:38 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Marine Fisheries Commission Proposals

Dear Sir(s):

About two years ago I began learning how to inshore fish with my son. At 49 years of age, with him being 11 years old, I knew if he learned how to fish and enjoy the outdoors that would create an activity that engaged him and that kept him away from other activities that sometimes pull teenagers in the wrong direction. I have also invovled him in hunting and sports. These are the types of activities we want our young people involved in. As someone with 26 years in the education business, I know our young people are better served by being involved in activities that build character, develop persistence

and develop a work ethic. Activities that teach them how to work with other people and care for resources are essential for their success in the future.

I believe North Carolina's fish and game provides opportunities for our young people. I don't know enough about the fishing industry to make a comment as to exactly what should or should not be done with regards to the regulations you are discussing. I do hear experienced fishermen and guides speak about how the netters are hurting our fisheries. I don't know all the science behind how you determine the number of fish. I don't know if the large gill nets can co-exist with recreational fishermen. I do know it is more difficult to catch fish. It is much more difficult than it was when I was fishing regularly 25 years ago.

My concern is part of our heritage that was gifted to us we owe to our young people. We need to preserve the opportunity to hunt and fish. It is part of our heritage in this state. If we don't create and preserve the opportunities for them we will have failed to live with the integrity necessary to create a future for our young people. Investments now pay off for future generations. If you want a kid to participate in sports, give them playing time and they will stick sports and become engaged. If you want young people to be involved in fishing, create opportunities for them to catch fish. When you compare the percentage of catch by commercial folks vs. recreational fishermen and then begin increasing size limits for recreational fishermen, you have failed to look at the situation with reason.

I fully understand that folks have to make a living, but their right to make a living does not outweigh our responsibility to preserve our resources for our young people. We must have larger purpose and make sure we preserve those opportunities for our children and our grandchildren. Irregardless of your decisions, please keep the larger purpose in mind. If this means we create a total allowable catch or equal size limits on both sectors we do that. If this means we remove large mesh gill nets, we do that. Our state and our country became great when we began to make decisions to insure the next generation would have success. When making decisions about our fisheries, let's make sure we are making decisions to insure the younger generations will have access and opportunity to recreational fishing in the future.

Dr. Ben Thigpen
Beulaville, NC

From: Kleinert, John <jKleinert@spring-lake.org>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 10:18 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Souther Flounder

NCDMF,

I agree with a 15" size limit for both recreational and commercial fishermen.

I also agree with reducing the TAC of commercial fishermen since they account for "80%" of the total harvest of Southern Flounder in North Carolina. It just makes sense to limit the folks that are doing the most harm to this species. It's pretty simple, if your income is directly related to weight, more weight equals more income.

John E. Kleinert Jr.
Recreational Angler
919-895-8145

From: Bradley, Charles <cmbradley@liggettgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 9:14 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: samjcorbett3@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; sobx11@gmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com
Subject: Southern Flounder

To all concerned,

I would like to take a minute of your time to comment on the Southern Flounder crisis that we are now facing and have been facing for a number of years.

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Here are a few suggestions I recommend:

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Charles M Bradley

From: Len Rosol <biglenr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 8:04 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Comment on Souther Flounder Management plan

My name is Leonard Rosol, I am a citizen of NC, and I am writing to you about the proposed changes affecting the Southern Flounder fishery.

In my opinion, Southern Flounder are being harvested at a rate that is unsustainable. Reductions in the harvest are required.

From the options selected for public comment, I strongly urge that you consider (from Option 1)

- Implementing a Total allowable catch immediately. The options calls for a TAC of 625,626 pounds.
- Banning anchored gill nets beginning in 2016

Those two changes are the most critical to NC's Southern Flounder fishery, and my support for them is of the highest magnitude.

I also support

- A 15in minimum size on all commercial landings to match the recreational limit
- Closing all Southern Flounder fisheries (both recreational and commercial) from November 15 to December 31 each year
- A 35 fish commercial gig limit per day, as there will be considerable conversion of effort from the gill net fishermen to the gig fishermen.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Len Rosol -

From: Chuck Lanier <chuckacook@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 6:33 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: flounder fishery proposals

I have reviewed the six proposals. After twenty plus years of keeping up with actions taken to improve our flounder fisheries, I feel that proposal number one would be the best one that would make a difference. Number two would be a good start. Thank you. Charles C. Lanier, Jr.

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 9:16 AM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Southern Flounder

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From: Bradley, Charles <cmbradley@liggettgroup.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2015 at 6:13 AM
Subject: Southern Flounder
To: "flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov" <flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov>
Cc: "samjcorbett3@gmail.com" <samjcorbett3@gmail.com>, "annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com" <annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com>, "nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com" <nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com>, "awillis.mfc@gmail.com" <awillis.mfc@gmail.com>, "amikewicker@gmail.com" <amikewicker@gmail.com>, "kdarden@embarqmail.com" <kdarden@embarqmail.com>, "captgorgesmf@gmail.com" <captgorgesmf@gmail.com>, "sobxl1@gmail.com" <sobxl1@gmail.com>

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Charles M Bradley

From: M Smith 2087 [mailto:msmith2087@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 9:09 PM
To: 'flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov'
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

From: Myron Smith
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919-219-8899 Mobile
919 872-8333
To: Southern Flounder Comments

Nancy Fish
Please open attached file.

Thanks

See attachment on next page

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Southern Flounder Supplement 2015 RECOMMENDED NOT BASED ON SCIENCE DATA

1. My recommendation is 2,602,390 Pounds of Southern Flounder which was for caught 2008.

NOT Recommended Total Allowable Catch 625,626 pounds.

NC FOLKS, RESTARUANTS, SEAFOOD MARKETS, OUT OF STATE DEALERS want NC Seafood. Local restaurants can not meet demands.

2. Recommend Southern Flounder 8 inches long that is the length traveling through NC waters. (Size was increased to provide CCA Trophy fish.) In 2014 half of the state was open to set gill nets only 28 nights due to interactions with protected species. Which no one has provided Turtle counts numbers which is beyond the natural Balance of Marine Life since reductions of Turtles have BEEN in place for years. With the numerous numbers and out of balance TURTLES WILL BE EATING MORE MARINE LIFE THAN HUMANS.

3. Commercial Fishermen are to be allowed to catch fish 7 days per week **not** 4 days.

4. Gill Nets are to be allowed to be set year round as in 2010.

In February the Division of Marine Fisheries presented the latest stock assessment, which it declared could not be used to make management decisions. The assessment failed peer review. Director Louis Daniels told the commission the stock showed signs of concern which prompted its decision to seek permission to develop a supplement. The SUPPLEMENT DOES NOT ALLOW COMMERCIAL TO CATCH SOUNTHERN FLOUNDER. Marine life has been in the coastal waters of NC since country was founded. Marine Life is still in the waters unless POLLUTION OR EXCESS GROUND NUTRIENTS RUN-OFF KILLS MARINE LIFE.

5. By Catch is 15-20 percent.

6. No closures by dates until Flounder leave area.

7. Commercial giggers will be limited to Southern Flounder 8 inches and longer in length and no limits for number of fish. Commercial fishing: Flounder length is 8 inches or longer for all caught

8. Closings will occur when Commercial Fishing Flounder Quota 2,602,390 pounds are meet.

9. Flounder Trawling caught more Flounder in the past, use Turtle Excluder devices.

In 2008 Southern Flounder caught was 2,602,390 pounds with a value of \$ 5,650,295. In 2008 total Finfish caught is 27,621,065 pounds with a value of \$ 34,420,027; total shellfish 43,579,163 pounds with a value of \$ 52,389,826. Total pounds is 71,200,227 with Total value of \$ 86,809,853.

Then, new genetic studies led scientists to conclude that southern flounder are not a distinct population in North Carolina as previously thought, but part of a coast wide stock. Biologists at the division say that is why their stock assessment cannot be used to accurately determine whether the stock is overfished or viable. Will Smith one of the biologists responsible for the assessment told the commission it is like trying to balance an account without knowing exactly how many debits and credits have been made. Data on the number of flounder leaving North Carolina, returning, or coming from elsewhere is currently unavailable. **A supplement is intended to be an emergency measure. An emergency situation does not exist on flounder. Conservative measures have been in place for southern flounder for over 35 years. Science does not support the claim that southern flounder are on the verge of collapse. North Carolina needs an independent review of information used in the stock assessment by fisheries experts to determine whether a 'multi-decadal decline in recruitment as abundance' as stated by Division of Marine Fisheries is evident from these data.**

Why the rush? My thoughts are to destroy Commercial Fishing in NC waters. NC Fisheries Association indicates if there is a problem, we need to address it. Reports from NOAA are seatrout and menhaden prior stock assessments underestimated the health of those stocks and resulted to unnecessary harvest reductions. (Menhaden fishing is no longer in NC.) Loss value resulted for state, money, income, and jobs.

NOAA has released Fisheries Economics of the US covering the year 2012 and it should be required reading for all in Congress involved in reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. 2012 report provides Commercial and Recreational Fisheries. Reports are this is the first economics comparison report of Commercial and Recreational Fisheries provided.

Sales Recreation = \$ 58 Billion, Sales Commercial Fisheries = \$ 140 Billion

Value added to the National Economy Recreational = \$ 30 Billion, Value Commercial Fisheries = \$ 60 Billion

Terms of jobs Recreational = employed 380,000, Jobs Commercial Fisheries = 1.27 Million people (producers, processors, distributors, wholesales, and seafood retailers).

"To put this another way, the value of the power yacht industry is the primary "value" of recreational fishing. It takes just a simple statement on a form to say a \$ 300,000 power boat – used for cruising, parties, and fishing is part of the recreation fishing industry."

Less than 20% of the jobs in the industry come from guides, boat operators, tackle shops, motel owners etc.

Commercial Fisheries is totally different. Seafood Retailers generated the largest number of job and value impacts, for 610,000 jobs \$ 32 Billion in sales. Followed by import sector 207,000 jobs and wholesalers and distributors 57,000 jobs. The remaining jobs were in harvesting and processing.

Economic benefits of the commercial seafood sector penetrate all parts of the US throughout the entire economy. It is true that fishermen in Alaska is in supporting the jobs of dozens of people throughout the rest of the country.

Striking thing about recreational employment was how much of it was concentrated in Florida. For example, out of 360,000 jobs in 2012, fully 30% are in Florida alone. (FDA reports Florida is a state that has more mislabeled fraud seafood 50-75% percent, more legal cases, National Fishermen Ass.)

Recreational fishery's value is primarily concentrated in boat manufacturers and equipment makers and it is highly regionally concentrated in Florida, Gulf States, and North Carolina.

For the Commercial industry, the value and jobs created spread through the entire country, while for the recreational sector, the jobs and value are concentrated in a few states and industries. Florida is the only state with more jobs attributable to recreational fishing than commercial.

Commercial Fisheries provides more jobs and value by a wide margin.

“The analysis fully supports the purposes of the Magnuson Stevens Act, which is that if the marine resources of the US are to be used to benefit the entire country, the Commercial Seafood Industry is by far the most effective and democratic way to the accomplish that goal.”

NOAA is in the cabinet level of Department of Commerce.

From 2013 -- 2015 present date, Division of NC Marine Fisheries refused to follow or discuss benefits of Trawling. Review Deehr, R.A. (2012) Measuring the Ecosystem Impacts of Commercial Shrimp Trawling and Other Fishing Gear in Core Sound, North Carolina Using Ecological Network Analysis. East Carolina University,

Coastal Resources Management Program, April 25, 2012. Research funded by NC Sea Grant Project. Lots of Commercial Fishermen worked to obtain the data and worked on research. Commercial Fishermen wanted these findings presented.

What did the Division of Marine Fisheries and few NC Representatives Republicans, Thom Tillis and Ruth Samuelson do? Two years of promoting Closing Trawling advocating with NC CCA

NO RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED TO:

1. ENRICH PROMOTE MARINE SEA LIFE, and

2. DISPERSE DEAD SOUND BOTTOM AND DISPERSE POLLUTION.

Where there is NO TRAWLING THE SOUND BOTTOMS ARE DEAD WITH NO MARINE LIFE.

Within the past 2 years the Leadership has promoted stopping TRAWLING, which creates more DEAD SEA BOTTOM AND LESS Marine LIFE. . DEAD SEA BOTTOM IS 1 FOOT TO 5 FEET OF BLACK MUD POLLUTION AND NO MARINE LIFE.

To improve Marine Sea Life and make Fisheries Industry productive, please begin to open more Nursery areas and coastal waters and oceans to Trawling to DISPERSE the POLLUTION and PROMOTE MARINE SEA LIFE. Please allow the Commercial Fishermen that know the waters make and decide best procedures for this.

For the past 2 years Division of Marine Fisheries have not provided leadership for Commercial Fishing Industries. Sea Grant study found that the number of seafood processors declined by 36 percent between 2000 and 2011. The economic value of North Carolina's catch has declined from about \$ 109 million in 1995 to \$ 79 million in 2013. Federal and state regulations hinder the supply of fish. In the report, fishermen say that regulations restrict where, when, how and what they can harvest. Sea Grant Specialist provided "This N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries is trying to use more adaptive fishery management techniques, but for many fish stocks, quick-look measures of harvest abundance do not exist."

NC Seafood Festival has taken place for 28 years. The average attendance is 185,000. It is the largest festival east of Raleigh. In 2010 the Festival was the winner of Best Event in the Southeast. NC people enjoy and love NC Local Seafood.

Leadership of NC Secretary of Environmental and Natural Resources and Division of Marine Fisheries Commission has failed to promote NC Commercial Fishing Industry. Hopefully the leadership from the NC Marine Fisheries and NC Secretary Donald Van Der Vaart of Environmental and Natural Resources will improve quickly.

I appreciate the members that support Commercial Fishermen I know you have a difficult assignment.

Thanks for considering my recommendations for Supplement for Summer Flounder,

Myron Smith

919 -219-8899

From: Steve Myslinski <smyslinski@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 5:12 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Help

We have got to take action now! If we don't we will end this fishery:(must use common sense! Set quotas and reduce destructive gear that has led to this decline in the flounder stocks. Size limit same for both commercial and recreational fishermen! Doesn't make sense that recreational netters don't have same limits as hook and line fisherman? We should end recreational netters. We should have areas for flounder nurseries that r off limits for netters! They have to reproduce to replenish! We have to keep shrimp trawlers out of those areas as well.

Sincerely
Steve Myslinski

From: David Menius <dwmenius@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 3:30 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: flounder opinion

I recently fished in several flounder tournaments . The vast majority of fish were 15.25 -- 15.50. Legal fish, but minimally usable.

My opinion is 16.50 min. for ALL fishermen. Close flounder fishing at proper times to allow for migration / spawn. Regulate catch through TAC numbers . Regulate net sizes to protect under size fish and by catch. Increase penalties for violations .

Thank you for consideration of my opinion
David Menius

BAN GILL NETS

From: Bennie Spencer <uncc71@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 1:04 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: Rep. Pat Hurley; cindy.farmer@wghp.com
Subject: NC Coastal Fishing

Why is the money on sport fishing in NC dropping--Because you don't catch anything.

I'm not going to pay \$6 a pound for supposedly " fresh shrimp" only to stand in the surf or ICW and not get a thing. Or gas up my boat and ride from spot to spot to catch six inch croker or pen fish and especially not those 12 inch sharks. You know last year they were 18 inch. Gas is to expensive and it's a lot of work cleaning up the boat after the trip out.

We are loosing our third generation of fisherman because my grand kids are not going to stand there and wait and wait for something that's not there. The second generation is already lost to sun and walking in the sand. They learned a long time ago and they are not going to wast there time.

The netting of any and all fish, not to mention flounder, especially flounder, has and is running off one of the biggest money making industries in NC. That is the sport fishing. You can't catch a fish in a fresh water lakes now unless you have one of those TV's on the bow. And Salt water is right behind.

Go ahead, sit back and let the sport fishing industry die. Take a look at the numbers. See how much NC get's from the commercial fisherman you cater too. There's is a hard life, yes, but what isn't?

Bennie Lee
OKI, Trinity, NC

From: Bruce Lee <wldmoose@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 12:33 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Management

Hi,

I would like the MFC to implement the proposals put forth by the CCA and the RFA immediately. If there is not immediate and sweeping changes like those listed below the MFC will lose even more credibility than it already has. Along these lines, with the upcoming MFC seats that will soon be vacant it is imperative that the MFC keep a balance of recreational and commercial voices on the commission. The MFC and NCDMF have for far too long managed our waters with a bias toward the commercial industry. This must end. NOW.

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4. A universal 15-inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen.
5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered with a provision for the event of death or disability of the owner.

Thank you,
Bruce Lee

From: Martin Forbes <mforbes@atmc.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 11:00 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: MFC Proposals

Good day gentlemen,

I am a licensed NC recreational fisherman and have read your six proposals for managing our southern flounder population.

Proposal One is by far the best of the six proposals.

Plus, adding one provision from proposal two which reads: "N.C. large mesh gill nets in the southern flounder fishery will close Sept. 16 north of Cape Hatteras and will not open until Jan. 16. South of Cape Hatteras the closure would be Oct. 16 to Jan. 1."

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.
Martin Forbes
Carolina Shores, NC

From: lin <kinggigger@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 10:40 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: I have been a commercial gigger for 20 years and I also worked at the DMF for a few years. When I worked at the DMF I worked in fisheries management. Commercial gingers are controlled by the wind and weather and average about four nights a week we can ...

We also have the moon and tide to deal with. It is not fair for us to have a limit on fish that we can harvest or our nights that we gig affected. We already have a size limit of 14 inches and that's enough on

gigers. The pound nets are the ones that are catching 90 percent of the southern flounder and they should be the ones to be regulated and not just bigger escape panels. There are just too many pound nets in the water from September through December. They are catching a lot of the big spawning fish and killing a lot of small fish too. I have seen this with my own eyes. Gigers have enough against them without any more regulations on us. Giging is the most selective fishery there is period. We get to choose what we take out of the water and no other fishery has that option! Pound nets should not be allowed to push the gigers out because it's not fair to us because we are not the ones that are over harvesting southern flounder. Until you take some of the pound nets out of the water the southern flounder fishery will continue to suffer and bigger escape panels will not be enough. I don't want to put anyone out of a job but don't take away from my living because someone else is causing the problems? The DMF has the trip ticket numbers of the fish landed by pound nets and gigers and the should present these numbers at the meeting to show that gigers are not catching but a small percentage of the fish harvested. Why did the DMF put a limit of 10 sheepshead on gigers and 300lbs for pound netters? That is not fair to us either.

Sent from my iPad

From: Brett Bruton <BrettBruton@utilityserviceagency.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 9:39 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Management in NC

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please note that I am in support of the following actions for the recovery of Southern flounder:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Brett H. Bruton
919-906-3677

From: Jim Barkowski <boatman91@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 9:14 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I am a recreational fisherman who moved into Brunswick County, NC and has fished here for the past 6 years. I maintain a catch log and have not seen a decrease in my flounder catch over this period. However, I welcome change to improve the fishery. Based on the information and options presented, I would be in favor of adopting regulations that both increased the minimum size and partially closed the season for both the recreational and commercial fisheries. I prefer this option to allow the fishery to stay open for a longer period (i.e. November 1st).

Jim Barkowski

From: Donna Moore <donna.moore@calibratedconsulting.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 8:47 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: RE: Flounder Supplement

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the public comment on the management of Southern Flounder. Based on the options given to the public by NCDMF staff and commissioners, I believe proposal 1 is the best for management of Southern Flounder.

The use of gill nets is killing off the inshore fishery... and the commercial 14 inch flounder size makes no sense since there is hardly enough meat on a flounder that size to justify killing it.

Thank you,
Donna Moore
8016 Yellow Daisy Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

From: jhmenendez@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 7:31 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Overfishing

I support the following measures and ask that you do indeed pass legislation along these lines:

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Thank in advance for your consideration.
Joe Menendez
3867 Ridge Crest Drive
Southport, NC 28461

From: Patty <plamoreaux@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 7:15 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Gill nets

Who is going to give me the money I have invested in gill nets, reel and boat if there is a ban? Have you all thought this through. There are a lot of commercial fisherman just like me who have all the nets and accessories, are you going to reimburse our costs. Think about it. You are hurting a lot of families.
Karl Lamoreaux.

From: Dan Fail or <SKUNKERS14@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 6:06 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder

I support pro-resource action on southern flounder FMP supplement
Daniel Failor

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2015 11:01 AM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Southern Flounder Management in NC

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From: Chuck Laughridge <sobxl1@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 14, 2015 at 1:49 PM
Subject: Re: Southern Flounder Supplement
To: Lee Dunn <lhdudd@comcast.net>

Thanks for your comments.

Good Fishing!!!
Chuck Laughridge

On Sun, Jun 14, 2015 at 8:36 AM, Lee Dunn <lhdudd@comcast.net> wrote:

Chuck, I haven't seen you for awhile, mainly because we have again vacated NC for reasons of which you are all too aware. I gather you're doing well. We still have the house in Beaufort, but we have only spent about five nights there in the past five years. My boats there haven't seen the water in five years either. I do torture/amuse myself by checking out your NCW website from time to time, however. I'm glad and amazed that you, Joe Albea, and others seem to have the energy and the thick skin to stay at and keep up the good work. My cynical guess though is that short of some local miracle, it's going to take the Feds or a motivated NGO to seriously change things regarding the health of the fisheries in eastern NC. I hope you know something I don't.

I apologize in advance for wasting your time if you have already seen my emailed letter to your commission regarding the June 17 Southern Flounder Supplement hearing. But as the prominent at large member, I wanted to be sure you have the opportunity to review my comments, for all the good it will do. Thank's for your attention, and for the time, effort, and abuse you have endured for your work. Good damn luck with this supplement, and with all of it for that matter. There are serious problems with fisheries everywhere, certainly in Nantucket and the Florida Keys where we still spend a lot of time, but NC is truly in the dark ages. Paradise lost.

Lee

Mr. Chairman and Members of the NC Marine Fisheries Commission:

I am a 65 year old resident of Carteret County and life long eastern North Carolinian. I have watched in dismay as the state of our marine fisheries and the health of our estuaries has drastically declined in my lifetime. The difference in abundance I saw as a child in the 50's relative to what I see today is as unbelievable as it is sickening. And yet, this reality seems to be common knowledge and accepted as status quo by almost everyone, especially including you. With all due respect, fisheries management in NC has always put short term commercial interests first, and the health of the resource, LAST.

You have this opportunity to take measures to begin to restore all finfish in our estuaries to viable, sustainable levels as measured by scientific, and only scientific, means.

Regarding proposals currently being considered for the restoration of southern flounder to healthy levels, I support the following:

1. Most importantly, a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) must be determined and implemented for a healthy sustainable total annual take, regardless of methods of capture and sectors of allocation. Without a credible and verifiable TAC, all is lost. This is the established, proven, best tool currently in our tool box for the management of any species, and you know that.

2. Prohibit large mesh monofilament gill nets in all our estuarine waters. The problems and out-of-proportion costs with this indiscriminate, bottom monopolizing, destructive gear are well known, and they have been banned in all other southern flounder producing states, for good reason.

3. Scientifically determine the most sustainable harvest size, and apply it universally to all methods and sectors of capture.

4. Acknowledge the legal reality that southern flounder, like all other finfish and shellfish in our estuaries, belong equally to each and every citizen of North Carolina, not just to those who take them commercially. Manage and allocate the resource accordingly.

I still hope to see real change come to fisheries management in NC in my life time. It's time for NC to get out of the dark ages, even if it takes the feds to finally do it.

Lee Dunn
Beaufort

From: Dave Rice <drice928@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 3:24 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: samjcorbett3@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com
Subject: Southern Flounder FMP

Dear members of the NC MFC -

As a recreational angler and property owner in carteret county, I urge you to vote responsibly on your upcoming Southern flounder FMP supplement. Please advocate for the protection of this species by supporting:

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5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered with a provision for the event of death or disability of the owner.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Dave Rice
drice928@gmail.com
919.924.1593

From: Trevor & Nikki Hall <halltnfamily@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 1:39 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: samjcorbett3@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement (?6?/?12?/?2015)

MFC,

I have lived in eastern NC for the past 20 years and have enjoyed the recreational saltwater angling. However, I have noticed a steady decline in the quality of southern flounder fishing over the past few years. I'm disappointed to say that I attribute this fishery's decline in a lack of proper resource management.

I have had the opportunity to travel to other states (SC, TX, FL, GA) that offer much better fishing opportunities than NC. NC has the potential to offer the same quality recreational angling opportunities as our neighboring states, which could also offer a stronger economic impact in the local communities (hotels, restaurants, tackle stores, fishing guides, etc.). Implementing the Southern Flounder Supplement Proposal #1 would be a significant stride in improving our recreational angling opportunities and local economic impact.

We're living in the 21st Century and it's time to emulate other states marine fisheries management policies that have proven to be highly effective.

Respectfully,
Trevor Hall

From: David Sneed [mailto:david@ccanc.org]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Trevor Hall
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement (?6?/?12?/?2015)
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CALL TO ACTION

We need you to tell the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) that you support pro-resource action on the Southern flounder FMP supplement!

The MFC voted unanimously at their May meeting to move forward with a supplement to the Southern Flounder FMP seeking in essence an emergency plan to reduce harvest between 25% – 60%. On June 3rd the MFC announced they will receive public comments starting on June 10 and continuing through July 10 on six proposals for Southern flounder management. The public may submit comments in writing and at a public meeting on June 17th from 1:00 PM – 5:00 Pm at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center.

Beginning June 10, written comments may be electronically submitted to flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov or mailed to:

Southern Flounder Comments
c/o Nancy Fish
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

The six proposals are part of a draft supplement to the NC Southern Flounder FMP and can be found online at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/southern-flounder-hot-topic>

The Commission is scheduled for a final vote in August on a plan that could finally end overfishing of Southern flounder in North Carolina and start the stock on the way to recovery.

Thank you very much to everyone that has signed the petition in support of the Southern flounder supplement. If you have not signed on or shared the link with your friends please take a minute to click on

the Action Center Link Southern Flounder Supplement Action Needed!
<<https://www.voterveice.net/BroadcastLinks/6Y7K3dBjDpOQLsUsb0Uqsw>>

Now we are asking CCA members, recreational anglers and conservation supporters to provide written comments to the Commission in support of the following actions for the recovery of Southern flounder:

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Your written comments must be received by July 10 and can be submitted electronically to flounder.supplement@ncdenr.gov.

We also encourage you to copy MFC commissioners directly on your emails by using the following addresses:

Sammy Corbett, Chairman, Commercial Industry, samjcorbett3@gmail.com
<<mailto:samjcorbett@gmail.com>>

Anna Beckwith, Vice-Chairman, At-Large, annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com

Mikey Daniels, Commercial Fisherman, nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com

Kelly Darden, Recreational Fisherman, kdarden@embarqmail.com

Mark Gorges, Recreational Fisherman, captgorgesmfc@gmail.com

Chuck Laughridge, At-Large, sobxl1@gmail.com

Joe Shute, Recreational Industry, captjoemfc@yahoo.com

Mike Wicker, Scientist, amikewicker@gmail.com

Alison Willis, Commercial Fisherman, awillis.mfc@gmail.com

And finally, you are encouraged to attend the public hearing in New Bern next week, Wednesday, June 17th. The Commission will hear public comments from both supporters and opponents of the Southern flounder supplement from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Your presence and your voice will provide the support the pro-resource commissioners will need to approve this supplement.

Please do not hesitate to reply to this email with your questions if you need more information or assistance with your public comments.

Thank you for your support.

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From: mark thrift <jackaoe@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 12:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

CONCERNING THE PROPOSALS FOR REGULATING THE FLOUNDER FISHERY:
I SUPPORT PROPOSAL #1.

I COULD ACCEPT PROPOSAL #2.
I DO NOT SUPPORT ANY OF THE OTHER PROPOSALS.

I ALSO THINK THAT INSHORE SHRIMP TRAWLS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. THE BY CATCH THAT IS KILLED AND DISCARDED IS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN THE MANAGEMENT OF SOUTHERN FLOUNDER AND OTHER SPECIES IMPORTANT TO THE FISHERIES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT,

MARK THRIFT
106 OLD RIVER ACRES BURGAW, NC 28425

From: Eb Pesci [mailto:ebpesci@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 11:54 AM
To: Sammy Corbett; Mark Gorges; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; Chuck Laughridge;
nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; Mike Wicker; awillis.mfc@gmail.com;
captjoemfc@yahoo.com; Fish, Nancy
Subject: southern flounder

Dear MFC Members,

The attached letter contains my comments for the southern flounder supplement that you are working on.

Ms. Fish,

Please enter this letter into the public comment.

Thank you,

Eb Pesci

See attachment on next page

June 13, 2015

Dear Marine Fisheries Commissioners,

As a recreational fishermen, I have followed the downward slide of North Carolina's southern flounder for the last several years. It's time to reverse this slide and you now have a real opportunity to make that happen at the MFC meeting in August.

I would like to see you do what is necessary to have the following three things occur.

1. Reduce the harvest of southern flounder by commercial fishermen by at least 50%.
2. Implement a yearly Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for commercially harvested southern flounder. This TAC should be at least 50% lower than the average commercial southern flounder harvest of the last 3 years. Without a TAC, you can not have a harvest reduction that will work. An unlimited harvest has led to our depleted fish stock and these fish will not recover until a TAC is in place.
3. Suspend the harvest of southern flounder by **any and all** gillnets. Doing this will achieve most of the 50% reduction requested above and solve many problems for our inshore marine fisheries. The costs, conflicts, and general lawlessness associated with the use of these nets has created a truly terrible atmosphere for marine fisheries management in North Carolina. It's time for this destructive fishing gear to just go away.

Please support these three simple changes and help our southern flounder begin the recovery that we all so desperately want.

Thank you,

Everett Pesci
Greenville, NC 27858
ebpesci@gmail.com

From: Steve Jilcott <jilcotts@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 11:03 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

I support tac- save the flounder instead of the commercial fisherman.

From: Pete Kornegay <kornegayjw@mchsi.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 10:23 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Support 60% reduction in Southern Flounder Harvest

I support a 60% reduction (or more if necessary) in southern flounder harvest in order to restore this stock. I also support prohibiting the use of gill nets to harvest flounder due the bycatch and kill associated with gill nets in general.

Unless meaningful measures are taken to restore southern flounder, the MFC will be responsible for allowing yet another fish stock to be crashed, as was the case with river herring.

James W. (Pete) Kornegay
306 Japonica Drive
Camden, North Carolina 27921
Home: 252.338.3607
Cell: 252.333.0850

From: Steve Moore <moore8016@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 9:23 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Supplement

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the public comment on the management of Southern Flounder. Based on the options given to the public by NCDMF staff and commissioners, I believe proposal 1 is the best for management of Southern Flounder.

The use of gill nets is killing off the inshore fishery... and the commercial 14 inch flounder size makes no sense since there is hardly enough meat on a flounder that size to justify killing it.

Thank you,

Steve Moore
8016 Yellow Daisy Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412
703 638 0359
Votes in New Hanover County

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 12:30 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: flounder regulations

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From: <TPBPA@aol.com>
Date: Sat, Jun 13, 2015 at 8:53 AM
Subject: flounder regulations
To: samjcorbett3@gmail.com, annabarrriosbeckwith@yahoo.com, nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com, kdarden@embarqmail.com, mfc@gmail.com, sobxl1@gmail.com, captjoemfc@yahoo.com, amikewicker@gmail.com, awillis.mfc@gmail.com

this is to let you know i support any regulation that will help increase inshore recreational catches, even lowering the creel limit.

i came back to North Carolina 6 years ago from south Florida. the first couple of years(09-10) fishing was ok, but then i experienced a decline in my catches to the point i started fishing offshore. at the same time i noticed inshore drag netter's working the intercoastal. initially i put down my lack of success inshore to my own efforts, but last year and this year i observed several gill nets being pulled empty.

neither the small dragnetters or the gill netter's appeared to be full time commercial fishermen.

when i was in Florida the state banned inshore gill nets and i experience a significant increase in recreation catch.

please do something

tom bell
tpbpa@aol.com
3573 st. james dr.
southport, nc.

From: Daryl Whisenant <twhiz23@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 8:34 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: flounder fishing proposals

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my opinion on the 6 proposals.

Lets leave politics and money out of this and protect our fisheries.

I have been buying fishing license since I was 16 and would love for my grandchildren to be able do the same.

If we continue down the path we are on the commercial fishermen are going to ruin angling for all our grandchildren and there children.

I like proposal #1 the best.

I am very tired of seeing the recreational angler being punished when we take only a fraction of the fish. If this was working we would not be addressing this. The fisheries would be booming.

It is time to put the pressure on commercial fishing and keep our fisheries safe for many years to come.

It is time to educate all on the importance of protecting our fisheries.

Hope you read this and take action.

If I can do anything to help I am feel free to contact me.

Daryl Evans Whisenant
3520 Rankin Rd

Concord, NC 28027
7047943946

From: Christine Gillespie <gillescris@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 8:17 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: samjcorbett3@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com
Subject: Southern Flounder FMP Supplement

To whom it may concern,

My husband, William Gillespie and myself, would like to encourage your support regarding the following changes to the Overall fishing rules for Southern Flounder. We are residents on the Neuse River in Arapahoe, NC since 2009. One of the major reasons we retired and relocated to the Neuse River in NC was the wonderful fishing opportunities. My husband and I are avid nature lovers and fishermen. When we fish we just keep what we plan on eating and all other fish are catch and release. We have both received many NC fishing citations and my husband has won several fishing competitions. We have invited many, many friends to the area to experience the former great fishery experience. When here they obtain licenses, buy equipment and enjoy shopping, historic sites and dining. Several had explored relocated to his area.

In the past few years, we have experienced a SIGNIFICANT reduction in all fish catch and an extreme reduction in available southern flounder catch and as a result our friends are not coming as often to fish and have stopped looking at local relocation areas.

We have read the proposal under discussion and agree with our recreational fishing peers that a significant change needs to be made to enable our local fishery to recovery in the near future. These changes would be impactful but we believe it will be to the benefit of all fishermen, recreational and commercial, to address and implement the following recommendations immediately.

Recreational fishermen, both local and visitors, bring enormous revenue to our area and state. A great fishery encourages both tourism and eventually many decide to retire and relocate to wonderful eastern North Carolina. This brings revenue and a improved economy to an area that does not have a lot of industry. One would be believe that this area should do everything it can to prevent damaging this fishery any more and focus on growing and exploiting how changes can benefit both commercial and recreational fishing in the long term.

For these reasons, my husband and I STRONGLY desire that this group takes the following actions:

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Sincerely,
Bill and Chris Gillespie
643 Raymond Dr.
Arapahoe, NC 28510

From: Nancy Neeley <nancy22221@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 8:03 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder - Support Proposal 1

Honorable Commission Members,

As we all know, flounder is one of the most sought after species from our waters, both commercially and recreationally. Recreational fishermen and women in our great State travel to our shores specifically to catch and eat this fish. We all know our flounder population is in serious trouble and strong measures must be taken to preserve this fish for all parties in the future.

I encourage all of the honorable Commission members, both commercial and recreational to vote "for" proposal 1, as it is written. Please help our fish rebound and all fishermen will be greatly rewarded in the future. The long-term economic benefits for many businesses will be an added benefit.

Thank you for allowing me to offer my opinion.

Sincerely,
Tom Neeley
Hampstead/Pender County
lowrider222@charter.net
910-789-0153

From: Jack Staley <jcstaley@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 6:56 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Management Proposals

Please take the following proposals under consideration for the management of the southern flounder:

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Thanks,
Jack Staley
1101 N King St
Windsor, NC 27983
(252) 325-1054

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobx11@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 12:29 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Southern Flounder FMP Supplement

On Sat, Jun 13, 2015 at 5:16 AM, Christine Gillespie <gillescris@live.com> wrote:

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Sincerely,
Bill and Chris Gillespie
643 Raymond Dr.
Arapahoe, NC 28510

From: Burke Barbee <burkebarbee1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 6:47 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Summer Flounder

I support the following:

1. No change in recreational fishing limits
2. A TAC limit on all commercial fishing until stock is replenished
3. Closure of flounder net fishing in breeding areas
4. Size limit of 15 inch limit on both commercial & recreational fishermen
5. Moratorium on all pound net fishing until stock is replenished

Thank you

Burke
252.916.2526
Sent from the thing steve jobs made

From: Merwin/Ann <mmarshburn@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 3:27 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: i do encourage this move

From: Linwood Grant <linwoodnancy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 10:41 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder

Southern flounder:

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From: baitco@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 10:10 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: restrictions

The elimination of the recreational commercial permit and the gigging of flounder will greatly help with the saving of our flounder. Take away these two permits and you will see the population rebound faster than with any other method.

From: Dennis Carter <countryz71boy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 8:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Comments on proposed limits for commercial and recreational fishing in NC
Attachments: fishing limits.rtf

Here are my comments and discussion of my concerns about the proposed limits-attachment provided.

Dennis Ray Carter, Sr.

See attachment on next page

I, Dennis Ray Carter, Sr. would like to address the changes in recreational fishing that spans over the last nine(9) years while enjoying the NC waters(creeks and the Neuse) of Oriental, NC, Swan Quarter, NC and the Neuse river. I have witnessed the decline and depletion of the variety of fishing in our wonderful state of NC. I can not even take my four(4) year old grandson out for the day to fish without disappointment. My family and I have fished the mentioned waters for years and have found on numerous occasions of nets in the creeks that have prohibited us from enjoying a wonderful day of fishing. From having to navigate around the fish gil nets and the crab pots, it is nearly impossible to recreationally fish and be able to enjoy the fun of fishing. We do not feel that the NC Division of Marine Fisheries(NCDMF) has responded to the cry and concerns of the North Carolinian natives. The NCDMF has not performed its job in protecting the fishing habitates of our NC waters in comparision to other states across the East Coast of the US.

I personally know that there is an increase of commercial fishermen who are moving to our great state of NC based on the fact that NC has not placed limits on the commercial fishing. I have personally had a conversation with a representative of law enforcement who told me that his family moved from Florida for the stated reason-NO limits.

I, Dennis Ray Carter, Sr. would like to make formal comments about the proposed rulings for recreational and commercial fishing:

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.

Comment:I agree that the reducion of Southern flounder limits should be directed towards the commercial fishing.

2. A TAC (Total Allowable Catch) limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%. No depleted fish stock in North Carolina has ever recovered without the implementation of a TAC or quota.

Comment:I agree with the TAC limit on commercial harvest.

3. A closure of the flounder large mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters. We support recovery of our coastal marine resources by the use of cleaner, more efficient commercial gear specifically pound nets and commercial gigging.

Comment: I along with my family agree with this proposal. We have seen depletion of fish in all the estuarine waters of NC. This proposal would allow for the flounder to be replenished and enjoyed by all.

4. A universal 15-inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen.

Comment: Due to the depletion of our Southern flounder, a recreational fisherman has difficulty even catching a 15-inch size flounder.

5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered with a provision for the event of death or disability of the owner.

Comment: I would prefer the consideration of eliminating the use of gil nets.

From: Stuart Creighton <stu.creighton@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 8:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Neuse fishing and resource management

To Whom It May Concern:

As I write this email, I may stray from the specific issue of dwindling southern flounder stocks for the simple reason that the problem with our loss of flounder is the same as the problem with our loss of many other important inshore saltwater species. That problem is a very simple one, **YOU MUST REMOVE THE NETS FROM OUR ESTUARINE WATERS!!!!!!!**

Like so many of our neighboring states from Virginia down to Florida and across the Gulf of Mexico to Texas, we have the chance to build a fishery that is a boon to the tourism industry. Using the numbers generated by the Division of Marine Fisheries, it is easy to see that developing a recreational fishery would be **AT LEAST 10 times** more economically beneficial to all of Eastern North Carolina than the overly, and incorrectly, protected commercial fishing industry. With our pristine and massive coastal rivers, creeks, and sounds, we could have a fishery that is superior to even Florida within five years. However that will only happen **IF** we remove the commercial fishermen from the rivers and sounds.

One only has to look at what is happening to the Neuse River to see how commercial fishing practices are removing the fish from the river at an alarming rate. Two years ago, we had a significant cold-stun event that hurt the numbers of speckled trout significantly. That event, combined with the rapid overfishing of redfish resulted in a closure of the fishery until June 1 of that year. As someone who was out on the water frequently, I can tell you that in that short of a time, the fishery on both of those species had already began to recover, as I had several days of epic catches (and releases) of both species. After that, the netters were allowed back in the river, and the stocks began to decline immediately. This winter, we had another cold stun event that was even more serious than the one last season. Yet, because of lobbying by the commercial industry, no closure was declared, and the trout have all but disappeared from the Neuse this season. These large mesh gill nets are also a major contributing factor to why our flounder numbers are diminishing at such a rate.

Also, the commercial fishermen that specifically target flounder by setting strike and pound nets are removing them far too efficiently. Yesterday, while fishing the breakwater in Oriental, there was an individual who had set a net right along the rocks. He pulled out several flounder, the vast majority of which were **UNDERSIZED** and tossed them all in his bucket. That is only one example, however, it is indicative of many such encounters I have had along the shorelines near Oriental.

The recreational and commercial practice of flounder gigging at night should also be immediately stopped. It is far too easy to see them laying in the shallows by using a floodlight, and then spearing them out of the water. I have seen too many boats filled up with skewered flatfish. It shows that few people are paying attention to creel and size limits when they go gigging.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the large shrimp trawlers must be removed from the sounds. **WE ARE THE ONLY STATE THAT STILL ALLOWS THIS PRACTICE IN OUR SOUNDS.** Shrimp trawlers can run four nets, which drag out a width of about 200 yards each run. These shrimp nets, quite simply, remove **ANYTHING** from the water. Young flounder, spot, croaker, gray trout, and others are no longer in the river because of this destructive, and outdated practice. I have been fishing the Neuse since my youth. Back then, you could take a hook, piece of shrimp, and bobber and catch anything you wanted. On any given cast, you might bring in a large spot, croaker, puppy drum, flounder, or sheepshead. Now, you are **LUCKY IF** you catch some tiny pinfish, or maybe a stingray.

I chose to write this email as a personal account because you need to understand that this is exactly the same problem that nearly every recreational fisherman is facing. If we want our flounder (and other) fisheries to recover, we simply **MUST** force the commercial industry to change its netting and trawling practices in our rivers, creeks, and sounds.

Sincerely,
Stuart Creighton

From: Brant McMullan <captbrant@oifc.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 8:02 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I support option 1

Brant McMullan
Ocean Isle Beach, NC

From: Peters, Michael <Michael.Peters@ssa.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:53 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: RE: Southern Flounder FMP Supplement

My name is Michael Peters, and I am a recreational fisherman/gigger in Surf City, NC. I am a third generation gigger, and have been giggering for about 33 years. (giggered my first fish at 5 years old). I am terribly old fashioned when it comes to giggering, I still use 100 watt, 12 v incandescent lights, I still use a bamboo pole, I still POLE my boat, and you wouldn't catch me DEAD with a generator ruining my peace and quiet. Having giggered the waters in Topsail for as long as I have, I have seen the feast, ebb and famine of the flounder stocks. I have seen the nights when you could fill the floor of the boat with fish, and I've seen the times when you could go an entire week and not see a fish. As such, I have begun to get involved in some of the "politics" of this fishery, and I don't like what I am seeing. It is quite obvious the flounder stocks are down, and that something needs to be done to curtail the carnage before the species is gone from our waters altogether. I have seen (for years) commercial and recreational anglers fighting over who should be cut, over who should be allowed to fish what waters, over who should be more strictly regulated, and over who's at fault for the decrease in the flounder population in North Carolina, and frankly I am sick of the bickering and politics. All I care about is seeing the Flounder population rebound, just as the red drum and black sea bass populations have in Southeastern NC in recent years. I commend the commission on bringing those species back from the brink of total decimation, and hope to see the same results with the flounder in the next 5 years or so.

Having said that, having attended the meetings held in New Bern in May, it is clear that Marine Fisheries has a good idea of what needs to be done. I am, therefore voicing my opinion on the 6 proposed supplements to the Southern Flounder FMP. We MUST be resource oriented in our approach to saving the fishery, and as such would be derelict in our duties if we, as a state, did not adopt Proposal 1. This is the only proposal that actually makes sense, and the biggest part of the proposal that makes the MOST sense is the limitation of the pound nets and the BANNING OF THE LARGE MESH GILL NETS!! THEY HAVE GOT TO GO!! There's a reason why we are the only state in the union left that allows such destructive gear, and we need to get it gone!! I don't need to state the reasons why they need to go away, that's just beating a dead horse, you have all heard the reasons, and are intelligent enough to know what kind of damage they do. It's time for North Carolina to stop catering to the fisherman and start catering to the fish! Otherwise, we will all be out of Flounder, and it won't matter how loudly the commercial guys scream about their jobs or how loudly local businesses scream about tourism, there won't be any fish left!! DO WHAT'S RIGHT!!!

Michael C. Peters,
Service Representative
Social Security Administration, NC FO 334
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Michael.Peters@ssa.gov

From: lwf0831@suddenlink.net
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:45 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Recovery of Southern Flounder

I support the following actions for the recovery of southern Flounder.

1. No changes in the current recreational harvest rules.
2. A TAC limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%.
3. A closure of flounder large mesh gill net fishing in estuarine waters.
4. A universal 15 inch size limit for both recreational and commercial fishermen.
5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered with a provision for the event of death or disability of the owner.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Lonnie Foreman
723 Corbett St.
Winterville, N.C. 28590

From: thomas coltrain <coltraints@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder stock

I vote to remove ALL GILL NETS in North Carolina Waters PERIOD.
Why can you look and see what all the other states have done. WHY has NC got to be last? Take a stand for the fish not just flounder !!!!!

From: David Tart <dtart4@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:24 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Comment on Southern flounder FMP supplement

Dear sirs:

I write to strongly urge adoption of Proposal 1 of the draft supplement to the NC Southern Flounder FMP. This fishery needs our support, requiring both recreational and commercial controls. I particularly hope you will ban gill or severely limit nets.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

David Tart
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Greensboro, NC 27410
&
1126 Ocean Blvd West
Holden Beach, NC 28462

From: Steve Saieed <steve@kpm1.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: samjcorbett@gmail.com; annabarrriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com;
kdarden@embarqmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com;
amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com
Subject: Save the Southern flounder in NC

To Whom it May Concern,

Please consider my support of the following actions for the recovery of Southern flounder. I am a recreational fisherman and a member of CCA.

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.
2. A TAC (Total Allowable Catch) limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%. No depleted fish stock in North Carolina has ever recovered without the implementation of a TAC or quota.
3. A closure of the flounder large mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters. We support recovery of our coastal marine resources by the use of cleaner, more efficient commercial gear specifically pound nets and commercial gigging.
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Thank you.
steve saieed
keystone property management
general manager
252-355-8884
252-353-4314 (fax)
AMS - CAI
Association Management Specialist

From: Saltwater Republic <swfishing7@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement; david@ccanc.org
Subject: Flounder issues

Everyone that is a resident of this state pays taxes and then some. Everyone that fishes in this state either fresh or saltwater buys a fishing license (except elderly, child veterans....)

I personally dont have a problem with commercial fishing license holders that fish for a living (Not including those that use it as side job for extra money)

I do have a problem with recreational fisherman being treated as second class citizens when it comes to a state trust resource. I do have a problem with the unfairness of how the coastal resources are handled.

If the state forests were managed the way the fisheries is we wouldn't have a tree in standing.

If I can only keep a fish "x" amount of inches then it should be across the board recreational and commercial same size limit. As a recreational fisherman I feel I have a large impact on the economy with the amount of tackle, taxes, boat license fishing license campground stays (If I fish in different areas) to name just a few.

As a recreational angler I am getting tired of the second class "throw them a bone" attitude. Look at the economical impact we are look at the voting impact we are. Have you even looked at the recreational to commercial license ratio? More and more I am seeing in different magazines articles and internet information sites, that recreational angler are getting fed up and the momentum is building.

All of us might not be jumping up, down waving signs in your face, or calling your office over and over but the recreational angler is here reading the articles listening, talking with friends and learning.

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Benjamin Willis

From: Brent McLamb <rbmclamb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:19 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Comments

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I understand tighter restrictions will thin some wallets but I want my kids and grandkids and beyond to be able to enjoy the coastal resources like my grandfathers did. Not as it is now.

Thank you
Brent McLamb

From: Serena Bowman <Serena.Bowman@brunswickcountync.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:18 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: {private} Southern flounder public comment

My opinion is I don't like people using nets and gig. There should be stricter violations on them. I live on the waterway and I see every night (thru out the nite) lots of boats not just with one person but several people in them flashing lights everywhere and driving boats around and under residential/commercial docks gigging. The poor flounders don't have a chance. My family and I like to fish off our docks & boat, we use to be able to hook a flounder but haven't one in a long time. I know some people make their living off the water, which my parents did when I was small and I have other family members that still do. Too many people are taking advantage over harvesting the flounder.

Serena

From: Keeli McLamb <keelimclamb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:17 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder regulations

My husband and I spend a lot of money to fish at the coast each year. We live 2-3 hours from most the places we enjoy fishing. It would not be worth the time or money to go fishing if the limit on recreational fishermen was lowered. We are not the ones that harvest the majority of the fish. Without putting restrictions on the ones that take the most, there would not be much if any change in the available resources. My husband and I taking 12 fish (at the most) on a Saturday isn't a drop in the bucket to what a netter takes on any given day.

Thanks for you consideration and time!
Keeli McLamb

From: George Kivett <gkivett@whiteowl.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:14 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: awillis.mfc@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; samjcorbett3@gmail.com
Subject: let's use some common sense with flounder

we need to reduce the commercial harvest by at least fifty percent. Use the flounder we have to the highest economic benefit to the most citizens. The recreational sector is much more important to the economics of ENC

get the gill nets out and let the pound nets and giggers harvest efficiently

make the same size limit for everyone. 15"

don't license more pound nets, let the netters we have do the job

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George Kivett
White Owl Parts Co
2539 Hillcrest Rd
Kinston NC 28504
Ph: 252-522-2586

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 8:13 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: This was in my SPAM (looks legit)?

Dennis Carter <countryz71boy@yahoo.com>

Jun 12 (3 days ago)

I, Dennis Ray Carter, Sr. would like to address the changes in recreational fishing that spans over the last nine(9) years while enjoying the NC waters(creeks and the Neuse) of Oriental, NC, Swan Quarter, NC and the Neuse river. I have witnessed the decline and depletion of the variety of fishing in our wonderful state of NC. I can not even take my four(4) year old grandson out for the day to fish without disappointment. My family and I have fished the mentioned waters for years and have found on numerous occassions of nets in the creeks that have prohibited us from enjoying a wonderful day of fishing. From having to navigate around the fish gil nets and the crab pots, it is nearly impossible to recreationally fish and be able to enjoy the fun of fishing. We do not feel that the NC Division of Marine Fisheries(NCDMF) has responded to the cry and concerns of the North Carolinian natives. The NCDMF

has not performed its job in protecting the fishing habitats of our NC waters in comparison to other states across the East Coast of the US.

I personally know that there is an increase of commercial fishermen who are moving to our great state of NC based on the fact that NC has not placed limits on the commercial fishing. I have personally had a conversation with a representative of law enforcement who told me that his family moved from Florida for the stated reason-NO limits.

I, Dennis Ray Carter, Sr. would like to make formal comments about the proposed rulings for recreational and commercial fishing:

1. No changes to the current recreational harvest rules. All previous attempts to reduce the harvest of Southern flounder have been directed at the recreational limits yet the commercial harvest accounts for almost 80% of the total annual harvest of Southern flounder.

Comment: I agree that the reduction of Southern flounder limits should be directed towards the commercial fishing.

2. A TAC (Total Allowable Catch) limit on commercial harvest that would reduce total commercial harvest by 50%. No depleted fish stock in North Carolina has ever recovered without the implementation of a TAC or quota.

Comment: I agree with the TAC limit on commercial harvest.

3. A closure of the flounder large mesh gill net fishery in estuarine waters. We support recovery of our coastal marine resources by the use of cleaner, more efficient commercial gear specifically pound nets and commercial gigging.

Comment: I along with my family agree with this proposal. We have seen depletion of fish in all the estuarine waters of NC. This proposal would allow for the flounder to be replenished and enjoyed by all.

4. A universal 15-inch minimum size limit for both commercial and recreational fishermen.

Comment: Due to the depletion of our Southern flounder, a recreational fisherman has difficulty even catching a 15-inch size flounder.

5. A moratorium on new pound net sets and permits until the stock has recovered with a provision for the event of death or disability of the owner.

Comment: I would prefer the consideration of eliminating the use of gill nets.

Dennis Ray Carter, Sr.

From: Brownremodel@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:07 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: flounder

stop the nets,, stop the gigging , raise the size[at least 18] drop the creel to 2 a day Bill Brown

From: Mark Cable <macable@uncg.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 3:59 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Cc: samjcorbett3@gmail.com; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com; kdarden@embarqmail.com; captgorgesmfcc@gmail.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com
Subject: I Support Pro-Resource Action on the Southern Flounder FMP Supplement!

I support the following actions for the recovery of Southern flounder:

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Mark Cable
2139-A Keesee Rd.
Whitsett, NC 27377

From: Ted Cox <tcx@wmwworks.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 3:53 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Need support

I would like your support the resource action on the Southern flounder FMP supplement!
Ted Cox
Greenville NC
Sent from my iPhone

From: Maguire,P <bluefish1317@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 2:15 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: 2015 Proposals

To Whom it May Concern:

As a North Carolina resident and recreational fisherman I am writing to express my concerns regarding the upcoming changes to the flounder fishery.

Of the 6 proposals submitted for review I am in favor of Proposal #1.

It is my **STRONG** belief that reduction in flounder stocks are not a result of recreational over fishing but of commercial take, and the inequality in size limits between the two is an obvious contributing factor. A Total Allowable Catch and a closure of commercial fishing in the fall will go a long way in bringing the stock back to viable levels.

Please do not make this a money issue, but rather consider what is actually best for the FISHERY, not the commercial interests. Too long has the recreational fisherman taken the brunt of the abuses and inequities in harvesting certain species. Please do not add flounder to the list.

The removal of large mesh gear in the flounder fishery would also be a huge improvement, not only to the flounder stocks but to the bycatch as well, including the endangered sea turtles so prevalent off our coast.

I hope the voices of the recreational fishermen (and women) in our State are being heard this time.

Respectfully,
Peter T. Maguire
Ocean Isle Beach, NC

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobx11@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 8:51 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Flounder

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From: Keeli McLamb <keelimclamb@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 12, 2015 at 1:21 PM
Subject: Flounder
To: samjcorbett3@gmail.com, annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com, nccroakerjoe@yahoo.com, kdarden@embarqmail.com, captgorgesmfc@gmail.com, sobx11@gmail.com, captjoemfc@yahoo.com, amikewicker@gmail.com, awillis.mfc@gmail.com

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Thanks for you consideration and time!
Keeli McLamb

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobx11@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 8:51 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Flounder Comments

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From: Brent McLamb <rbmclamb@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 12, 2015 at 1:19 PM
Subject: Flounder Comments
To: sobx11@gmail.com

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Thank you
Brent McLamb

From: Kim Ward [mailto:kim.ward@carolinabeach.org]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 12:52 PM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Resolution - Carolina Beach

Hi Ms. Nancy! I was asked to forward this Resolution from the Town of Carolina Beach to you regarding the Southern Flounder Harvest. Captain Schoonmaker asked if you would put it in the August meeting package to the Commissioners.

Thank you!

Kim Taylor Ward
Town Clerk
Town of Carolina Beach
1121 N Lake Park Blvd.
Carolina Beach, NC 28428
910/458-2992 Phone
910/458-2997 Fax

Save Paper. Think before you print.

See attachment on next page

Dan Wilcox
Mayor

Sarah Friede
Council Member

Steve Shuttleworth
Council Member



LeAnn Pierce
Mayor Pro Tem

Gary Doetsch
Council Member

Michael Cramer
Town Manager

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH
1121 N. Lake Park Boulevard
Carolina Beach, North Carolina 28428

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES (NCDMF) USE OF THE SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT REDUCTIONS ON SOUTHERN FLOUNDER HARVESTS

WHEREAS, all marine creatures are public trust resources owned equally by all citizens of North Carolina regardless of residency; and

WHEREAS, the southern flounder fishery is a traditional recreational target of the citizens of the Town of Carolina Beach; and

WHEREAS, the southern flounder population stocks in North Carolina are classified as "depleted"; and

WHEREAS, a recent North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries assessment, as well as peer reviewers, agreed that the stocks are showing no signs of improvement, and the harvest of juvenile fish within the population is alarming; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Carolina Beach have no representation except through the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to manage these public trust resources conservatively and for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, many Town of Carolina Beach businesses provide goods and services to local citizens as well as visiting fishermen in the pursuit of southern flounder; and


WHEREAS, there is need for absolute and focused management of these fish to attain and then maintain a viable stock of not only southern flounder, but all traditional estuarine fish stocks for our citizenry to enjoy in perpetuity as required by the North Carolina Fishery Reform Act of 1997.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, that the Town of Carolina Beach Council requests the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to support the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries use of the supplement process to implement reduction of southern flounder harvest and that such reductions be made so the fishery is revived in order to serve all of North Carolina's citizen fishermen and not just ones who fish for profit.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2015.


Dan Wilcox, Mayor

Attest:


Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk



From: Allyn Powell <apowell66@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 12:46 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Comments on southern flounder Supplement and Proposals
Attachments: Comments to the Marine Fisheries Commission Members on southern flounder-3.docx

Attached are my comments relative to the southern flounder Supplement and Proposals.

Sincerely, Allyn B. Powell

See attachment on next page

Comments by Allyn B. Powell to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission Members

Re: The southern flounder Supplement

My name is Allyn Powell. I am a retired research fishery biologist having spent 30 years at the NMFS Beaufort Laboratory. I served as the science appointee on the NC Marine Fisheries Commission (NCMFC) during the years 2011 through 2014, but resigned my appointment prior to the expiration of my term. My main reason for resigning and not willing to seek another term was that I felt that the decisions being made by the commission were agenda based that usurped science.

During the February 2015 meeting the commission voted to “pursue a supplement to reduce catch of southern flounder by no less than 25% and no greater than 60%.” I did not attend that meeting, but I perused the minutes and could not find any input by NCDMF biologists. It appears that the % reductions were arbitrarily selected with no scientific basis. In addition, I did not believe that a majority of the commission members understood the purpose of a supplement--“a temporary, fast-acting mechanism to address an urgent issue...” What was the urgent issue? This unnecessary decision could be a disaster for the southern flounder commercial fishery.

A reduction in effort as advocated by the commission is the tool used to address overfishing. Yet, it has not been demonstrated that overfishing is occurring. Only a coast wide stock assessment will determine the status of the southern flounder stock.

An issue that was of concern is “that a high fraction of the harvest consisted of immature fish.” If you refer to Figure 26 in the 2014 stock assessment depicting the annual age-frequency distribution of southern flounder, note that values tabulated were from all age samples recorded in the NCDMF database. It appears that NCDMF fishery-independent survey data were included (see Table 2 --same assessment) and what is evident is an increase in ageing data from fishery independent surveys, whereas fishery dependent data are wanting. Hence, there could be bias in the age-frequency data. The data do not appear to be related to the annual length-frequency distribution of commercial harvest (Fig.6, 2014 stock assessment) that show a stable distribution during the past decade. The NCDMF might consider examining the annual-frequency distribution of southern flounder grades (i.e.; % medium large and jumbo flounder from 1994 (when trip tickets were initiated). I believe that the grades of southern flounder are set by the market and have been stable as to the weight per grade at least since 1994. This could be another method to help understand if a decline in the age distribution of southern flounder is occurring.

Another issue that was a concern was a coast-wide multi-decadal decline in recruitment and abundance based on fishery independent data. There is no doubt (based on the 5/19, 2015 NCDMF presentation) that the juvenile abundance index in South Carolina (SC) is in significant decline, yet NCDMF juvenile abundance data prior to the mid-1990's could be, in my opinion, examples of environmental noise. As stated above for juveniles, why the decline in SC abundances? --only a coast-wide stock assessment might help us understand those declines. The same is true for “general abundance. With the exception of the early 1990's NC abundances do

not show a drastic decline in abundance as do SC and Georgia. Again, it might be possible that a coast-wide stock assessment could explore and explain these anomalies. Do the index values reflect a stock-recruitment relationship or environmental noise? The choice of a “supplement” to address the index results does not, in my opinion, evaluate this.

What appears to be a pertinent issue is that recent findings¹ have demonstrated that the size of females at sexual maturity are larger than previously reported. This was a robust study that has implications for management. Most fishery biologists agree that regardless if a stock-recruitment relation exists (previous southern flounder assessments show no relationship, but a coast-wide assessment is needed to assess the relation) it is prudent to encourage managers to propose regulations to allow a species to spawn at least once before harvest to avoid recruitment overfishing. The recent study¹ estimated that 50% of female southern flounder mature at 16 in. total length. Based on these findings, mesh size might allow escapement of 16 in. fish. In a recent study² researchers examined the length-frequency distribution of southern flounder taken in 5.50in. vs. 5.75in. stretch mesh gill nets. Their results demonstrated that the length-frequency distributions taken in 5.50in. vs. 5.75in. stretch mesh nets were statistically significantly different. In that:

16.5 in.-19in. TL southern flounder predominated in 5.75in. Stretch mesh nets
13.5in.-15in. TL “ “ “ “ 5.50in. “ “

Increasing TL or increasing mesh regulations have positive benefits but could be offset by negative economic benefits. For example in Supplement A, dated January 24, 2011, p. 5-6, managers considered minimum length (15” TL) in the commercial fishery along with various seasonal closures. They noted that “some regions of the state and certain times of the years will be more adversely affected economically than others.” Whereas in the recreational fishery discard mortality of undersized southern flounder might increase. The present Supplement will not address these issues.

I attended the May, 2015 meeting in New Bern and during the discussion on southern flounder I was more than disappointed (perhaps baffled) by some NCMFC members proposals to address the scientifically flawed Supplement. I had difficulty in viewing the proposals that were presented on screen; however, on 6/4/2015 NCDMF outlined Proposals 1-6. Again many of these proposals assume that overfishing is occurring. Furthermore, in my opinion, reductions are arbitrary and not scientifically valid.

It is difficult to comment on Proposals 1 and 2. They are draconian measures that suggest the stock is about to crash. Proposal 1 assumes overfishing is occurring (fishing mortality is greater than some **undetermined** fishing mortality the commissioner imagines) and the stock is overfished (biomass falls below an **undetermined** stock size threshold, the commissioner imagines, and a TAC is required). One could write a thesis on how **not** to manage southern flounder based on the page and a half of options that have no data to substantiate them. Proposal 2 provides options that include seasonal closures that would have a major economic impact on the fall gill net fishery, and a trip limit on commercial “giggers” and allows for status quo in the

pound net fishery with a moratorium that would not allow displaced gill net and “giggers” to enter the pound net fishery. As a retired fishery biologist, I would hope that commission members recognize the deleterious impact these two proposals could have on a struggling NC commercial fishing industry, and until we know the southern flounder stock status they should reject these two proposals.

Proposal 3 attempts to address the escapement of 16” fish, but the season closure again assumes overfishing is occurring.

Proposal 4. I assume, that this proposal recognizes that adding regulations should be dependent on a stock-wide stock assessment; however, the commissioner presenting this proposal should be aware of the recent age at sexual maturity data¹ and recognize that it is prudent to allow a “suitable number” (should be estimated by a coast -wide stock assessment) of 16in. fish to escape and spawn.

Proposal 5 and 6 recognizes that the escapement of 16in. fish is potentially important and minimum stretch mesh sizes of 5 3/4 in. are scientifically ideal for allowing escapement of 16in. fish. I stated above the escapement of 16in. southern flounder could possibly enhance recruitment, yet have an economic impact on gill netters in Albemarle Sound and western rivers. Fishermen in these areas depend on smaller fish than other areas particularly during the early season. Obviously, decisions to be made by the MFC members relative to southern flounder management are complex and ideally commissioners should strive, with the input of NCDMF staff, to address regional differences and still strive to allow escapement of a “suitable number” of 16 in. fish.

As a fishery biologist, I believe the commission has dug a credibility hole in requiring a Supplement to address non-issues and is digging deeper into their credibility by recognizing Proposals 1 and 2 as viable management options. I wonder if the commission members consider that the regulations proposed by Proposal 1 and 2 could potentially increase emigration of NC southern flounder to SC thereby enhance the recreational fishery of SC at the expense of a loss in landings in NC.

¹ Midway, S.R. and F.S. Scharf. 2012. Histological analysis reveals larger size at maturity for southern flounder with implications for biological reference points. *Marine and Coastal Fisheries: Dynamics and Ecosystem Science* 4: 628-638.

² Ahrenholz, D. W. and J. W. Smith. 2010. Effect of hang-in percentage on catch rates of flounder in the North Carolina inshore gill net fishery. *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* 30 (6): 1401-1407.

From: Bob Beckert <troutrus1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 12:28 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; Mark Gorges;
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Subject: Flounder Supplement

Hope you all are doing well. I appreciate all of your efforts in making NC a better place to fish or enjoy a fine meal of local fresh seafood. I definitely don't envy your position in attempting to make us all happy.

I am a recreational fisherman that enjoys eating fresh fish, that lives ~four hours from the closest flounder waters. For many folks this would mean that I am not a stakeholder in the fishery, but as a public resource I do believe that a share belongs to all citizens that choose to participate. Participate to me means that I may want to travel to fish, travel to eat a fresh flounder at a coastal restaurant, eat one at a seafood restaurant near my home, or purchase a flounder from an inland fish monger to cook at home.

The important thing for all of us is that the fishery is protected in a manner that will ensure a sustainable population for all to continue to enjoy in whichever manner we might choose.

I read through your six propositions, and whether or not they might fit with your choices, I just wanted to offer my viewpoint or wish list if I may.

If I was King, here's what I would try:

- Lower size limit to 13" for rec and comm. in order to reduce discard mortality and at the same time utilize a better proportion of the male population.
- Apply a TAC for comms and somehow limit recreational harvest to attempt to ensure that over-harvest does not occur.
- Close the season for all users during primary spawning migrations.
- Discontinue the Recreational Commercial Gear License as it now exists and discontinue gigging as an option for recreational fishermen. I think that we should have commercial fishermen and recreational fishermen. Recreational fishing should not include nets or gigging. Just my personal opinion, but gigging is no more sporting than spot lighting deer. Not a sport, just a method of killing.

Thanks for your time and dedication to the management of our fisheries.
Bob Beckert
Eden, NC

P.S. I'm heading to Brunswick County tomorrow for a week of fun with family. Maybe even catch a few flounder for the dinner table.

From: Barwick, John <johnbarwick@wcps.org>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 9:33 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Stop commercial netting of small flounder and let recreational fishers enjoy fishing like it's meant to be. I can eat baby flounder at a restaurant but can't catch and cook one....that's your problem

JB

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From: Martha Stovall gmail <marthastovall1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 9:31 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder regs

As a recreational fisherman, I am dumbfounded that the DMF has allowed the commercial fishing industry to decimate the flounder population. Why is NC the ONLY state left that allows gill nets? They are doing irreparable damage. I personally know 4 people that have purchased commercial licenses that in no way make their living from fishing. One is a dentist, another a home builder, another a businessman in Smithfield NC and the last is a EMT. These people are NOT making a living fishing!!! They are raping the environment. Shame on the DMF! Ban gill nets in North Carolina!!

Martha Stovall
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Clayton NC 27520

From: Greg Kokoski <greg_kokoski@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 10:20 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Proposed Flounder regulation changes

Dear sir or madam,

I could speak at length regarding this topic, but for now my biggest concern after reviewing the proposals and supplemental draft is the fact that your data for gigging is admittedly flawed. The method of gathering data via paper survey is outdated, uncertified, with a the high likelihood (statistic not provided in proposal) of a low penetration/return rate. Additionally, the returned surveys can and likely include inaccurate data. Is it not alarming that your data suggests that gigging trips (5% of total trips) account for 20% of the total recreational harvest? A very concerning aspect of this figure is that it is based on what very little first hand and second hand (survey) data is available. Chances are, the known gigging data represents less than half of the what is truly being taken. With that said, gigging represents much more of the harvest than what is represented in this study, yet the proposal does nothing to specifically and solely address the harm gigging does to the flounder fishery.

Until the NCDMF does their due diligence attempting to certify the data leveraged in the regulatory change decisions, all proposed changes to the southern flounder fishery regulations should be postponed. Specifically regarding gigging data, the statistics can easily be certified by the requiring NCDMF enforcement agencies to alter their operating days/hours. Increased night/weekend patrols and surveys will reveal that your harvest estimate for gig users is highly inaccurate.

Logic tells us that vast majority of gigging and netting trips results in a limit if fish bagged. For years, the NC fishery guidelines placed on these mass-harvest fishing methods have allowed the general public to overindulge on many species, including our southern flounder. While I respect a commercial fisherman's right to harvest for livelihood purposes, it troubles me that the general public is permitted to use gear that allows them to fish beyond their own needs. One man does not need to be given an opportunity to continuously catch a limit of fish, day after day. This is the definition of overfishing and it needs to stop.

While there are certainly more hook and line fisherman than giggers/RCGL holders, the probability of a continuous "limit" harvest utilizing hook and line is very slim, even for the most experienced flounder anglers. To help revive the southern flounder population, you should consider restricting the mass harvest methods. Doing so will benefit the flounder fishery, increase demand for our NC commercial fishing products, while simultaneously protecting the tourism and pastime that the fishery provides. Thank you for your consideration and I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Greg Kokoski
Wilmington, NC

From: William Robinson <onslowbaymarine@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 5:19 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment
Attachments: PastedGraphic-11.tiff

I would like to see a full ban on large mesh gill nets. I know they are destructive to all fish, sea mammals, turtles and even birds.

I live on the water my father has a commercial license, so I would like you consider what I see everyday.

Thank you for your time.

William Robinson,

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From: Bill Anstock [mailto:barnaclebill@atmc.net]

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 4:23 PM

To: Hensley, Michelle L

Subject: I support Flounder Proposal # 3

Michelle, Please pass my opinion to the fishery management group:

As a recreational fisherman at Ocean Isle Beach it is clear our flounder fishery is in serious trouble. I have yet to catch my limit of legal size flounder over the last 10 years. I note in some of local restaurants most flounder served are whole (not filet) because they are so small, many seem to be under 14". The recreational fisherman has taken enough hits, its time to get serious to save our southern flounder. Commercial fishermen have to cut back. Proposal # 3 is a start although it should also included a poundage reduction for commercial fishermen.

For that reason I support Proposal #3

Thank you

William Anstock

1764 Sandalwood DR SW

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From: 9802589323@mypixmessages.com

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 2:03 PM

To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

Attachments: ATT00001.txt

You know to fix the problem you're going have to stop the commercial fishing proven fact .you took 4 fish from recreational fisherman and the commercial just keep going up so do what needs to be done please

From: Mark Ernst <markernst@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 12:38 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Large Mesh Gill Nets Proposal

Dear Division of Marine Fisheries,

I feel strongly that the temporary proposed bad of large mesh gill nets in Pamlico Sound and Core Sound is critical for the future sustainability of NC coastal waters and sea turtles, but this deadly practice should be permanently banned!

Also other measures need to be considered regarding use of pound net and commercial gig fishery, a universal harvest size of not less than 15 inches, a daily creel limit of six fish for recreational anglers, an annual Total Allowable Catch (TAC) on commercial harvest to provide a measurable harvest control mechanism, are as well needed.

These measures taken in conjunction with a ban on the large mesh nets, could return the flounder to sustainable populations; presently the southern flounder is classified as depleted.

In addition, by further depletion of other finfish through destructive netting practices, endangered species such as sea turtles and sturgeon, seabirds and mammals such as dolphin and seals will continue to be drastically reduced.

Let's consider ways to improve the whole of the NC coastal fisheries and prevent further depletion of finfish populations.

Sincerely
Mark S Ernst
Winston-Salem, NC

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Mark Ernst

From: connie stowers <connie@atmc.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 8:38 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Gill Nets And Flounder

I love to side set for flounder with nets. I think the state should ban the use of small mesh nets for gill nets and go with larger mesh nets such as 4 inch mesh or larger so that the small fish and small flounder can pass through the net with out getting caught. I have been on boats that was using small mesh nets and I saw a lot of small fish and small flounder that was dumped over out of the net that was dead. What a waste!

From: Ed Wagner <clamcorner@atmc.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 8:58 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I support 'Proposal 3' but feel that commercial gigging should be reduced to 10 per boat but prefer eliminating it all together. It is not possible to differentiate between 15" and 14" with the fish nestled in the mud.

Ed Wagner
(910) 755-3311
Shallotte, NC

From: James Foutty <jjfoutty@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 10:03 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I have harvested recreationally and commercially. The devastation that gill nets cause is irrefutable. Anyone who says they do not compromise flounder and other populations of fish is merely trying to protect a livelihood that they are actually abusing and destroying. Watching the by-catch discarded looks like a war zone. One setting does more to hurt the flounder and redfish population than all of the recreational fisherman I know. Gill nets are the "strip mining" of the ocean. Just like on land, it destroys the landscape and takes decades to recover, or not at all. They are the biggest threat to a sustainable fishery.

Commercial gigging limits also would make a difference to our fishery. Watching one man take 50+ fish at a time, then repeating it over and over an crushes the population also.

Changes in recreational limits makes sense also. Recreational fisherman are not immune to the devastation. Removing countless 15" fish, that barely have any worthy filets, does not help sustain anything. Raising the size limit, even a little would help reduce the removal of borderline fish that need to grow and sustain the population.

We need to manage our flounder fishery or it will disappear. It has become a shadow of its former self and cannot continue to survive at this rate. I understand the commercial fisherman need to survive and pay the bills, but it will be so much worse if we do not fix the problems. Stop the nets or there will not be a fishery to argue over. Stop bowing to the money and special interests and do the right thing. Don't let the lobbying kill our fish.

JJF

From: AHarrelson@toptob.com
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 9:44 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

One of the biggest things I see is to stop or cut back on the Recreational Gigging. I know a lot of people that do this and they gig a lot of flounder. I am sure they gig flounder which are under the size limit and they are dead or will die when they throw them back.

Thanks

From: Rick Diecke <fkdtenn@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 8:06 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

The NC flounder population has been a declining stock for some time now, action must be taken to ensure the fishery survives. I am not going to say I know exactly what the solution is, but the goal must be to increase the number of healthy adult and juvenile flounder.

The commercial fish industry has the largest impact on numbers of fish taken and health of fish habitat, so it seems prudent that changes must occur in that area to ensure a sustainable fishery. Recreational anglers also have an impact, an order of magnitude less than commercial, but also must be looked at for potential changes to improve the fishery.

At the end of the day, the fishery is at risk and all parties must take steps to improve the situation. These steps include, 1) a 15" minimum size limit across all sectors, 2) a commercial Total Allowable Catch (TAC) to provide a measurable harvest limit, 3) a prohibition on the use of anchored large mesh gill

nets in inshore waters effective January 1, 2016, 4) status quo for recreational limits, and 5) support for a commercial pound net and gig fishery.

Action must be taken for a meaningful short term impact and in few years the regulations can be modified, dependent of the improvement of the fish stock, to ensure the long term sustainability.

Please bear in mind that the fishery is a public resource and therefore needs to be managed to ensure the public is who benefits from the regulations.

Thank you for your time and efforts.
Rick Diecke
5305 Bogue Dr
Oriental, NC

Sent from my iPad

From: Jerry James <jjames@townofwallace.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 7:31 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I wish to support proposal #1 without the restrictions on pound nets and giging operations as I feel this is one of the cleanest fisheries thank you jerry

From: Buttitta, Michael (GE Power & Water) <Michael.Buttitta@ge.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 7:01 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: flounder

I would like Proposal 2

From: wordsworth wordsworth <wordsworth10@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 1:44 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Gill nets are destroying maritime populations

Hi. I have fished on the piers of NC since 1974. I have 41 yrs of first hand observation of the fisheries populations on the coast. I remember back in the latter 1970's early 1980's when I was fishing from the pier, I would see the menhaden boats and airplane spotters overhead each trip down to the pier. Shortly after, a few yrs, no more king mackerel on the beaches. I have watched over the years as a once great resource has been depleted by decisions dealing with our resources. Why does a commission that is supposed to be protecting a resource for all, for example, allow nets to run out from a beach a couple hundred yards; stopping migratory fish who mainly travel down southward in the fall? The nets that seemingly close off large areas of inland watershed. The nets that have FAR more bycatch than the intended catch. These nets are simply destroying our coastal areas. Some of these guys using them, already have fulltime jobs not in commercial fishing, so it is not like it is their livelihood. These nets need to be banned! They are ravaging our sounds. I have seen such damage, that after calling NC home all of my life, as I enter retirement, I am very strongly considering moving to Fl, where the fishery is much better and they outlawed these nets years ago.

Sincerely,
Eric Wordsworth

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 10:07 AM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Flounder Management

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From: Bruce Lee <wldmoose@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 11, 2015 at 6:53 AM
Subject: Flounder Management
To: "sobxl1@gmail.com" <sobxl1@gmail.com>

To: Mr. Laughridge - MFC
From: Bruce Lee
Re: Southern Flounder

While I know your position on fisheries management is very similar to mine I still wanted to copy you on the email I am sending to the entire MFC.

I am writing you in regard to the southern flounder management options currently under consideration by the Marine Fisheries Commission.

First and foremost inshore large mesh gill netting must be eliminated from ALL of our inshore waters as soon as possible. Pick a date one or two years out and do it. Now. You are well aware virtually every other state has already banned or severely limited LMGN use. There is a very simple reason for this. It improved the public resource. In a nutshell this is what your responsibility is, maintaining and improving the resource. By any objective measure our inshore fishery has declined substantially over the last couple of decades. Entire fish species that were once abundant are now all but gone due to over fishing. With others, like flounder, you are lucky if one in every twenty fish you catch on hook and line are of minimum length to keep. The fault for this falls squarely on the shoulders of present and previous commissions and directors. What do we see in NC? Ever reducing bag limits and lower and lower stocks. Not only for flounder but pick ANY inshore game species. Red drum - one per day, weakfish - one per day, sea trout - 4 per day, striped bass - none per day. The management tactics used in the past have quite obviously failed and it is time for you to recognize it and start making radical changes that should have been done years ago. The first step is the complete and permanent closure to inshore large mesh netting. In place of LMGN all commercial flounder fishing should be done using only pound nets and / or gigging. As it relates to pound nets, ALL bycatch should be required to be released. The elimination of LMGN should NOT allow commercial fisherman to simply switch to small mesh gill nets and kill off another species.

The second most important step you should take is to implement an immediate and permanent TAC for flounder (and every other inshore game species for that matter). This TAC should include ALL commercial takes whether the take is sold, kept for "personal consumption", given away, or donated. 100% accountability is required. The TAC should be low enough that the flounder have a chance to recover. Also included in the TAC should be all takes by recreational fishermen based on in situ audits coupled with statistically valid projections based on these audits. Again, look to what other states have implemented and why. NC is not special in any regard. In fact, I am rather embarrassed by what has made us special as it relates to fisheries management. You should be too.

The last item is more broad based. Stop managing our public resource primarily to the benefit of a small group of commercial fishermen. Our fisheries are a public trust and no one should be allowed to make a living off of it that damages this public resource. And that is exactly what has been happening in NC for decades. Our estuarine waters are a Public Trust resource not an ATM for 3000 or so commercial fisherman. The fact that the State of NC had to be sued by the federal government to enforce existing laws speaks volumes. The fact no turtle interactions were reported by commercial fisherman until observers were forced upon them also speaks volumes. The fact commercial fishermen are against JEA also speaks volumes. The fact NC has extremely lax enforcement allowing large percentages of under the table fish sales speaks volumes. The fact many species of inshore game fish have been listed as depleted for over a decade speaks volumes. It is time for a major overhaul of this dirty and wasteful industry and the methods used to manage it. Its time for you to start doing the right thing.

Thank you,
Bruce Lee

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Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 10:06 AM
To: Fish, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Flounder

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Thank you for your time and efforts.

Rick Diecke
5305 Bogue Dr
Oriental, NC

From: brandonstillatwork@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 11:22 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

As a resident of south eastern North Carolina, it saddens me to read how the information for harvest numbers is being compiled. I understand if you want to protect the population of a popular fish like this you must go to the epicenter of commercial fishing in this state, the Pamlico and Albermarle Sounds. I will not comment on what would be best for the commercial fisherman in these areas, simply because I don't fish their waters. I would like to see the State take this same simple stance on pending regulation changes and consider the small scale fishing waters to the south. The Cape Fear, Lockwood Folly, and Shallotte rivers are in one aspect just as important a tributary to the population of southern flounder as any other body of water. But, the impact on the total number of harvested flounder from my local waters is minuscule. What these three rivers mean to the thousands of local fisherman is massive. It goes beyond income, overshadowed by tradition, accomplishment, dedication and responsibility to preserve a food source that has fed generations of people I am only old enough to hear stories about. The current regulations are less of a conservation effort in this area, and more of a necessary evil. If my comment here is of any help in the decision making process, I can provide insight from the people I grew up listening to that would educate beyond my capacities.

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Connie Stowers <connie2cat@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 10:13 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

Stop the use of small mesh gill nets. Need to large mesh gill nets so small flounder can pass through the net.

From: Andy Bates <abates9160@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 10:05 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder Supplement

To whom it may concern:

In regards to the current proposals, I would like to see a full ban on large mesh gill nets. This type gear is an outdated and non-discriminatory way of fishing that creates entirely too much by-catch to be able to manage a renewable resource. I would also agree with a 15" size limit on flounder commercial fishermen. Commercial Giggers should have a daily boat limit of no more than 40 fish. The commission needs to recognize that times and management practices change, as we learn from the mistakes our predecessors have made, we need to change our practices. We can not allow emotions and money to overpower research and facts, we must put the resource first.

If you look at the commercial fishing industry over the last 100 or more years; and compare it to other renewable resource industries such as farming, logging, etc. you will see very little has changed in regards to management practices. In the other industries terrible mistakes have been made by the men that have come before us, that we are now trying to correct. Please, do not wait until extreme measures must be taken before we make changes. You all have the opportunity to do the right thing and protect our wonderful resource for the generations to come, before it is too late.

Thank you,
Andy Bates

From: Daniel Britt <brittjus@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 9:59 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Regulation needed to protect flounder.

As a resident of SE North Carolina I have seen first hand the devastating impact that commercial net fishing has had on the population of many coastal fish.

In order to protect the future of both commercial and recreational fishing off the NC coast and in our coastal waterways and inlets I fully support limits on both sizes and catch #s. I also feel that creating seasons would also help.

I currently hold a valid coastal recreational fishing license and I love to fish. More importantly I enjoy fresh local seafood.

Please protect not only flounder but all of our coastal resources.

From: Cristiano <cpalermi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 9:55 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

The netting needs to STOP!!!
Don't need to be a brain surgeon to figure that out!!!
STOP THE GILL NETS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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Gill nets are the cause of flounder and many other species are declining!
We are the only state left to allow nets!!!
STOP IT!

Cristiano Palermi
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From: Sharon Croom <lasharon2@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 9:42 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

I was born and raised near Wrightsville beach and have fished recreationally all my life. I don't flounder fish per say but have caught many flounder bottom fishing. It was always a treat. The problem is not the families that go out fishing once a week. It is the shrimp trawlers and commercial fisherman that kill everything in their path with nets. They should have to go out at least 3 miles to fish. They should also pay a replenishment fee every year to help put the fish back out. I agree with a reasonable size limit. I agree with no more than 1/flounder a day. But don't punish the people that are just enjoying our coast or trying to catch Sunday dinner.

From: Gwen Long <gwenniehen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 8:54 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

I vote for proposal #4.

From: Amber Paris <a.gett96@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 7:05 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement

us people that are short on money can not afford to go to fish market and pay \$10 lb for a flounder so we have to catch our own

Sent from my iPhone
From: afreemanokisl@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 6:30 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

Proposal three (3) would be the best for everyone in my opinion.
Thank you Al Freeman

From: Jerry Blackburn <eogunguy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 4:53 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

It is a shame it took this long to address the dwindling stocks of flounder. There is no doubt that something should have been done before now. The commercial catch is many times more than the rec catch, but the hook and line guy is the ones that have had the size increased and the limit decreased. It is time for the nets to be removed from inshore waters. In case you have not noticed, we are the only state that still allows inshore nets.

Jerry Blackburn
Eastern Outfitters, Hampstead, NC
910-270-2823

From: Duane <duanedavenport@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 4:21 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder regulation changes

Dear Sir / Madem

As a recreational fisherman I do believe changes need to be made in regards to the decrease in the flounder population.

For starters changes to size limit and creel for gigging need to be changed.

The size should be increased to 18" and the creel to 3 per person.

With the amount of people that gig now I believe more pressure is being placed on the fish this way than by the fisherman with hook and line.

Duane Davenport

From: Holloway CTR James L <james.holloway1.ctr@usmc.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 2:43 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: NCDENR Public Comments regarding southern flounder

Dear Chairman,

I am a resident of Craven County and I urge the Marine Fisheries Commission to restore all finfish in our estuaries to viable levels as measured by scientific means. In specific terms for the restoration of southern flounder to viable levels, I support the following: a commercial pound net and gig fishery, a universal harvest size of not less than 15 inches, a daily creel of 6 fish for recreational anglers, an annual Total Allowable Catch (TAC) on commercial harvest to provide a measurable harvest control mechanism. I also support a prohibition on large mesh monofilament gillnets in estuarine waters for the same reasons that all other southern flounder producing states have banned their use, which include the entanglement of non-targeted finfish species, endangered species such as sea turtles and sturgeon, seabirds, and mammals such as dolphin and seals.

The flounder have been overfished for nearly a quarter century and overfishing is continuing. Nearly 80 percent of the flounder being taken are being harvested by commercial fishermen, mostly with large mesh gill nets. That 80 percent doesn't even figure the 40 percent discard rate in the large mesh fishery as reported by trained observers! As we know, most of them are dead or die after being returned to the water. Furthermore, the majority of the fish being caught are taken before they have a chance to reproduce, a sure fire recipe for the collapse of a fishery.

I have fished the Neuse and Pamlico basin regularly since 2002, and have personally seen a dramatic decline in the overall number and size of flounder in our area. This is a public resource that should be available to all, and not just a handful of commercial fishermen who are overharvesting themselves out of a job and lifestyle. I've often pondered the difference between a "baby flounder" and an illegal flounder....It's time for a change before it's too late.

Thanks for your time- James

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From: gmail <oppenheim1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 1:48 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder regs

You need to make substantial cuts in the flounder catch from large mesh gill nets. Flounder are almost gone and they may never return like the river herring.
We have the worst managed marine fishery of all coastal states.

Ken Oppenheim

919 349-6140

From: George Maravelas <gmaravelas@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 12:35 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: waste

People;

I came down to NC to fish and boat after retirement, I was told this was the premier fishing capital of the world. So you can imagine my surprise that in just a few short years North Carolina is in the same situation with their fisheries as we were in N.Y. There is a saying " we don't care how you did it up north " Well, it seems you have done it down here, the commercial fisherman have decimated the fish population. In the north Winter flounder, almost extinct, Cod fish almost back to where you can fish for them, silver hake, almost every member of the cod fish family, fished out. we never had a limit on summer flounder (fluke) now we are allowed 2 per person per day. Tautog, bluefish, striped bass the commercials have raped Long Island and the waters off of Montauk Point. Ask the commercial fishermen what is plan B? after you completely empty the waters of fish on what end of the unemployment line will you stand on? You say it can't happen here, think again and look around you the menhaden are disappearing, puppy drum are getting harder to find and I haven't seen any catches of speckled trout in the Neuse River recently. We as recreational fishermen and women need to stand together and make ourselves heard write to your congressmen, senators, aldermen, and every person on town councils. We pay taxes, we pay for our fishing licenses, and we vote. Express your displeasure with what is happening to our marine fisherise.

George Maravelas
Fairfield Harbour Fishing Club

From: Michael Carter <rockfish2012@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 12:10 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder supplement

It is imperative that southern flounder be allowed to recover in NC. I realize the decision will affect lives and livelihoods, however, we have allowed these fish little or no chance for recovery. Although the choice is a difficult one, it is the right one.

I listened to Joe Shute say the studies from 2005 recognized the depleted status and recommended a 38% southern flounder reduction. There was no action taken by the MFC. 10 years later, science dictates the necessity for proactive measurements. Please vote for meaningful reductions and the removal of destructive gear to allow this valuable resource to recover.

Sincerely
Rocky Carter

From: Tim Hergenrader <timraderart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 9:51 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Comments
Attachments: Flounder Supplement Comments.docx

Comments from Tim Hergenrader, resident of Pamlico County attached. Thank you.

See attachment on next page

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So, it goes without saying the flounder is an important fish and deserves better than what the DMF and MFC have provided. Many are advocating to do nothing, but I believe it is time to try different management techniques of these fish, for to paraphrase Einstein, it is pure folly to continue doing the same thing over and over expecting different results.

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Much of this **RECREATIONAL** economic activity can be directly linked to southern flounder.

Consequently, I recommend you adopt a commercial pound net and gig fishery, a universal harvest size of not less than 15 inches, a daily creel limit of six fish for recreational anglers and an annual Total Allowable Catch (TAC) on commercial harvest to provide a measurable harvest control mechanism.

TACs are already in place for striped bass and red drum, TACs can be adopted for southern flounder too.

I also support a prohibition on large mesh, anchored gill nets in estuarine waters. Not only is this measure critical to the southern flounder recovery, entanglement of non-targeted finfish species, endangered species such as sea turtles and sturgeon, seabirds and mammals such as dolphin and seals will be, if not eliminated, significantly reduced.

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I believe these measures will go a long way to returning the southern flounder in our estuaries to viable levels, as measured by scientific means. But, if they don't after a period of time to be established by you the MFC, then more draconian measures must be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

From: Lee Dunn <lhdunn@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 9:19 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder Supplement

Mr. Chairman and Members of the NC Marine Fisheries Commission:

I am a 65 year old resident of Carteret County and life long eastern North Carolinian. I have watched in dismay as the state of our marine fisheries and the health of our estuaries has drastically declined in my lifetime. The difference in abundance I saw as a child in the 50's relative to what I see today is as unbelievable as it is sickening. And yet, this reality seems to be common knowledge and accepted as status quo by almost everyone, especially including you. With all due respect, fisheries management in NC has always put short term commercial interests first, and the health of the resource, LAST.

You have this opportunity to take measures to begin to restore all finfish in our estuaries to viable, sustainable levels as measured by scientific, and only scientific, means.

Regarding proposals currently being considered for the restoration of southern flounder to healthy levels, I support the following:

1. Most importantly, a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) must be determined and implemented for a healthy sustainable total annual take, regardless of methods of capture and sectors of allocation. Without a credible and verifiable TAC, all is lost. This is the established, proven, best tool currently in our tool box for the management of any species, and you know that.

2. Prohibit large mesh monofilament gill nets in all our estuarine waters. The problems and out-of-proportion costs with this indiscriminate, bottom monopolizing, destructive gear are well known, and they have been banned in all other southern flounder producing states, for good reason.

3. Scientifically determine the most sustainable harvest size, and apply it universally to all methods and sectors of capture.

4. Acknowledge the legal reality that southern flounder, like all other finish and shellfish in our estuaries, belong equally to each and every citizen of North Carolina, not just to those who take them commercially. Manage and allocate the resource accordingly.

I still hope to see real change come to fisheries management in NC in my life time. It's time for NC to get out of the dark ages, even if it takes the feds to finally do it.

Lee Dunn
Beaufort

From: Susan West <westontheridge@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 8:39 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: southern flounder management

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to reconsider moving forward with a supplement to the southern flounder fishery management plan and to adopt an expedited amendment process that upholds the state's commitment to an open, transparent, inclusive and accountable management process.

The supplement process leaves too little time for thorough consideration of regional differences in the southern flounder fishery.

Some areas and communities are likely to shoulder a disproportionate responsibility for stock recovery.

One example would be a seasonal closure at the time when the fish are reaching the eastern side of Pamlico Sound. Another example would be instituting a total allowable catch limit that could be reached before flounder move from the west and the north to the east.

At an April meeting of 20 or more Hatteras and Ocracoke commercial fishermen, fishermen agreed that an expedited amendment process would provide time to discuss those sorts of challenges. It is important to note that fishermen were not advocating for no change in flounder management.

As someone who helped craft the recommendations that helped shape the Fisheries Reform Act, I'm terribly disappointed to see the retraction away from the use of a vibrant advisory committee system.

It had been my hope that the committee system would usher in a new day in fisheries management - co-management where the responsibility for success was shared between managers, scientists, and fishermen.

I urge you to encourage citizen participation in the fisheries management process rather than reinstituting a circumscribed process that limits citizens to a reactive role.

Sincerely,
Susan West
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From: Charles Overton [mailto:charlie.overton99@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 7:51 AM
To: Blum, Catherine
Subject: MFC proposed rules question/comment MFC proposals. Draft supplement A to Ammendment 1

In 1999 I retired from the NCSBI with 30 years of service. I had always wanted to try commercial fishing so I bought a commercial license from an individual, a boat, and 1000 yards of gill nets. I netted part time until Irene when I lost my house, my nets, and my boat was stolen. Eventually I replaced some of my nets, got a boat and resumed netting.

I have not caught any sea turtles, sturgeon, or mammals. I have abided by marine fisheries laws which have constantly changed in the 15 years I have netted. I have caught very few flounder and I dare say any serious recreational fisherman has caught more flounder in any given year than I have.

I am aware that the impetus to doing away with gill nets is driven by recreational fishermen. I realize there are hundreds of thousands of recreational fishermen as compared to a few thousand commercial fishermen. I just do not feel your proposal to do away with gill nets should be driven by their money and influence.

I have no problem with the proposed length change or for a set amount of flounder that can be kept. As always I will follow the new rules. I just think it is wrong and mean spirited to do away with gill nets when the obvious reason to do so is because recreational fishermen do not want them to exist.

From: gshivar <gshivar@ec.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 8:06 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: options / thoughts

Thank you for the opportunity to express my comments concerning summer flounder management.

-keep recreational size / creel as is.

-increase commercial length to 15 inches.

thoughts: since we have migration, how much of an

impact would NC's efforts have on the stock? SC has a very liberal rec regulations. thank you - glenn shivar

From: Rodger Lentz <rlentz@wilsonnc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 11:55 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder public comment

Over the years it appears that our flounder management plans have been failing. I believe this is due to lacking regulation of gill nets and pound nets. Many other states have banned these netting practices. It is time for North Carolina to consider a ban on these nets as well.

Recreational fishing has a greater impact on the local economy. Look at the impact that striped bass have had on the Albemarle basin. Fishermen come from all over the country to experience that fishery. Our trout and flounder fishing could also be world class, but first we must get the nets out of the estuaries.

I urge the commission to remove commercial nets from our inshore waters. It produces the reductions needed to have a positive impact on the fishery.

Rodger Lentz

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From: Bagnell, William Everett <BAGNELLW@ecu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 11:26 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder

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Respectfully,
William E. Bagnell
743 Christopher Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

From: Eric Vann <ericvann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 9:06 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Public comment period on flounder management proposals

As an avid flounder fisherman I would like to see a reduction in the catch limit from 6 to 2 or 3 rather than closing the season for a period of time.

Have no problem with 15" limit on all fish regardless of method used to harvest.

Eric Vann
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Kure Beach, NC 28449

From: Ronald Pinney <rpinney5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 12:56 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Flounder

To whom it may concern

As a commercial fisherman I would like to express my concern of shortening the length of flounder season as it could have a huge effect on my income. I personally have seen large numbers of small and baby flounder while commercially fishing.

Thank you

Ronald Pinney
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From: Stewart Gordon <stewartgordon@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 11:30 AM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern flounder

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Respectfully submitted,
Stewart Gordon
Winston Salem, NC

From: Dan Martin <wdmartin3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 3:32 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder

Dear Mr. Chairman

I am a resident of New Hanover County and recreationally fish in the sounds and rivers of Pender, Onslow and New Hanover Counties. The purpose of my writing is to urge the Commission to restore all finfish in our estuaries to viable, sustainable levels as can be measured by appropriate scientific means and measures. With proper scientific and field monitoring, and as specifically regards the Southern Flounder, we should be able to permit a commercial pound net and gig fishery, a harvest size of not less than 15 inches, and a daily limit of 4 fish for the recreational fisherman. Other states with similar waters have already determined that large mono gillnets in the estuarine waters severely threaten the Southern Flounder and have banned their use. It is important to recognize that over 75% of the Southern Flounder are being harvested by "commercial" fishermen using large mesh gill nets. Scientific data indicates that a majority of these fish are being taken in this manner prior to having the maximum opportunity for reproduction further threatening the viability of the flounder stock or fishery. The overfishing of the flounder has continued too long and is a threat to both the fishery and the economic well being of the commercial and recreational fishing industries

Thank you
Dan Martin

From: J. Walas <walasj50@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 12:24 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.flounder.supplement
Subject: Southern Flounder

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