

# Chairman's Report







**NORTH CAROLINA MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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June 1, 2018

Dear Members of the North Carolina General Assembly:

At its May 16-17 business meeting in New Bern, the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission voted to recommend the N.C. General Assembly institute a Land or Sell Permit for North Carolina residents who hold federal permits. The motion and vote are included below for your review.

**Motion by Chuck Laughridge to send a letter to the governor and the legislature asking they institute a land or sell permit for N.C. residents who hold federal permits. We recommend that the amount not exceed the total cost of a Standard Commercial Fishing License. Second by Cameron Boltes.**

**Motion carries 6-0 with two abstentions.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request; please feel free to contact me if I may be of assistance to you in this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sammy Corbett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

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cc: NC Governor Roy Cooper  
DEQ Secretary Michael Regan  
DEQ Chief Deputy Secretary John Nicholson  
DEQ Legislative Affairs Director Anderson Miller  
DMF Director Steve Murphey





## TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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June 15, 2018

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North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission  
c/o Nancy Fish  
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries  
3441 Arendell Street  
Morehead City, NC 28557

REF: Enclosed Resolution

Dear Commission Members,

At its June 11, 2018, meeting the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the enclosed resolution opposing changes that could negatively affect our commercial fishing industry. The Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners has opposed the definition change in a continuing effort by adopting similar resolutions on January 31st and March 12th.

Kill Devil Hills is proud to support commercial fisherman who are a vital part of our state's history, heritage and culture and represent a crucial component of the economy for Dare County and other North Carolina coastal communities.

Sincerely,

Sheila F. Davies  
Mayor  
Town of Kill Devil Hills

C: Honorable Governor Roy Cooper  
Honorable Senator Bill Cook  
Honorable Representative Beverly Boswell  
Dare County Governments  
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## TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

*Land Where Flight Began*

### RESOLUTION

#### **OPPOSING NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE BILL 1063 THAT WOULD CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL FISHING**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners has steadfastly supported North Carolina's Commercial Fishers who are a vital part of our State's history, heritage, and culture and represent a crucial component of the economy for the Town of Kill Devil Hills and other coastal communities. According to the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, the sales impact of the harvesting and sale of commercial seafood is \$388,325,000 and the income impact of employed commercial fishers is \$166,066,000; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 1063 proposes to drastically raise the annual Commercial Fishing license fee and impose a burdensome requirement that commercial license holders demonstrate a minimum level of participation by documenting at least 1,000 pounds of seafood during any two out of five continuous years; and

**WHEREAS**, the introduction of House Bill 1063 is yet another attempt to redefine commercial fishing, which would be detrimental to North Carolina's Commercial Fishing Industry. In fact, earlier this year the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission embarked on an effort to change the criteria of what constitutes a commercial fishing operation by imposing, among other things, that license holders document annual seafood landings of at least 1,000 pounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners on January 31, 2018 and again on March 12, 2018 adopted unanimous resolutions opposing any change in the definition of commercial fishing based on the following - - -

- No other professional license issued by the State dictates a level of participation in order for its holders to qualify. Furthermore the definition of what constitutes commercial fishing in North Carolina has already been determined by the General Assembly and has long been established in section 113-168 of North Carolina's General Statutes.
- Imposing an arbitrary level of participation based on landings would unfairly have a harsh and punitive effect on coastal communities hit by hurricanes and other natural disasters where many commercial license holders, whose income generating season may have been entirely wiped out by a storm, are forced to temporarily divert their time and talents to other business enterprises.
- Those who engage in commercial fishing already suffer because of government overregulation that imposes severe quotas and unnecessary restrictions on fishing seasons, limits, and gear forcing many to take on additional jobs and engage in part-time businesses in order to support their families.

- In October of 2010, the Marine Fisheries Commission empaneled a Fishing License Review Taskforce, which examined in detail the requirements for holding a commercial fishing license and concluded that the definition contained in the General Statutes was adequate and therefore there was no real need to modify the definition of what constitutes a commercial fisher. In its Final Report the Taskforce clearly stated its recommendation that “no changes are needed to the existing definition;”

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 1063 is an attempt to fix something that is not broken and would jeopardize coastal communities whose economy and wellbeing are dependent upon both full-time and part-time commercial fishers who are small, independent businesses that work hard under adverse conditions to put fresh, healthy North Carolina seafood on American tables.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners reaffirms its unwavering commitment to North Carolina’s commercial fishing industry by strongly opposing House Bill 1063, or any other action, that would change the definition of Commercial Fishing or cause harm to North Carolina’s Working Watermen.

Adopted this the 11th day of June, 2018.



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Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.

ATTEST:

Mary E. Quidley  
Town Clerk



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June 27, 2018

Michael Regan, Secretary  
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality  
1601 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1601  
Attention: Kathleen Lance

Dear Secretary Regan:

At its May 2018 meeting, the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission passed a motion that included a provision to begin development of Amendment 2 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan. The commission's Fishery Management Plan Guidelines stipulate the commission shall approve or modify the fishery management plan schedule at its first meeting after July 1 of each year – this action generally occurs at the commission's August meeting. The guidelines further specify the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality must approve any modification to the schedule occurring outside of this time frame. Therefore, on behalf of the commission, I am respectfully requesting you approve this change in the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan development schedule.

Thank you for your consideration of this request; please feel free to contact me if I may be of assistance to you in this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sammy Corbett".

Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

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cc: DMF Director Steve Murphey





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July 18, 2018

Mr. Chris Medlin  
2421 Hwy 210E  
Hampstead, NC 28443

Dear Chris:

Thank you for serving on the Marine Fisheries Commission's Southern Regional Advisory Committee. Advisory committees play a critical role in providing public input into management decisions that impact our fisheries resources.

While robust dialogue is an essential aspect in any deliberation and differing opinions are inevitable, it is imperative that committee members comport themselves in a professional manner and remain respectful of each other's opinions, as well as those of staff and the general public, even where there is disagreement. It is equally critical that each committee be able to operate effectively and without being subject to excessive hindrances or interferences preventing it from conducting its business. It is my understanding that your conduct at the July 11 meeting in Wilmington failed to adhere to these expectations and was disruptive to the point of impeding the committee's ability to effectively operate. Many members of the committee and staff present at the meeting found your behavior not only to be disrespectful, but also very concerning.

Given the circumstances, I have concluded that the most appropriate course of action is to remove you from the Southern Regional Advisory Committee, effective immediately. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I encourage you to call me at 910-620-1804.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sammy Corbett".

Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: Chairman Fred Scharf, Southern Regional Advisory Committee  
Vice Chairman Pam Morris, Southern Regional Advisory Committee





# NORTH CAROLINA

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**KIM WESTBROOK STRACH**  
Executive Director

**OCTOBER 26, 2017**

## **TIPS FOR THE ONLINE ETHICS EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPATIBILITY ISSUES.**

Please share this information with your Agency's covered employees and the members of your Boards and Commissions:

### **Computers with Windows 10**

- Use Microsoft Edge & Microsoft Internet Explorer
- May also work with Foxfire
- Program does **not** work with Google Chrome

### **Mac Computers**

- Use Firefox to open Online Education; if audio does not work, right click "No Audio" button and allow microphone so that audio works.

### **Computers with Windows 7 & 8**

- Use Internet Explorer as your browser

If the above suggestions do not resolve the problem for the person, we recommend they use a computer at a public library, Community College or University as the program seems to run fine on these computers. **NOTE: individuals are required to complete the ethics education PRIOR to their education due date even if they encounter problems with the online program.**

## **INDIVIDUALS MUST FULLY COMPLETE THE ONLINE PROGRAM.**

**Many people are not fully completing the online ethics education program.** If within a few minutes after you "completed" the online program you do not receive an emailed certificate of completion from us, you probably have **not** fully completed the program. **If one fails to fully complete the online program, we cannot credit them with completing the required ethics education training.**

**To complete the program**, when one comes to the slide that says "Congratulations," they **MUST** click on the box that says "complete program." Clicking on this box brings them to a form where they enter identifying information and "certify" that they have taken the complete program. After providing this information, they need to click on the "submit" button; we are then notified of their completion, their record is updated and they will be emailed a certificate of completion from us.

If you or any of your people have any questions, please contact us at (919) 814-3600.





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### **State Board of Elections and State Ethics Commission Merged into One New State Board**

On June 1, 2017, a panel of superior court judges dismissed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Session Law 2017-6, the [state law](#) creating the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement (State Board). The new State Board merges the N.C. State Board of Elections and the N.C. State Ethics Commission and assumes duties formerly overseen by these two agencies, along with lobbying compliance carried out by the Secretary of State. Though parties to the lawsuit may seek additional review on appeal, for now, the consolidated State Board is the agency to enforce North Carolina's elections, ethics and lobbying laws.

Currently, the ethics staff and the election staff of the State Board are housed in different buildings. However, the goal is for all staff to be housed in one building by September 1, 2017. **So, the ethics staff will be moving soon, but until then we will remain at our present location at 424 North Blount Street in Raleigh and our direct telephone number remains 919-814-3600.**

Although the State Board is a new entity, the State Government Ethics Act (Ethics Act) remains in effect and applies to the same individuals as it did prior to this merger. **The duties and obligations of the Ethics Act remain, including the *SEI filing requirements and the Ethics Education training requirements*.** In addition, the duties of Agency Heads, including Board Chairs, and those of Ethics Liaisons remain the same.

***If you have questions or need additional help, please feel free to contact us at 919.814.3600***

**Sue Lundberg, Education Attorney - Gretchen Aycock, SEI Attorney**



# 2018 Meeting Planning Calendar

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