

From: [P. Wood](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition - Saw many Dead Fish Hen Trawlers Were in action this Summer
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 9:06:06 PM

To : Marine Fisheries Commission Office

Ref:
NCWF Petition

I personally witness many Dead Fish When several Trawlers came in at West Bluff Bay this Summer.

It needs to be fixed, There were small Fish Floating everywhere after they made several rounds in the bay.

It is a pure waste.

Please do something about it now before its to late.

I support this Partition !

Thanks, W.P. Wood

From: [Melissa McLauren](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public comment on petition impacting shrimp trawling
Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 9:56:57 AM

Dear Sir/Madam:

As a recreational fisher, please add my name in support of the petition limiting shrimp trawling so we can protect local fisheries.

Thanks for attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa K. McLauren
708 Mistique Ct.
New Bern, NC 28560
Phone: 252.288.4331

From: [Stuart Creighton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public comment on petition impacting shrimp trawling
Date: Monday, December 26, 2016 2:03:35 PM
Attachments: [Trawler Restrictions.docx](#)

Good afternoon,

I have attached a letter that I would like to have submitted for consideration as public comment on the pending shrimp trawler petition.

Feel free to share this letter with any and all appropriate agencies and board members.

Thank you,

Stuart Creighton

From: [Murphey, Trish](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Comments on shrimp petition
Date: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 1:19:38 PM
Attachments: [Petition for Rule Making.docx](#)
[Attachment 1.docx](#)
[Attachment 2.docx](#)
[CFRG Letter.docx](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: Brown, Kevin
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 8:48 AM
To: Murphey, Trish <trish.murphey@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: FW: Comments on shrimp petition

FYI.

-----Original Message-----

From: AllynPowell [<mailto:apowell66@ec.rr.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 26, 2016 2:40 PM
To: Brown, Kevin <kevin.h.brown@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Comments on shrimp petition

Hi Kevin,

Attached are my comments on the Petition for Rulemaking. As I used your data, I want to make sure I have used it properly and accurately.

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.....Allyn

From: bayview803@charter.net
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp trawling Pet.
Date: Friday, December 30, 2016 9:50:30 AM

Committee Members,

I am voicing my total support for the proposed shrimp trawling petition. Having relocated to NC three years ago I still can't believe any inshore fishery still allows netting to the extent that is done in this state. Having lived on the Chesapeake, Puget Sound and Florida, I have seen how reducing/eliminating netting has boosted the recovery and growth of all aspects of the local fishery and economy..

Netting of all types kill an inordinate amount of young sea life .. if you don't believe it ..follow a net boat for an hour one day.. watch the birds, they are eating dead fish..

I hope you do the right and in act this petition..
Thank you
Butch Smith

From: [Mac Currin](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: comments on NCWF Petition
Date: Friday, December 30, 2016 11:32:32 AM

December 30, 2016

I would like to submit comments on the NCWF Petition for Rule-making.

I believe that it is time for the Commission and Division to better protect all the nursery areas in North Carolina and more closely monitor and regulate the shrimp trawl fishery in our state. With minor exceptions in some areas of perhaps two states, we are the only state that allows trawling in our state's inside waters. Those shallow inside areas serve a nursery function for large numbers of species and individuals at various stages of their lives, including the three species of shrimp that mature inside and move off shore to spawn. And although we have done a decent job identifying and protecting Primary and Secondary Nursery Areas, we have not done so regarding our deeper Secondary Nursery Areas.

I encourage the Marine Fisheries Commission to adopt the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the NCWF with minor modification.

The way NC has managed that fishery fails to maximize its value- which is related to size at harvest. Instead, we have opened the shrimp fishery too early allowing harvest at sizes that do not provide the most value to the fishermen and the state. By allowing a shrimp fishery inside, we not only reduce the value of the harvested shrimp, but also increase by-catch of juvenile and sub-adult finfish of species, like spot, croaker and weakfish that have in the past or now are showing signs of overharvest. By-catch of those species is highest inside, but is also high in the ocean shrimp trawl fishery that occurs near our beaches. That is why states like SC and GA (with few exceptions) prohibit trawling in their state waters. It is time to get serious about addressing by-catch issues in our state.

Current regulations allowing a total of 220' of head rope is too large. Although I do not believe that we should allow trawling in our inside waters, as long as any shrimp fishery occurs inside Pamlico Sound, 90' head rope length is an acceptable maximum. Limiting the allowable number of days is also a good idea as it would further reduce by-catch.

I agree that the MFC should establish criteria for opening shrimp season based on shrimp count. I would suggest using criteria similar to those used by SC or Georgia. And I believe that using a 60 count shrimp as suggested by the Petition, is too small to maximize the market value of our states' shrimp resource.

I also agree that we should have size limits on Spot and Croaker. The sizes suggested by the Petition may be appropriate or larger sizes may be suggested by current science.

Thank you for considering my comments on the NCWF Petition for Rulemaking. I hope the MFC will finally take action to address shrimp trawl bycatch.

Mac Currin
801 Westwood Drive.
Raleigh, NC 27607

From: [Richard Southerland](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:13:33 AM

Richard Southerland
2317 Spinnaker ct
Greenville, NC 27858

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
Richard Southerland

From: [Dale Madren](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:13:35 AM

Dale Madren
2001 Dobson Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27612

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Dale Madren

From: [John Bishop](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:13:36 AM

John Bishop
PO Box 210
Kannapolis, NC 28081

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
John A. Bishop

From: [Dan Graham](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:13:37 AM

Dan Graham
123 Grace Ave.
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Dr. Dan Graham (NCSU)

From: [Mark Cable](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:13:39 AM

Mark Cable
2139-A Keesee Rd.
Whitsett, NC 27377

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Mark Anthony Cable

From: [Charles Hoffman](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:23:34 AM

Charles Hoffman
4939 Windsor Gate Court
Morganton, NC 28655

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

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Sincerely,
CHARLES HOFFMAN

From: [Rose Rummel-Eury](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:23:35 AM

Rose Rummel-Eury
118 Edgewood Ave. NE
Concord, NC 28025

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Rose Rummel-Eury

From: [Kenny Page](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:23:37 AM

Kenny Page
1513 Sunrise Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27608

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

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Sincerely,
Kenny Page

From: [Sharon Kibbe](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:23:38 AM

Sharon Kibbe
P. O. Box 134
Vandemere, NC 28587

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

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Sincerely,
Sharon Kibbe

From: [Charles Bennett](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:23:38 AM

Charles Bennett
327 Charing Cross Drive
Matthews, NC 28105

January 3, 2017

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It is important to see the overall issues of marine fisheries management, such that the commercial interests are considered in light of the impact on non-commercial interests.

Sincerely,
Chuck Bennett

From: [Robert Hooker](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:23:39 AM

Robert Hooker
7297 Driver Rd
Zebulon, NC 27597-6466

January 3, 2017

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Robert Hooker

From: [Harold Blake](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:33:39 AM

Harold Blake
3837 Robin Rd
Ayden, NC 28513

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Harold "Buddy" Blake Jr.

From: [Liz Rutledge](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:33:39 AM

Liz Rutledge
339 Olive Branch Road
Durham, NC 27703

January 3, 2017

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Liz Rutledge

From: [Ken Oppenheim](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:33:40 AM

Ken Oppenheim
1088 tacketts pond dr
Raleigh, NC 27614

January 3, 2017

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From: [Rick Sasser](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:43:37 AM

Rick Sasser
111 Pineridge Lane
Goldsboro, NC 27534

January 3, 2017

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From: [Richard Kearney](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:43:39 AM

Richard Kearney
721 Summer Music Ln
Raleigh, NC 27603

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Richard C. Kearney

From: [Julian Barnhill](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:43:40 AM

Julian Barnhill
8022 Upper Lake Dr
Raleigh, NC 27615-3268

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Julian Barnhill

From: [Paul Braly](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Keep watershed protections and wetland buffers
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:43:41 AM

Paul Braly
16 Porters Glenn Place
Durham, NC 27713

January 3, 2017

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From: [Bryce Ficken](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:43:42 AM

Bryce Ficken
p0 box 758
Mt Olive, NC 28365

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Sincerely,
Hain Ficken

From: [Jan Willis](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:53:37 AM

Jan Willis
4915 Holly Lane
Morehead City, NC 28557

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
Jan Willis

From: [WALTER STANLEY](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:53:38 AM

WALTER STANLEY
3201 ARCHDALE RD
ARCHDALE, NC 27263

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

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From: [Steve Fix](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:53:38 AM

Steve Fix
5149 jones road
East Bend, NC 27018

January 3, 2017

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From: [Duane Brown](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:53:38 AM

Duane Brown
178 Canebrake Dr
New Bern, NC 28562

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Duane Brown

From: [Paul Carey](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:53:39 AM

Paul Carey
2832 Anfield Road
Raleigh, NC 27606

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

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I fish regularly in NC and SC. It is clear, SC does a much better job of protecting the fishery. As a recreational fisherman, I strive to keep within the catch limits and rules. It is amazing how difficult it is to find keeper size fish and the small numbers recreational fisherman are allowed.

I do want to support local commercial fisherman and my wife and I do go out of our way to buy NC caught fish and shrimp. We would much rather have local seafood than imported.

But we need better control of the bycatch to allow these fisheries to thrive.

Sincerely,
Paul Carey

From: [Gwen Frazier](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:53:40 AM

Gwen Frazier
3833 Hidden Branches Drive
Raleigh, NC 27613

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

Dear Ms Fish,

It is past time for all the non-sensical shrimping in our sounds and estuaries. The reasons are obvious why no other state allows this destruction of their natural habitat and the killing of millions of Juvenal fish. Sadly, Fishermen/women now spend their tourist dollars in those states where fishing is much better than our own. Please have the guts to stop protecting a few who have for years devastated our natural inland waterways. It's past time to do the right thing and stop all shrimping in our fragile backwaters.

Sincerely,
Gwen Frazier

From: [Eddie Frizsell](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:53:40 AM

Eddie Frizsell
1038 Old Hwy 70 W
Blk Mtn, NC 28711

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Eddie Frizsell

From: [Scott Logue](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:53:41 AM

Scott Logue
9443 F New Sandy hill Church Rd.
Middlesex, NC 27557

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Scott Logue

From: [Jack Staley](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:53:42 AM

Jack Staley
1101 N King St
Windsor, NC 27983

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
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From: [Matt Barfield](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:03:39 AM

Matt Barfield
5310 Ridgeloach Place
Raleigh, NC 27612

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

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I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
Matt

From: [Hannah Barfield](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:03:40 AM

Hannah Barfield
200 w woodcroft pkwy
Durham, NC 27713

January 3, 2017

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I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Hannah barfield

From: [Matt Barfield](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:03:44 AM

Matt Barfield
5310 Ridgeloach Place
Raleigh, NC 27612

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Matt

From: [Michael Brophy](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:03:46 AM

Michael Brophy
233 S Harbor Watch Dr.
Statesville, NC 28677

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

Dear Ms. Fish:

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Sincerely,
Michael A. Brophy

From: [Edward Suggs](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:03:47 AM

Edward Suggs
111 Glenn Abby Drive
Morehead City, NC 28557

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Ed

From: [Gerald James](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:13:40 AM

Gerald James
184 Arliss Albertson Rd
Beulaville, NC 28518

January 3, 2017

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From: [David Jarvis](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please Do Not support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:13:40 AM

David Jarvis
213 morse dr
hubert, NC 28539

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to NOT support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
David

From: [Frank Brown](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:13:41 AM

Frank Brown
801 Woodland Church Rd
Albertson, NC 28508

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

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I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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From: [Tim Gestwicki](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:23:41 AM

Tim Gestwicki
1346 St Julien St
Charlotte, NC 28205

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

Dear Ms. Fish:

As an avid conservationist, I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Tim

From: [Greg Hurt](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:23:43 AM

Greg Hurt
114 Lake Ridge Drive
Smithfield, NC 27577

January 3, 2017

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From: [Britt Paige](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:33:44 AM

Britt Paige
5210 Johnson Bridge Rd.
Hickory, NC 28602

January 3, 2017

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From: [jerry wagoner](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:33:44 AM

jerry wagoner
1408 chatsworth lane
raleigh, NC 27614

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
jerry wagoner

From: [Dale Madren](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF petition re. shrimp trawling and nursery areas
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:39:41 AM

I fully support his petition. NC fisheries management is long overdue many improvements. We are overfishing, killing juvenile fish in the sounds though destructive gear and massive by catch in shrimp trawling. The economic impact of sport fishing is tremendous larger than commercial fishing. We need a balance of interests.

regards,
Dale Madren
Raleigh, NC
dalemadren@gmail.com

From: [Michael Thomas](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:43:40 AM

Michael Thomas
PO BOX 96
CROUSE, NC 28033

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

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To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:43:40 AM

Paul Rudar
261 Hartland Ln
Trenton, NC 28585-8564

January 3, 2017

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From: [Charles Mabe](#)
To: [Fish, Nancy](#)
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Charles Mabe
1667 Chadwick Landing
Shallotte, NC 28470

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C.R. Mabe

From: [Jim Singleton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:43:41 AM

Jim Singleton
130 Aqua Alley
Holly Ridge, NC 28445-7945

January 3, 2017

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James A Singleton III

From: [Hannah Barfield](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:53:10 AM

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> 200 w woodcroft pkwy

> Durham, NC 27713

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> January 3, 2017

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From: [randy secrist](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:53:48 AM

randy secrist
5000 lenoraway dr
raleigh, NC 27613

January 3, 2017

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From: [Steve Jilcott](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:03:47 AM

Steve Jilcott
1101 stokes avenue
Windsor, NC 27983

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Jilcott

From: [Matt Cox](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:04:35 AM

Matt Cox
6197 brackenmere tr
megane, NC 27302

January 3, 2017

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Matt Cox

From: [richard.hamilton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:04:37 AM

richard.hamilton
4913 Richland Drive
Raleigh, NC 27612

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Richard Hamilton

From: [Ryan Ford](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:13:43 AM

Ryan Ford
734 Edenbrook Drive
Winterville, NC 28590

January 3, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:13:45 AM

david wiggins
po box 71244
durham, NC 27712

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From: [James Earl Rich](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:13:51 AM

James Earl Rich
210 Buck Jones Rd.
wallace, NC 28466

January 3, 2017

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From: [Bill Cowden](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:13:52 AM

Bill Cowden
1028 greenly dr
pfafftown, NC 27040

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From: [Jonathan Crabtree](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:23:43 AM

Jonathan Crabtree
75 Crawford Dairy Rd
Pittsboro, NC 27312

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
jonathan crabtree

From: [Ed Pupa](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:23:44 AM

Ed Pupa
405 Dekoven Pl
Raleigh, NC 27608

January 3, 2017

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From: [Charles f Phillips](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:23:46 AM

Charles f Phillips
711 grove st
Wilson, NC 27893

January 3, 2017

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Charles f phillips

From: [Lyman Smith](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:33:45 AM

Lyman Smith
457 S. Beston rd
Lagrange, NC 28551

January 3, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
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Tony Edwards
325 Royal Palm Ave
Surf City, NC 28445

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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Norton Baker
123 Deer Run Rd
Hampstead, NC 28443

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From: [Len Rosol](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Supporting petition from NC Wildlife Federation
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:43:45 AM

Len Rosol
901 Shelby Dr
Greensboro, NC 27409

January 3, 2017

Dear NCDENR,

Dear Ms. Fish:

Please add my name to those who are supporting the petition by the NC Wildlife Federation to change the rules for shrimping in our inshore estuaries and expanding the definition nurseries to include inshore water and ocean water to the three mile limit

I will not enumerate the proposals in the petition, but I am in favor of all of them. The current processes are simply too wasteful and harmful to immature fish to be allowed to continue.

Please... Help NC change their bad habits and bring in rules that are more in line with neighboring states.

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From: kim.mcculloch
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
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kim mcculloch
7528 waterview dr
cornelius, NC 28031

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:53:46 AM

WH MCNAIRY
5225 N Church St
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Sincerely,
WH MCNAIRY

From: [Stuart Davis](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 12:23:48 PM

Stuart Davis
POB 84
Bethel, NC 27812

January 3, 2017

Dear NCDENR,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
M. Stuart Davis

From: [Allen Mooring](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 12:23:50 PM

Allen Mooring
3666 Big Oak Rd.
Kinston, NC 28504

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Allen Mooring

From: [GERALD SMITH](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 12:34:05 PM

GERALD SMITH
419 HUDSON ROAD
SILER CITY, NC 27344

January 3, 2017

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G.W.SMITH SR.

From: [Larry Cockrell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 12:43:49 PM

Larry Cockrell
7324 Mine Shaft Rd
Raleigh, NC 27615-6029

January 3, 2017

Dear NCDENR,

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Larry A. Cockrell

From: [Stephen Graf](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 12:53:50 PM

Stephen Graf
9101 Art Road
Cedar Grove, NC 27231

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Stephen Graf

From: [William Green](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 1:03:59 PM

William Green
2096 Putnam- Glendon Rd
Carthage, NC 28327

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
W.L Green

From: [Eric Bartlett](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 1:04:00 PM

Eric Bartlett
864 Robert Beck Rd
Lexington, NC 27292

January 3, 2017

Dear NCDENR,

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Sincerely,
Eric Bartlett

From: [Alex Barrett](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 1:24:00 PM

Alex Barrett
1220 Grayland Street
Greensboro, NC 27408

January 3, 2017

Dear NCDENR,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
Alex Barrett

From: [John Gavigan](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 1:24:02 PM

John Gavigan
2210 Shenandoah Ave
Charlotte, NC 28205

January 3, 2017

Dear NCDENR,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
John

From: [Ronald Morgan](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 1:34:00 PM

Ronald Morgan
603 Cedarhurst Rd
Greenville, NC 27834

January 3, 2017

Dear NCDENR,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
Ronald Morgan

From: [Bruce Lee](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Trawling rule changes
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 1:34:04 PM

Bruce Lee
302 Lightwood Ct.
Hubert, NC 28539

January 3, 2017

Dear NCDENR,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing you to express my support of the rulemaking petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to better manage and protect our inshore marine fisheries. As you know these requested rule changes expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition..

Allowing the continuation of current inshore trawling rules and results in NC would be truly shameful. There is no dispute that the amount of bycatch produced by trawling significantly affects populations of game and bait fish as well as tearing up the bottom of our sounds. It is your job to PROTECT our public trust resource. I expect you to do just that and enact this rulemaking request in full.

Best regards,
Bruce

Sincerely,
Bruce Lee

From: [Mike Mull](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 1:34:05 PM

Mike Mull
407 Page St
Cary, NC 27511

January 3, 2017

Dear NCDENR,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
Mike Mull

From: [jcstaley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Pamlico Sound
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 1:46:11 PM

Please do something to save our sound. It has been overfished for 50 years. All rivers should be declared inland waters, the sounds joint waters and the ocean as coastal waters. Drop netters from Florida are depleting our creeks right now. Do something about it and reduce trawling which everyone knows it wasting far too many resources. I'm all for commercial fishing but this is 2017 and 1970's rules are not cutting it.

Thanks,
Jack Staley

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

From: [Tim Hergenrader](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 2:14:02 PM

Tim Hergenrader
106 Black Horse Run S
New Bern, NC 28560

January 3, 2017

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From: [Steven Craven](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 2:34:12 PM

Steven Craven
273 George Clyde Lane
High Point, NC 27262

January 3, 2017

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Steven J Craven

From: [Nathan Fess](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 2:54:08 PM

Nathan Fess
3129 E Ford RD
Charlotte, NC 28205

January 3, 2017

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From: [JOHN BROWN](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 2:54:09 PM

JOHN BROWN
2720 SEA AIRE CANAL
SUPPLY, NC 28462

January 3, 2017

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I also would like to see the same restrictions to be placed on gill nets, and any other indiscriminate fishing.

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JOHN BROWN

From: [James Prince](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 3:04:20 PM

James Prince
530 Normandy Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

January 3, 2017

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James

From: [Bobby White](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 3:04:31 PM

Bobby White
221 Marsh Hen Drive
Wilmington, NC 28409

January 3, 2017

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Bobby L. White

From: [Robert Robertson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 3:14:06 PM

Robert Robertson
308 Grace St.
Mount Airy, NC 27030

January 3, 2017

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Sincerely,
Robert Robertson

From: [Christopher North](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 3:14:07 PM

Christopher North
2309 Wicklow Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

January 3, 2017

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Christopher North

From: [Sherry Frye](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 3:14:08 PM

Sherry Frye
PO Box 10133
Goldsboro, NC 27532

January 3, 2017

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From: [Barron Glenn](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 3:24:07 PM

Barron Glenn
734 timber Lane
Wilmington, NC 28405

January 3, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 3:44:09 PM

Michelle Pentecost
5319 Apple Blossom Ct
Mint Hill, NC 28227

January 3, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
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Carol Buie-Jackson
8728 Matthews Farm Lane
Charlotte, NC 28277

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 4:04:13 PM

jeffrey hedrick
4502 oak grove ch rd
asheboro, NC 27205

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From: [Gary Gross](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Dare County Resolution Opposing the Petition for Rulemaking
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 4:11:47 PM
Attachments: [17-01-01. Opposing Petition to Reclassify Coastal Waters as Secondary Nursery Areas. 01.03.17. Signed.pdf](#)

Attached is a resolution unanimously adopted by the Dare County Board of Commissioners expressing its opposition to the petition for rulemaking to designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas.

Please make this resolution part of the official record for this proceeding. If you have any questions, my contact information is listed below -

Gary Lee Gross
Clerk and Special Assistant to the Board
Dare County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 1000, Manteo, NC 27954
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From: [AJ Hofmann](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 4:24:14 PM

AJ Hofmann
209 ginger rd
wilmington, NC 28405

January 3, 2017

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1736 TALL MAST CT
WILMINGTON, NC 28409

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Chase

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 4:34:11 PM

James Prah
2760 Meacham rd
chapel hill, NC 27516-8091

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Trey Euverard
513 Kelly Rd
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
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Dell Godwin
625 Brisbane Court
Fayetteville, NC 28314

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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Dan Bowen
226 Coral Road
Dudley, NC 28333

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8219 BELLS LAKE ROAD
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anthony jackson
816 Fir Trail
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 6:14:29 PM

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January 3, 2017

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Please consider enacting these provisions in total before all the fish are gone.

Thank you,
Ted Bost

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From: [Robert Nowell, Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 6:30:25 PM

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From: [Jason Bowman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support both Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 6:40:04 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Please protect our NC waters and support the petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. I a house on Harkers Island, NC and have been fishing there for over 15 years. I am a lifetime resident of NC with a permanent residence in Oak Ridge.

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From: [JUSTIN MOODY](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 8:00:15 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am a lifelong resident of Wrightsville Beach/Wilmington area and have been an avid fisherman since I was a child. I have experienced firsthand the significant decline in the population of most of the inshore species in the area. As a result, my children have not been able to enjoy recreational fishing in the same way I did 40 years ago. I feel strongly North Carolina must implement stronger conservation measures and better regulate commercial fishing as has been done in other southern and gulf coast states.

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From: [robert horne](#)
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Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 8:14:35 PM

robert horne
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January 3, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

i say putting a restriction on spot and croaker further limits nc citizens of their resource. do not ban shrimp trawling or put a size limit on croaker or spot. we all like fresh nc shrimp

Sincerely,
rob

From: [Chris Parks](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 8:14:36 PM

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THANK YOU for helping to preserve our fisheries.

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From: [Brent Sanders](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 8:40:06 PM

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From: [Bart Lewis, MD](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Marcy Mauro](#)
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From: [Dwight Buck](#)
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If you would fish recreationally in Fl. or La. at this time you would be astonished! We should be ashamed.

Sincerely,

Dwight Buck
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From: martin.tait
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From: [Newton Trott](#)
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From: [PETER DESLOGE](#)
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From: [Nicholas Davis](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:24:40 PM

Nicholas Davis
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January 3, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

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From: [John Hardison](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 9:34:40 PM

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Subject: Nursery Area protections
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From: [Alexandra Sheaves](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:40:04 PM

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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From: [James Hutson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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I have witnessed during my own fishing trips the impact of shrimp trawling on North Carolina sounds. There is a marked difference in the results of my trips in South Carolina and Florida versus North Carolina. North Carolina must change its management of these resources or many will continue have an incentive to spend their dollars and their fishing effort in states which better manage their fisheries.

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These are moderate measures which may prove sufficient to reverse the decline of our fisheries. Without such measures the future choices may soon be the complete end of netting in our sounds or the absence of a recreational fishery and the hundreds of millions of dollars it brings to the state.

Sincerely,

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From: [Michael Plowman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:14:49 PM

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January 3, 2017

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From: [Martin Waite](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 11:54:52 PM

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From: [Robert Clayton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 12:00:04 AM

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From: [Mel Bowers](#)
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Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 12:30:03 AM

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From: [Dianne Mercer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 7:30:08 AM

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From: [JOHN GILMORE](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:00:05 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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From: [Barry Ritter](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:18:32 AM

Barry Ritter
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January 4, 2017

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From: [TIMOTHY WALSH](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:20:04 AM

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From: [Mr. & Mrs. Yates Gladwell, Jr.](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [FREDERICK KRUSKE](#)
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From: [EDWARD KNIGHT](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Cory Williams](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:28:33 AM

Cory Williams
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Wilmington, NC 28409

January 4, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

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From: [john Robbins](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:28:34 AM

john Robbins
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From: [Brenda Chambers](#)
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From: [Paul Leonard](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:38:37 AM

Paul Leonard
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January 4, 2017

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From: [Louis Palmer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
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From: [William Harrell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
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From: [Brett Brown](#)
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From: [Pete Boelte](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:48:35 AM

Pete Boelte
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From: [Ken Redman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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I have recreationally fished NC for 50 years and have definitely seen the decline in my catch so much that I don't go as much any more. We need to save the fish and slow down the commercial take given the recreational fishing people supply so much income to the coastal community.

Sincerely,

Ken Redman
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Chapel Hill, NC 27516
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From: [Keeli McLamb](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:50:04 AM

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From: [MARK CABLE](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Harry Bryant, IV](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

As a preface to this signature, I would like to clarify that I am a grandson of a lifelong NC commercial shrimper and have seen our fishery my entire life from both a commercial aspect and a recreational aspect. I have witnessed firsthand the amount of bycatch our shrimpers produce and I have seen more lush fisheries full of more life and fishing opportunities for both commercial and recreational anglers when I visit other states on the east coast that have laws similar to those outlined below. Keeping an ample supply of croaker, whiting, and weakfish is critical to our fisheries as more desirable gamefish such as red drum, speckled trout, and flounder feed on them.

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From: [Greg Hurt](#)
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From: [Mason Cox](#)
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Subject: Support for Petition
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January 4, 2017

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Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

It is past time that we start managing for the resource. It's crazy that NC is the last state along the coast to adopt responsible rules for trawling. NC's lenient laws mean that commercial operations from other states come here to harvest our resource. I'm tired of seeing large trawlers from other states here in NC b/c our laws are so much less resource friendly than those of their home states.

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From: [Richard Strowd](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 9:30:07 AM

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From: [Jamie Cole](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 9:38:42 AM

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January 4, 2017

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From: [Mark Schwartz](#)
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From: [Craig Price](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 9:48:43 AM

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January 4, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 10:08:43 AM

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From: [Lenny Smathers](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 10:38:59 AM

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Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 10:48:46 AM

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Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 11:00:14 AM

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From: [Woodard Jackson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 11:09:00 AM

Woodard Jackson
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January 4, 2017

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From: [Alfred Brown](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 11:18:51 AM

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Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 11:48:51 AM

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From: [Thomas Morkett](#)
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Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 11:58:54 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [PAUL GRANTHAM](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:00:20 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [FRED MCKINNEY](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:00:21 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [CRAIG DEBUSSEY](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:10:06 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: gshivar@ec.rr.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: reg proposal
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:13:06 PM

I am against any of the changes. I am not a commercial fisherman. No length limits on spot and croaker. A 10 inch limit on spot would about eliminate any harvest. Also small spot and croaker are used for live bait. Thank you glenn shivar.

From: [ANDREW MEULENDYKE](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:20:04 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: bill.martineau
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:20:07 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Sue Townsend](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:20:09 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Gerald Hrabica](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Paul Brown](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:30:15 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Melvin Albritton, Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:30:23 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Peter West](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:40:05 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [MARK GOODE](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:40:08 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jill Carraway](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:50:09 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Russell Olson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:56:06 PM

Russell Olson
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Davidson, NC 28036

January 4, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
Russ Olson

From: [Robert Massengill](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:56:07 PM

Robert Massengill
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Clayton, NC 27520

January 4, 2017

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Sincerely,
Robert L Massengill.

From: [Brent Nash, Jr.](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:00:26 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

Brent Nash, Jr.
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From: [Greg Plaster](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:00:47 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

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Sincerely,

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From: [Ray Brown](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: DO not Support the Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:06:34 PM

Ray Brown
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swans, NC 28584

January 4, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission NOT to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to DESTROY JOBS IN our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I DO NOT support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

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I further DO NOT support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker 8 and 10 inches respectively to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes.

MRS
Ray Brown

From: [ROBERT LEEMAN](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:10:07 PM

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While I think this is good progress it does not go far enough. Limiting small nets in the nursery areas is good but small canals should be completely off limits. Watching a shrimp trawler going up the Carolina Beach basin and throwing thousands of dead trout, flounder and spot over the side to gather a few hundred shrimp needs to stop.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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Wilmington, NC 28412
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From: [JOSEPH DONAHUE](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:10:07 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my strong support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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I further fully support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

I have been fishing the inter-coastal waters off Brunswick county since 2001. I have seen significant reductions in local fish species. I hope we collectively (1) acknowledge a problem and (2) work together to protect our state's incredible coastal resource. Everyone loses out, economically and recreationally, if we fail to reverse the trends.

Sincerely,

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From: [Robert Chase](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: please implement rules helping shrimp bycatch problem
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:10:08 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I own property in Southern Shores and ask you to alleviate the inexcusable degradation of spot, croaker, and other inshore fish due to juvenile bycatch by shrimpers

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: [JOHN BRADY](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:10:08 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I own a vacation home in Avon, NC. I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
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5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: [Bill Morris](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:10:09 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

All North Carolina need do is look at states like Florida to see that there is a better way to manage and apportion these precious resources. I hope you will support this effort. Sincerely, Bill Morris

Sincerely,

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From: [Mr. & Mrs. DANIEL ERVIN](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:10:09 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Commission,

I believe that we are in an important moment in our state's history where we have the opportunity to put the precious resources we are so fortunate to have above politics and social pressures. The only real win that is important is that the marine resources thrive and improve so they are here for generations to come.

Please support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

Please support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,

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From: [STUART MILLER](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:10:15 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

As a person who visits your state and recreational fishes in NC coastal waters, I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

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2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
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4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: [MELISSA BAHLEDA](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Fisheries Reform
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:10:20 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to voice my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

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2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I also totally support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: [DONALD E McDANIEL, JR](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:20:05 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

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4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
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I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: [Will Anders](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:20:06 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my qualified support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas. I say qualified support because while I believe that these measures are a step in the right direction, I also believe that much more needs to be done.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition, although I believe that the petition doesn't go far enough. Specifically these restrictions are:

1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

While the above recommendations are included in the petition, I still think that they are inadequate to address the seriousness of the problem that inshore shrimp trawling has created and I believe that far more strenuous restrictions are required. I also support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: [Alma Kay Woolard](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:20:07 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations. My husband and I live on the Pungo River in Belhaven, NC. I used to be able to fish off of our pier and catch spot and croaker from small fish right up to nice size fish. They have all but disappeared. The change in the fish inhabiting the Pungo River has made pier fishing virtually worthless. It also has affected fishing from our boat almost anywhere near us on the Pungo. Please help to restore a healthy fish population to our area by restoring the small spot, croaker, and weakfish that are being eliminated from our coastal sounds and rivers, especially the Pungo River.

Sincerely,

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From: [Mr. & Mrs. SEAN CECIL](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:20:07 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

My family has a long history of surf fishing in North Carolina and strongly supports measures to limit commercial impact on the coastal fisheries. Sustainable commercial practices are best for the entire state; please do not allow a small group with a large financial interest to further destroy our fisheries in the name of short-term profit.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

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I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

My family has a long history of surf fishing in North Carolina, and strongly support measures to limit commercial impact on the coastal fisheries. Sustainable commercial practices are best for the entire state; please do not allow a small group with a large financial interest to further destroy our fisheries in the name of short-term profit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: [WALTER WILLIS](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:20:14 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

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I further DO NOT support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively THIS IS ANOTHER THINLY VEILED ATTEMPT TO RESTRICT THE RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: [Charles Frederick](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:20:15 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Please help!!

We are fortunate to live right on Wrightsville Beach and witness first hand the aggressive fishing that occurs - day and night. The results of these techniques are visibly evident. At times it is so relentless that I find it unbelievable. All night long dragging up the bottom. The washed up mud, debris and wildlife is there for anyone to see. It needs to be better controlled! As currently performed it is a scourge.

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Mandy H Adkins](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:26:05 PM

Mandy H Adkins
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January 4, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
Mandy H Adkins

From: [Grant Service](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:30:05 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Susan Albritton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 2:30:11 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [David Corlew](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 3:00:04 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Lloyd Eastlack](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 3:00:05 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [James Singleton, III](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 3:00:07 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [TUCKER JOHNSON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 3:10:04 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jeffrey Sears](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 3:10:07 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Robert Ballard](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
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Norman Sharp
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From: [Fred Gebarowski](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 3:56:18 PM

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
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Thank you.....

Sincerely,

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Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 4:41:16 PM

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Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 4:56:12 PM

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January 4, 2017

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Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 5:26:12 PM

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Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 5:36:11 PM

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From: [Bernie Cleckner](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 7:00:05 PM

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Jim Martin](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please DO NOT support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 7:06:13 PM

Jim Martin
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swansboro, NC 28584

January 4, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to NOT support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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From: [MARK GUY](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [CECIL HONEYCUTT](#)
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From: [Pamela Simpson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Rick Swink](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 7:26:15 PM

Rick Swink
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January 4, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

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From: [Bob Kraft](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Robert Heath](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Leon Reed](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 7:36:18 PM

Leon Reed
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Leon Reed

From: [Mr. & Mrs. Chris Noble](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Linda Keyes](#)
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From: [greg zwack](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 7:46:17 PM

greg zwack
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wilmington, NC 28411

January 4, 2017

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greg zwack

From: [Richard Loflin](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 7:46:19 PM

Richard Loflin
4824 Old Hollow Rd
Kernersville, NC 27284

January 4, 2017

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Chad Loflin

From: [Richard Southerland](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Keith Wagner](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:06:22 PM

Keith Wagner
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Jamestown, NC 27282

January 4, 2017

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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:10:04 PM

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From: [WADE HOWELL](#)
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From: [ROBERT GATTISON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Josh Spangler](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 9:56:26 PM

Josh Spangler
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Charlotte, NC 28277

January 4, 2017

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From: [Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Cantrell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [David Mason](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Rodney Daniels](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Alvin Cox, E](#)
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Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 12:10:05 AM

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 12:56:40 AM

george seibert
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marion, NC 28752

January 5, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [JAMES CREECH](#)
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 6:50:15 AM

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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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From: [CHRISTOPHER MCNEELY](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Bert Owens](#)
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Subject: Support for Petition
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From: michael.scott.edwards
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 8:17:04 AM

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From: [Michael Bookout](#)
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [JIM MCLEOD](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 10:00:11 AM

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Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 10:07:09 AM

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January 5, 2017

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Subject: Support for Petition
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Although I'm a South Carolina resident, I regularly travel to the Outer Banks for fishing--both oceanside and soundside. In my mind, protection of estuaries should be at the forefront of any and all considerations for resource management. Mere size restrictions and catch limits are addressing the wrong end of this equation! Please look at the broader scientific perspective of this issue and the needs and wants of the vast number of recreational users, not just the interests of a relative few commercial affairs!

Thanks in advance for doing the right thing for generations of fishermen to come!

Sincerely,

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From: [Larry Wicker](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 1:10:06 PM

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From: [George Fleszar](#)
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I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations. It is critical that we manage our resources in a prudent manner to assure sustainable use by both commercial and recreational constituents.

Sincerely,

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From: [Broxton Ashburn](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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As a resident of the mountains of NC I do not get to visit my beloved coast as often as I wish. When I do I am always amazed at the beauty. This state has a history of doing what is right to protect the beauty and the bounty that we so luckily possess. Let's pay attention to doing what is right and good....not getting caught up in the chase of the almighty dollar and the power that it possesses.

Sincerely,

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From: [Cid Hickman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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It would be most refreshing to see some recognition of the corrupt nature of the commercial fishing lobby and how the interests of a few hundred are being given priority over millions of North Carolina residents who cherish the DECLINING natural resources we have at our coast. What has been allowed to happen to the Southern Flounder stock and the role that NC politicians have played in it is shameful!!

Sincerely,

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From: [Mr. & Mrs. J. Evenson, II](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 1:20:09 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I have been fishing on our coast for 57 years. The inshore fishing has been in a steady, accelerated decline for at least the last 30 years. My good friend who I grew up fishing with is now a marine fisheries biologist in SC. SC took steps to conserve their saltwater fisheries decades ago, and has fish. We do not. NC is way overdue in its need to protect our fisheries from inshore trawling and destructive netting. Please do something to preserve our states habitat from further destruction, before it is too late for my grandchildren. I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Joe Lyle](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 1:37:31 PM

Joe Lyle
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January 5, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [TROY BRANHAM](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Lisa Renfro](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 2:57:38 PM

Lisa Renfro
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Monroe, NC 28112

January 5, 2017

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Sincerely,
Lisa Renfro

From: [Jay Fischer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 3:00:10 PM

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From: [MICHAEL CRONIN](#)
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Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 3:00:12 PM

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From: [Earlq Harding](#)
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Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 3:17:38 PM

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January 5, 2017

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Earl Harding

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [MARC TREURNIET](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 7:40:05 PM

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Sincerely,

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Robert Font
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From: [Craig Stein](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 8:07:56 PM

Craig Stein
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January 5, 2017

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Calabash, NC 28467
bwethington54@gmail.com

From: [Mack Everette](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 9:00:09 PM

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Mack Everette
221 Old Colony Way
Rocky Mount, NC 27804
everettemg@gmail.com

From: [Martin Davidson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Norman LaFleur](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 9:28:01 PM

Norman LaFleur
7101 Markway Drive
Charlotte, NC 28215

January 5, 2017

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From: [Jo Harashima](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 11:58:08 PM

Jo Harashima
7101 Markway Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28215

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From: [John Hoofnagle, RPh](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 12:40:04 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [George Massey](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 6:28:30 AM

George Massey
7117 Saybrook Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

January 6, 2017

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From: [Reginald Thomas](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 6:50:04 AM

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Sincerely,

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WILSON, NC 27893
rthomas4851@yahoo.com

From: [Mary Jo Holmes](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 7:58:32 AM

Mary Jo Holmes
2124 Kudrow Ln
Morrisville, NC 27560

January 6, 2017

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Mary Jo Holmes

From: [Carter Davis](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 8:28:36 AM

Carter Davis
4966 Boyds Rd.
Grimesland, NC 27837

January 6, 2017

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From: [Derrick Turnage](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 8:28:37 AM

Derrick Turnage
309 Pine Valley Dr
Pollocksville, NC 28573

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Derrick Turnage

From: [Melissa Lenz](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 8:38:36 AM

Melissa Lenz
350 Scott Road
Pollocksville, NC 28573

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From: [Annie Baker](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 8:48:37 AM

Annie Baker
7725 Charring Cross Lane
Fayetteville, NC 28314

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From: [Elizabeth Workman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 8:58:38 AM

Elizabeth Workman
5094 Bartholomew's Lane
Greensboro, NC 27407

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Elizabeth Workman

From: [Kristine Anthony](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 8:58:39 AM

Kristine Anthony
1313 Old Mill Rd
Lunclolnton, NC 28092

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From: [Joanne Bunch](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Joanne Bunch
1077 Woodland Church Road
Wake Forest, NC 27587

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:00:19 AM

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Wilmington, NC 28409
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From: [Katherine Dennett](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:08:44 AM

Katherine Dennett
5415 Emerald Drive
Emerald Isle, NC 28594

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Brad Stanback](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:18:44 AM

Brad Stanback
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Canton, NC 28716

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From: [Becky Breiholz](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Town of Manteo Resolution 2017-02
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:26:54 AM
Attachments: [201701Opposingdesignatednurseryareas.pdf](#)

Town of Manteo Resolution 2017-02 Opposing the designation of Special
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Becky Breiholz, MMC, NCCMC
Town of Manteo
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From: [Ann Collins](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:28:42 AM

Ann Collins
780 N. Ridge Street
Southern Pines, NC 28387

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Dawn Mcginty
1715 Trogon
Greensboro, NC 27403

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New Bern, NC 28560
edstan111@gmail.com

From: [Frederick Meine](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:08:47 AM

Frederick Meine
1004 windlea run
wilmington, NC 28409

January 6, 2017

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I cannot tell you how sad I have been explaining why the bycatch that we see discarded by nets is ok while at the same time trying to explain the importance of conservation. At age 8, he recognizes the inherent dissonance of my words.

Sincerely,
Frederick Meine

From: [Chris Enoch](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:08:48 AM

Chris Enoch
114 Forest View Dr.
114 Forest View Dr., NC 27244

January 6, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:18:55 AM

Evelin Barry
123 Singleton Rd
Mooresville, NC 28117

January 6, 2017

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Sincerely,
Evelin Barry

From: [Jennifer Fogle](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:28:47 AM

Jennifer Fogle
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January 6, 2017

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From: [Margaret McEwen](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:38:52 AM

Margaret McEwen
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January 6, 2017

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Margaret McEwen

From: [GEORGANN SNYDER](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:40:08 AM

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From: [Michelle Moore](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:58:50 AM

Michelle Moore
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Waxhaw, NC 28173

January 6, 2017

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Michelle Moore

From: [Jane Clunie](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:58:51 AM

Jane Clunie
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January 6, 2017

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Jane Clunie

From: [STEPHEN BERNARD](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 12:20:14 PM

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From: [Jacqueline Grillo](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 12:39:00 PM

Jacqueline Grillo
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January 6, 2017

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Jacqueline Grillo

From: [Deja Lizer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 12:39:02 PM

Deja Lizer
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Asheville, NC 28806

January 6, 2017

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Deja Lizer

From: [Debra Rhymer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 12:48:59 PM

Debra Rhymer
53 A Gentry Cove
New Bern, NC 28562

January 6, 2017

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From: [Bob Dillard](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 1:50:04 PM

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From: [John Meskauskas](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 2:30:05 PM

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From: [Cliff Hill](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 2:30:12 PM

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From: [WILLIAM BRANNON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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From: [John Cheesborough, MD](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 3:00:10 PM

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From: [Steve Crook](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 3:10:07 PM

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Steve Crook
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From: [john hamrick](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 3:19:03 PM

john hamrick
po box 923
ellenboro, NC 28040

January 6, 2017

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john

From: [TIMOTHY MARKEY](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 3:50:09 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Todd Cox](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:00:09 PM

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From: [Don DeWire](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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From: [cynthia britt](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:49:35 PM

cynthia britt
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Marion, NC 28752

January 6, 2017

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From: [Holly Jacques](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:59:10 PM

Holly Jacques
10001 Crackling Branch Court
Zebulon, NC 27597

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From: [THOMAS FARMER](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 5:30:11 PM

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 6:59:15 PM

willis hodes
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New Bern, NC 28560
art.thinguldstad@yahoo.com

From: [Pete Boelte](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Sabrina Samuelsson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 8:59:32 PM

Sabrina Samuelsson
10118 Thoughtful Spot Way
Raleigh, NC 27614

January 6, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

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From: [Gary Harrison](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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Sincerely,

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From: [Jeremy Stubbs](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:29:29 PM

Jeremy Stubbs
38 Grouse lane
Brevard, NC 28712

January 6, 2017

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Jeremy Stubbs

From: [David Leonard](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:39:29 PM

David Leonard
2108 canal drive
Wilson, NC 27703

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From: [Susan Couch](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:59:33 PM

Susan Couch
4129 Five Oaks Drive
Durham, NC 27707

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From: [Jane McMullen](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:59:35 PM

Jane McMullen
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Hillsborough, NC 27278

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Jane McMullen

From: [Renee Hayes](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:19:33 PM

Renee Hayes
6903 Fairview Church Road
Trinity, NC 27370

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Sincerely,
Renee Hayes

From: [Ken Burleson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 11:09:36 PM

Ken Burleson
424 Hughes Blvd
Hickory, NC 28601

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Sincerely,
Ken Burleson

From: [CHARLIE BYRD](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 12:00:05 AM

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Sincerely,

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CHARLIEBYRD@AOL.COM

From: [Thomas Reece](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 12:20:04 AM

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4706 Hammock Pl
Wilmington, NC 28409
treece6818@aol.com

From: [Brian Gleason](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 2:19:46 AM

Brian Gleason
114 Talley Ridge Dr.
Troutman, NC 28166

January 7, 2017

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From: [Mara Wooten](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 3:49:51 AM

Mara Wooten
901 Savin Lndg
Knightdale, NC 27545-7505

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Mara Wooten

From: [Brian Saunders](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 6:09:59 AM

Brian Saunders
3114 Farring Circle
New Bern, NC 28562

January 7, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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Kelly Eury
108 Mott Rd
Mooresville, NC 28115
keury@roadrunner.com

From: [John Spruill](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 8:20:09 AM

John Spruill
1836 Corcus Ferry Road
Hampstead, NC 28443

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From: [Janet Palmer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 8:40:08 AM

Janet Palmer
136 Castle Heights
Boone, NC 28607

January 7, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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hventers1@ec.rr.com

From: [Mr. & Mrs. DOUGLAS PRIVETTE](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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326 Dupont Cir
Greenville, NC 27858
DCPRIVETTE@SUDDENLINK.NET

From: [GARLAND THOMAS, Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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1315 White Oak Dr
Williamston, NC 27892
CAPNHANK45@HOTMAIL.COM

From: [Joseph Kyne](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 10:41:38 AM

Joseph Kyne
6405 Belle Crest Dr
Raleigh, NC 27612

January 7, 2017

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From: [Raymond Gaj](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 11:20:04 AM

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Raymond Gaj
PO Box 1044
Oriental, NC 28571
liznray@twc.com

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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183 Alligator Bay
Sneads Ferry, NC 28460
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From: [Perry Cheatham](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 1:41:47 PM

Perry Cheatham
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Arapahoe, NC 28510

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From: [Susan Henry](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 3:21:54 PM

Susan Henry
400Freemason St
Oriental, NC 28571

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From: [Stephanie Ware](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
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Stephanie Ware
201 Leeward Ct.
Cary, NC 27511

January 7, 2017

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Sincerely,
Stephanie

From: [Mary McNaught](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 6:00:05 PM

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From: [P. ryan Delcambre](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 6:12:03 PM

P. ryan Delcambre
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Oriental, NC 28571

January 7, 2017

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P. Ryan Delcambre

From: [Richard Goetsch](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 6:30:04 PM

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Sincerely,

Richard Goetsch
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Williamsburg, VA 23188
richgoetsch@hotmail.com

From: [John Roberts](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 7:40:04 PM

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John Roberts
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seab24@yahoo.com

From: [Matt Hergenrader](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 9:52:17 PM

Matt Hergenrader
529 Vista Del Lago Ln
Wake Forest, NC 27587

January 7, 2017

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Sincerely,
Matt Hergenrader

From: [Jeremy Yancey](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 12:00:06 AM

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Sincerely,

Clyde Yancey
101 Sunburst Cir
Swansboro, NC 28584
clyde4343@hotmail.com

From: [Clyde Yancey](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 12:12:23 AM

Clyde Yancey
101 Sunburst Circle
Cedar Point, NC 28584

January 8, 2017

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From: [Josh Benton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 7:02:45 AM

Josh Benton
3345 old Lumberton rd
Whitevie, NC 28472

January 8, 2017

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From: [Jim McIntosh, III](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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bigmac11352@yahoo.com

From: [Montescue Moree](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 7:42:45 AM

Montescue Moree
3112 Mills Lake Wynd
Holly Springs, NC 27540

January 8, 2017

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Montescue D. Moree

From: [Sherry WagnerBrown](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 8:10:05 AM

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Sherry WagnerBrown
101 Hunting Bay Dr
Swansboro, NC 28584
penguin@ec.rr.com

From: [John Van Duyn](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 8:20:07 AM

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Sincerely,

John Van Duyn
121 Windsor Ln
Edenton, NC 27932
john_vanduy@ncsu.edu

From: [William Miles](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 8:22:47 AM

William Miles
27 sunshine dr.
Arapahoe, NC 28510

January 8, 2017

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Sincerely,
William /miles

From: [Gabrielle McLaughlin, S](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 9:10:12 AM

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Gabrielle McLaughlin
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Statesville, NC 28625
emac3006@yahoo.com

From: [Walton Joyner, Jr.](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 9:20:04 AM

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Walton Joyner Jr.
2728 Webb St
Raleigh, NC 27609
wjoyner262@aol.com

From: [steve cook](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 9:20:04 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am signing this petition and supporting this effort because I believe that for far too long the Marine Fisheries Commission has made rules and regulations that allow commercial fisherman to harvest fish at an unsustainable rate. Along with their legal bi-catch, which is such an avoidable waste, our fish stocks are becoming depleted. The commission's solution has been to open vital nursery areas to more commercial fishing pressure. This is a self defeating, short term solution. While I respect our commercial fishermen and their need to make a living, the Commission is gambling on adopting relatively pain free short term solutions instead of a smarter, long-term view that would benefit not just commercial fishermen, but recreational fisherman, who have just as much a right as anyone to reap the bounty of our natural resources within reasonable, sustainable limits.

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steve cook
2113 Woods End Dr
Fayetteville, NC 28312
stevecook@mindspring.com

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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In addition I want to add that i watched five trawlers dredge day and night for weeks littering the beach with juvenile fish. The surf fishing has steadily declined over the last 10 years and I believe this mis-management is the reason.

Sincerely,

james turner
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Holly Ridge, NC 28445
turner.james55@yahoo.com

From: [DANIEL ELAND](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 9:20:09 AM

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Cheers,
Dan Eland

Sincerely,

DANIEL ELAND
3010 Red Fox Rd
Trent Woods, NC 28562
DELAND54@GMAIL.COM

From: [Mark Hefner](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 11:10:04 AM

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Mark Hefner
1318 Cortland Rd E
Charlotte, NC 28209
markahefner@gmail.com

From: [Johnny Canup](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 11:20:06 AM

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Johnny Canup
1409 Saint James Pl
Kinston, NC 28504
jcanup@suddenlink.net

From: [John Canup](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 11:23:01 AM

John Canup
1409 St James Pl
Kinston, NC 28504

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From: [catherine elkins](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 11:43:01 AM

catherine elkins
297 sleepy point road
gloucester, NC 28528

January 8, 2017

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Sincerely,

Geoffrey Fish
300 Overbrook Dr
Lexington, NC 27292
gpfish@triad.rr.com

From: [Jeffrey Jackson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 1:53:11 PM

Jeffrey Jackson
315 S. Elizabeth St.
St. Pauls, NC 28384

January 8, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

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Sincerely,
Jeff Jackson

From: [Larry James](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 2:00:05 PM

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Larry James
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Summerfield, NC 27358
lsjames67@gmail.com

From: [Kim DeCoste](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 2:03:12 PM

Kim DeCoste
905 W. Lenoir St.
Raleigh, NC 27603

January 8, 2017

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From: [MARK SHIPMAN](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 2:11:12 PM

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Sincerely,

MARK SHIPMAN
4700 Powder Mill Ln
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
TANGO1S@YAHOO.COM

From: [Michael Thompson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 3:20:05 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

Michael Thompson
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New Bern, NC 28560
michaeljthompson19@suddenlink.net

From: [Howard Dickens](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 5:03:24 PM

Howard Dickens
6545 hugo rd
hookerton, NC 28538

January 8, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

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Sincerely,
Mike Dickens

From: [Grant Keener](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 5:13:24 PM

Grant Keener
199 Norton Talent Road
Franklin, NC 28734

January 8, 2017

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Sincerely,
Grant Keener

From: [Joseph Allen](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Do Not Support for Petition
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 6:23:27 PM

Joseph Allen
1200 Saint Joseph Street
Carolina Beach, NC 28428

January 8, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I do not support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will not protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is not a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

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Sincerely,
Joseph Allen

From: [D Lon Downing](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 8:03:36 PM

D Lon Downing
330 W Renovah Circle
Wilmington, NC 28403

January 8, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

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I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

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Sincerely,
D Lon Downing

From: [Bobby Brewer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 8:20:05 PM

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Sincerely,

Bobby Brewer
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ORIENTAL, NC 28571
bobbybrewer@att.net

From: [Francis Sheets](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 9:33:46 PM

Francis Sheets
905 West Lenior Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

January 8, 2017

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Sincerely,
Frank Sheets

From: [SAMUEL BOYCE](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 7:10:11 AM

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Sincerely,

SAMUEL BOYCE
110 Mount Vernon Dr
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SDB60411@HOTMAIL.COM

From: [Thomas Neeley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 7:14:14 AM

Thomas Neeley
663 Sawgrass Road
Hampstead, NC 28443

January 9, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. I encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

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Sincerely,
Thomas Neeley

From: [Donald Willis, Jr.](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 7:30:04 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

Donald Willis Jr.
107 Canebrake Dr
New Bern, NC 28562
donaldwillis65@yahoo.com

From: [JIMMY MCCORMICK](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 8:10:05 AM

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Sincerely,

JIMMY MCCORMICK
136 Brookgate Dr
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579
MCCORMJR@YAHOO.COM

From: [Michael King](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 8:10:07 AM

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Michael King
8549 NC Highway 53 E
Burgaw, NC 28425
aking@cardinalmetalworks.com

From: [Jimmy McCormick](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 8:10:24 AM

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From: [Thomas Flood](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 9:50:10 AM

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Thomas Flood
1316 Amstel Way
West Chester, PA 19380
thomflood2@gmail.com

From: [Allen Jernigan](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 10:44:33 AM

Allen Jernigan
1156 NC Hwy 172
Holly Ridge, NC 28445

January 9, 2017

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Capt. Allen
Jernigan

From: [Thomas Coltrain](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 10:44:34 AM

Thomas Coltrain
892 NC 102 East
Ayden, NC 28513

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
THOMAS S COLTRAIN

From: [Robert Pierce](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 10:50:05 AM

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Sincerely,

Robert L Pierce
143 Skystasail Dr
Wilmington, NC 28409
robertpierce41@gmail.com

From: [Johnny Whitley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 10:54:43 AM

Johnny Whitley
Tewksbury
Wilmington, NC 28411

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Johnny Whitley

From: [Edward Sentman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:05:11 AM

Edward Sentman
68 West Brenda Lee drive
Hampstead, NC 28443

January 9, 2017

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Ed Sentman

From: [Lori Sneed](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:10:05 AM

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Sincerely,

Lori Sneed
903 Compton Rd
Greenville, NC 27858
llsneed@suddenlink.net

From: [Todd Cox](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:14:33 AM

Todd Cox
4017 Schooner Circle
Oriental, NC 28571

January 9, 2017

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From: [Ronald Riggs](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:14:34 AM

Ronald Riggs
90 vineyard trace
Currie, NC 28435

January 9, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

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I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,
Ronald Riggs

From: [James Pressly](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:24:35 AM

James Pressly
532 Church Street Ext
Reidsville, NC 27320

January 9, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

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Sincerely,
James J Pressly

From: [Autumn Chappell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:34:38 AM

Autumn Chappell
515 E Lane St
Raleigh, NC 27601

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Autumn Chappell

From: [Ray Edwards](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:34:39 AM

Ray Edwards
2507 Surrey Lane
Greenville, NC 27858

January 9, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

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Hopefully this could be only a temporary measure and after a few years, the stocks of shrimp and fish will be such that additional trawling can be justified.

Sincerely,
Ray Edwards

From: [Mary Alsentzer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:34:41 AM

Mary Alsentzer
103 Cabana Rd
Belhaven, NC 27810

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Mary Alsentzer

From: [Robert Zambrowski](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:44:34 AM

Robert Zambrowski
1832 Corcus Ferry Rd
Hampstead, NC 28443

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Robert A. Zambrowski

From: [Bryce Eatmon](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:44:38 AM

Bryce Eatmon
201 Kipper Ct
Nags Head, NC 27959

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Bryce Eatmon

From: [Chad Davis](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:44:39 AM

Chad Davis
617 Vale Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28411

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Capt. Chad Davis

From: [James Buie](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:54:35 AM

James Buie
3224 Fairgrove Ct.
Eastover, NC 28312

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
James

From: [Mark Craven](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:54:36 AM

Mark Craven
7603 Huey Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27615

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Mark Craven

From: [Austin Dean](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 12:04:38 PM

Austin Dean
2793 Baptist Grove Rd.
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

January 9, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 12:14:41 PM

Chad Chandler
5108 Damask Ct.
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

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Sincerely,
Chad F. Chandler

From: [Chris Sparrow](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 1:04:39 PM

Chris Sparrow
1227 Blackjack Simpson Rd.
Greenville, NC 27858

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Chris Sparrow

From: [Dean Phillips](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 1:04:40 PM

Dean Phillips
824 Fox Ridge Lane
Wilmington, NC 28405

January 9, 2017

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Dean Phillips

From: [Jason Baker](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 1:34:42 PM

Jason Baker
805 Westhaven blvd
Morehead city, NC 28557

January 9, 2017

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The above is just form letter of course; I ask though that you make these new rules happen. The fisheries are a shambles and no one is fixing them. There HAS to be change as the lunacy of fisheries "management" is a joke. For the sake of our children who love to fish we have to take positive steps to change the rape of our resources.

Sincerely,
Jason Baker

From: [Dohn Broadwell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 2:00:10 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
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I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

Dohn Broadwell
1600 Rock Hill Rd
Eastover, NC 28312
dbbwell@earthlink.net

From: [JOHN SHAW](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 3:00:20 PM

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Sincerely,

JOHN SHAW
936 Johnny Shaw Rd
Moncure, NC 27559
JOHNNYSHAW@EARTHLINK.NET

From: [Davis Barnes](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 3:04:46 PM

Davis Barnes
1505 Ebb Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28409

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Davis Barnes

From: [Jim Parsons](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 3:14:50 PM

Jim Parsons
210 Sumter Ct
Havelock, NC 28532

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Jim Parsons

From: [John Flanagan](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 3:14:52 PM

John Flanagan
711 Warren Dr
Oriental, NC 28571

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
John Flanagan

From: [Friedrich Diecke](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 4:04:58 PM

Friedrich Diecke
420 Sunset Grove Dr
Holly Springs, NC 27540

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Friedrich Diecke

From: [Laura Craven](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 4:05:01 PM

Laura Craven
7603 Huey Ct
Raleigh, NC 27615

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Laura Craven

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 4:15:01 PM

Friedrich Diecke
420 Sunset Grove Dr
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Sincerely,
Friedrich Diecke

From: [Teresa Padgett](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 5:25:01 PM

Teresa Padgett
693 Union St S
Concord, NC 28025

January 9, 2017

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From: [George Pasterchalk](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 5:44:58 PM

George Pasterchalk
109 hedingham court
Wilmington, NC 28412

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
George pasterchalk

From: [Griffin Zwack](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 5:55:00 PM

Griffin Zwack
Santa Maria Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28411

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Griffin Zwack

From: [dave stewart](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 6:15:01 PM

dave stewart
36 country club dr
minnesott beach, NC 28510

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Dave Sterwart

From: [Chris Williams](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 7:05:06 PM

Chris Williams
601 S Fuquay ave
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Chris Williams

From: [William Williamson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 7:05:08 PM

William Williamson
220 Old Causeway RD
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Bill Williamson

From: [Cheryl Altfeder](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp Trawling
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 7:49:24 PM

I am writing to sign the petition of Shrimp trawling
Cheryl Altfeder
Carolina Beach NC 28428

Sent from Windows Mail

From: [Ruth Moseley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 8:37:40 PM

Please don't take shrimping away you have no proof that of any kind it actually destroy the bottom of the waters. It helps the bottoms I know because if shrimping trawlers were allowed to trawl at the head of new port river it wouldn't be sludge at low tide the channel might be 4 foot why there is nothing but sludge algae nasty stuff but where they are allowed to travel there is water fishing's good swimming and other activities wildlife you need to think about this don't take North Carolina's first industry away from us because it just won't affect the shrimp that you won't be able to eat it will affect the whole economy of North Carolina think about that

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jonathan Edwards](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 10:45:25 PM

Jonathan Edwards
2603B Richard Drive
Greenville, NC 27834

January 9, 2017

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From: [Celie Wall](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:15:21 PM

Celie Wall
2603B Richard Drive
Greenville, NC 27834

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Celeste Wall

From: [Doug Saunders](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:35:25 PM

Doug Saunders
2112 Tulare Court
Raleigh, NC 27612

January 9, 2017

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Sincerely,
Douglas Saunders

From: 3043600465@vtext.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Mark arnold
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 5:18:23 AM

Mark arnold

From: 3043600465@vtext.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Save,and support our shrimpers,we are a dying bree...
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 5:22:33 AM

Save,and support our shrimpers,we are a dying breed.been knocked down to nothing

From: [Terry Wells](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 5:36:00 AM

Terry Wells
3117 Taylors Ridge Rd
Wake Forest, NC 27587

January 10, 2017

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Terry Wells

From: [James Reilly](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 6:36:11 AM

James Reilly
1100 Blair Farm Pkwy
Morehead City, NC 28557

January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
James Reilly

From: [Lisa Tyska](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:06:15 AM

Lisa Tyska
1208 Greenway Dr
High Point, NC 27262

January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
Lisa Tyska

From: [James Whitehurst](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:06:47 AM

James Whitehurst
2520 Lance drive
Greenville, NC 27858

January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
James Whitehurst

From: [Willard Varley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 8:06:36 AM

Willard Varley
133 River's Edge Road
Merritt, NC 28556

January 10, 2017

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Willard D. Varley

From: [Willard Varley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 8:06:37 AM

Willard Varley
133 River's Edge Road
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January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
Willard D. Varley

From: [D. Ashley King](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 8:56:10 AM

D. Ashley King
126 Corinth Dr.
New Bern, NC 28562

January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
Capt. D. Ashley King

From: [Chad Scoggins](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 8:56:11 AM

Chad Scoggins
36 Cherokee Drive
Havelock, NC 28532

January 10, 2017

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Chad Scoggins

From: [Robert Spates](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 10:06:57 AM

Robert Spates
105 maple farms ln
Havelock, NC 28532

January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
Robert Spates

From: [John Lyon](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 10:10:16 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

John Lyon
2810 Old Oxford Rd
Durham, NC 27712
johnfleminglyon@gmail.com

From: [AllynPowell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Comments from Allyn Powell
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 10:27:44 AM
Attachments: [Petition for Rule Making Jan 9.docx](#)
[Attachment 1.docx](#)
[Attachment 2.docx](#)
[CFRG Letter.docx](#)

Attached are comments on the shrimp Petition for Rulemaking from Allyn
B. Powell

From: [John Schultz](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 11:06:26 AM

John Schultz
948 Kenleigh Circle
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

January 10, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation and encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

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Sincerely,
John Schultz, Jr.

From: [Jerry Marraccini](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 11:50:18 AM

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Sincerely,

Jerry Marraccini
107 Avenel Ln
Clayton, NC 27527
jmarraccini@nc.rr.com

From: roger.mitchell
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 12:10:16 PM

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Sincerely,

roger mitchell
2255 Toms Creek Church Rd
Pilot Mountain, NC 27041
mitch8111@hotmail.com

From: [Ulrich Alsentzer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 12:16:13 PM

Ulrich Alsentzer
103 Cabana Rd
Belhaven, NC 27810

January 10, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

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Ulrich Alsentzer

From: [fred walker](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 12:36:15 PM

fred walker
449 old river acres dr
burgaw, NC 28425

January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
fred walker

From: [Jack Richardson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 1:16:11 PM

Jack Richardson
2322 mimosa pl
Wilmington, NC 28403

January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
Jack Richardson

From: [Shelley Williams](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 2:06:13 PM

Shelley Williams
61 Grove Avenue NW
Concord, NC 28025

January 10, 2017

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From: [Mark Ernst](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 2:06:15 PM

Mark Ernst
332 Natalie Dr
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

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From: [Kelly Fritz](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 2:26:44 PM

Kelly Fritz
1147 Ambrose Drive
Rolesville, NC 27571

January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
Kelly Fritz

From: [Bennie Spencer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 2:30:10 PM

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Sincerely,

Bennie Spencer
104 SE 23rd St
Oak Island, NC 28465
uncc71@gmail.com

From: [Jeffry Kloss](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:30:12 PM

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Sincerely,

Jeffry Kloss
220 Leila St
Johnstown, PA 15905
jwkloss65@gmail.com

From: [Tom Carpenter](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:46:51 PM

Tom Carpenter
4914 Paulsun Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28304

January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
Tom Carpenter

From: [George Miller](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 5:38:55 PM

George Miller
245 River Reach Dr
Swansboro, NC 28584

January 10, 2017

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George Miller

From: rick.sasser
To: hjbarnes@bellsouth.net; eblake@cisco.com; Mblanton9394@gmail.com; Sbrad11@gmail.com; enduranceseafood@yahoo.com; finnagle@earthlink.net; rhondale@embarqmail.com; Jim_Rice@ncsu.edu; trippgandl@embarqmail.com; fishsqueezers@yahoo.com; fvfamilytradition@gmail.com; chris.c.hunt28405@live.com; rjlorenz@ec.rr.com; mcp221ab@earthlink.net; chrismedlin28445@gmail.com; pamdmorris@coresound.com; rwjprnc@yahoo.com; scharff@uncw.edu; crab96@aol.com; tips1@gmail.com; Reeladdiction4life@yahoo.com; docbrewer@northstate.net; jeffrey_buckel@ncsu.edu; davidclem910@gmail.com; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; bjseafood@earthlink.net; charlesrendaj@yahoo.com; brcrksfd@twc.com; Mshepard7401@charter.net; globaltimberproducts@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Paramore_Lee; Rawls_Kathy; West_Katy; White_Holly; Murphey_Trish; Stewart_Chris; rhb2@ec.rr.com; bboutin@tnc.org; christianr@ecu.edu; heathnh@centurylink.net; jfodrie@unc.edu; David_glenn@noaa.gov; e6i4j8bt@coastalnet.com; terriemike.street@gmail.com; cwsalmoncreek@gmail.com; Deaton_Anne; jhardin@gradywhite.com; mmarshall@ec.rr.com; captbmc@yahoo.com; poseym@uncw.edu; annabarriosbeckwith@yahoo.com; sales@newriversnets.com; Reeladdiction4life@yahoo.com; tedw@nccoast.org; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; rds.mfc@gmail.com; janetrosemfc@gmail.com; Bkoury2@gmail.com; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; Davis_Braxton_C; Fish_Nancy
Cc: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public Comment: NC Wildlife Federation Trawl Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 6:14:46 PM
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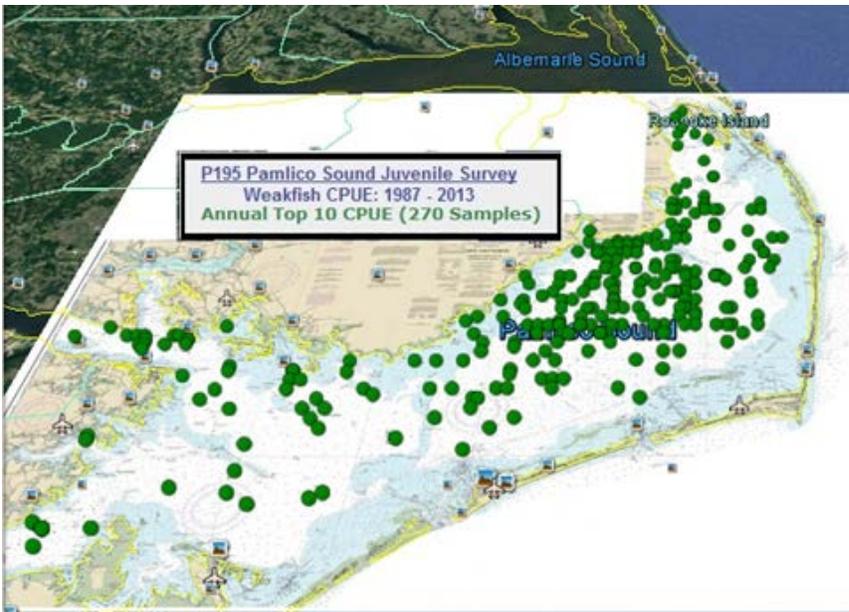
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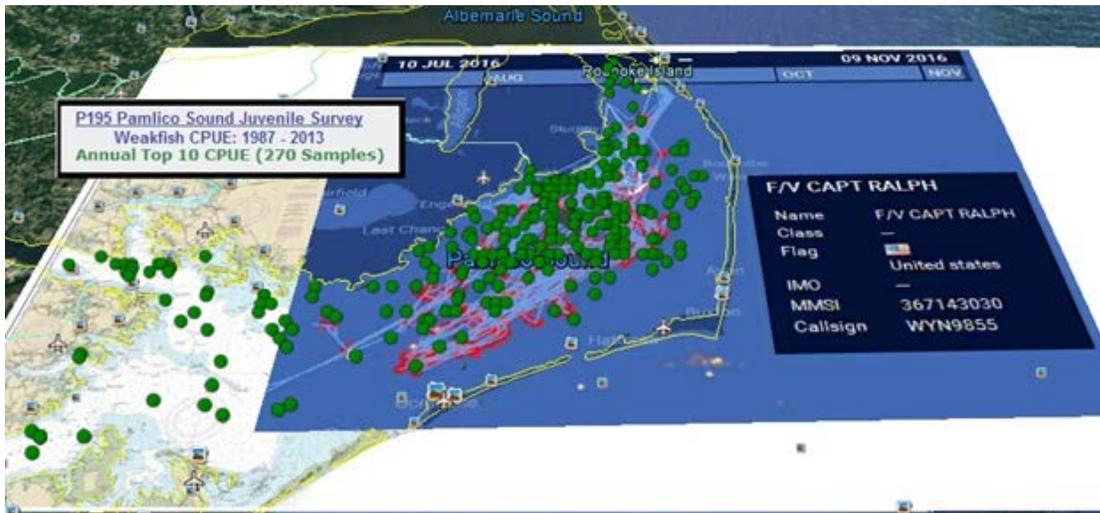
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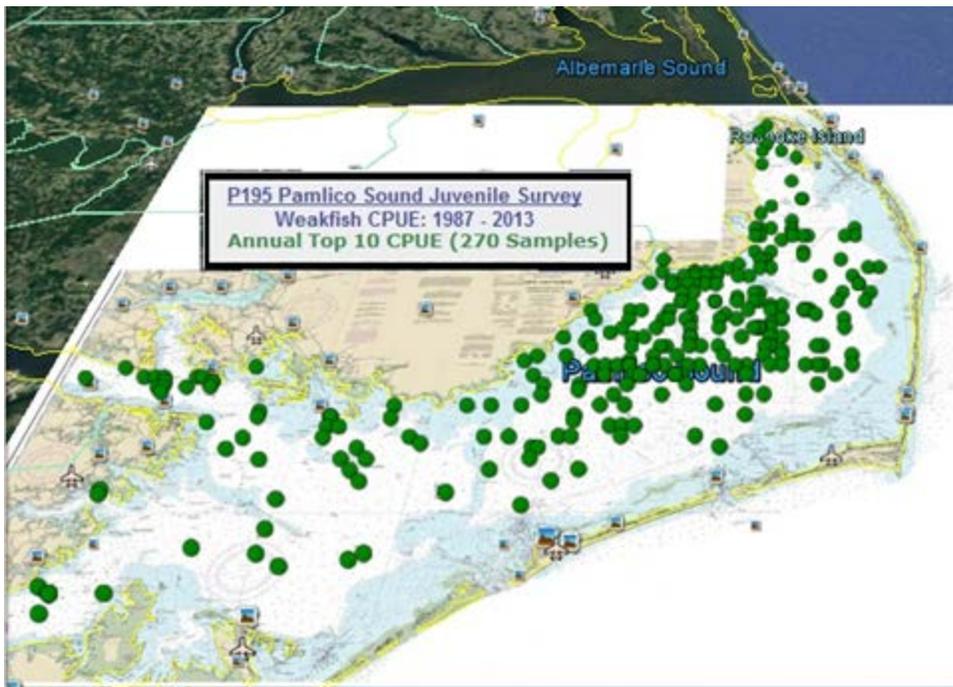
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 8:00:25 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: [Katherine Mullins](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition - let's save some for the future!
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 8:17:16 PM

Katherine Mullins
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January 10, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

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Sincerely,
Katherine D. Mullins

From: [James Oppenheim](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:57:21 PM

James Oppenheim
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January 10, 2017

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Sincerely,
James P Oppenheim

From: [Scott Makseyn](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please Save Recreational Fishing
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 10:08:48 AM

Scott Makseyn
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January 11, 2017

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Sincerely,
Scott Makseyn

From: [Julian Vainright](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 11:59:27 AM

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January 11, 2017

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Subject: NCWF Petition Regarding Shrimp Trawling
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 1:40:45 PM</p><hr/></div><div data-bbox=)

In order to make the shrimp industry, "King" as former DMF Director Connell Purvis admitted at a public hearing in New Bern several years ago other fisheries have been sacrificed due to the nature and effects of using otter trawls in a lagoon. None of what this petition asserts should be a surprise to anyone. Not only is it an accurate portrayal of what has happened in NC, it is also a self-defining indictment of what NC knew and failed to act upon.

It is supposedly illegal, by intent, to trawl in a primary or secondary nursery in NC. The documents within the files of the DMF clearly state that the nurseries of spot and weakfish were intentionally not considered when nurseries were developed for the sole purpose of protecting shrimp trawling because had those nurseries been defined, and the law applied, then trawling would not be going on where it is today.

In 1998 I delivered nearly 30,000 hand written signatures on a petition to the NC legislature asking that otter trawling be stopped in our estuaries. No action has ever responded to those NC citizens, but since then approximately 20 million pounds, on average, of juvenile finfish have died each year in our waters, never reaching maturity, and never helping rebuild the stocks of our waters. For those sixteen years that is 320 million pounds of fish that have died in our waters. One hundred and sixty thousand tons of dead fish. Three hundred and twenty thousand Ford F150 pickup loads that if lined up end to end would cover a span of 1,333 miles. For a moment, take a visual ride on I-95 from Rocky Mount, NC to Miami, Florida. Imagine seeing that line of pickups lined bumper to bumper for each and every mile all filled with primarily spot, croaker, and weakfish under three inches long and then when you get to Miami let it sink it as you come to a stop that the line of trucks goes on for another 500 miles.

What prudent person could ever say that this does no harm to the waters that such unutilized amounts are extracted from?

Former Director Louis Daniel and former Director Press Pate when asked specifically if this harmed other fish stocks both said the same thing. "Of course, it does!" But both went on to say that "proving it was the political problem" and when they uttered those words the door closed once again to doing something to protect the resource. I am not going to chastise them for helping shut the door because in truth it is the process that has kept the door closed in NC. In 1998 I emailed the Director of the Virginia DMF and asked him if Virginia saw any benefits to their waters when they stopped all forms of trawling in their estuarine waters. I still have the email. He said...."we got back our grass beds, our shellfish beds, and our spot and croaker." Hundreds, if not thousands of NC citizens who pull their boats to Virginia each year to fish for spot and croaker will attest to that statement made by one Jack Travelstead. To all those who are now saying that Louis Daniel and Jack Travelstead are somehow saying what they are saying now because of who employs them is simply wrong. They have both warned of the long term effect of shrimp trawling for over twenty years. One state acted and stopped it and one state continues to nod and then wink and to date do nothing. I don't have to tell you who is winking.

I will honestly tell you that the 90' head rope being suggested here is too much in my opinion if we really wish to protect all species and all fisheries. We can either adopt "zero" as other Atlantic states have done or the 50' that all Gulf states have done in estuarine waters. At 90' we'd be almost twice as much as any other state and before you sing me that song about no other state have a "Pamlico Sound" I'll point to a map and show you the expansive Chesapeake Bay, that does have shrimp, and where no trawl is allowed to pull.

Why should we sacrifice our juvenile finfish at a greater rate due to trawls than any other state? In the Gulf they limit the head rope to 50' in an absolute attempt to reserve local waters for small family fishermen's boats to the exclusion of the large ocean going vessels that they made go into the open Gulf. The Atlantic states, other than NC, simply reserve all estuaries as nurseries and protect them from trawling activity. Ironically, estuaries are the nursery of a shrimp and while we say we don't allow or wish to trawl in a nursery we target shrimp in their primary and secondary nursery rather than waiting for them to return to the sea as adults as do all the other east coast states. Talk about saying what is convenient for the process.

Yes, restaurants in SC, Ga, and Florida are known for their local shrimp and yet none of them allow estuarine trawling except Florida on the Gulf side albeit with very small trawls. How many misrepresentations have been made in NC about local shrimp disappearing if estuarine otter trawling is stopped? NC itself consumes four times more shrimp than our entire commercial harvest so while I enjoy wild shrimp I know that the shrimp industry is more dependent on imported and farm raised shrimp, even in NC, than the ones we forage.

I'll summarize this way. NC's fortunes in terms of protecting our estuaries have always been decided by who got to ask one question FIRST, for like the high ground on a battlefield whomever gets there first is at a distinct advantage.

In fishery wars of NC, who gets to initially ask...."how many juvenile finfish are in our waters at the beginning of the year" controls the high ground and the advantage.

No one can answer that, so the response always becomes....."since you cannot answer that question then we don't know if this 20 million pounds of juveniles each year is 5% or 50% of the total and since we see juveniles year after year of the same species then we have to assume that there is no harm."

I cannot tell you how many times I've heard that question asked by the state of NC in some form and how many times the state itself has responded with "we don't know, we cannot prove harm, thus we assume; no harm!" That simple exchange of question and response has been an enabler to protect the industry for at least twenty years. And trawling continues unabated and at a level and a size that no other state comes close to in allowing.

So now.....may I ask that question first on behalf of most NC citizens who really want to rebuild finfish stocks?

Consider it asked, and your response to it will be the only honest one out there....."I don't know how many fish are in the sound."

But this time consider a different response from me since for the first time ever I got to ask it first.

"If we don't know, then this 20 million pounds of dead juveniles each year could be only 5% of the total or as much as 80% of where each year begins, but looking back we are seeing less and less adult versions of spot, croaker, weakfish so when we look at those results we must assume there is harm and thus should change what we allow until such time as we can determine if assuming harm and acting on that assumption brings different results than assuming no harm."

From industry, to farmers, to construction of public schools, everyone must prove to the state that what they do does no harm to the world around it as they apply their actions. In spite of the known piles of wasted juvenile finfish each year and the disappearance of adult specimens of all these fish, the shrimp industry has never been asked to show "no harm" to continue what they are doing. Why the state has never made them prove "no harm" remains a mystery. Somehow, the industry has gotten a pass by the state every year as the state "assumes no harm" and with each passing year adult finfish populations whose juveniles are killed by the millions goes down.

This petition is not only full of accurate data, it should also be the point where we look at that line of trucks extending 500 miles south of Miami and consider that perhaps we should assume harm going forward until proven otherwise, rather than assuming no harm and watching our stocks continue to decline. Haven't we reached a point where we want to restore and not simply acknowledge why the decline?

These fish reach maturity in a year or two so three years of assuming harm and stopping trawling in the nursery will tell us quickly which assumption was correct and if NC was wrong compared to all other states or whether NC was singularly right that there is no harm.

Please support the petition and begin the process of reform. We'll argue about head rope later

since in the passage of this petition, per attorney Phillip Reynolds, would start the process of reform not necessarily define it from the beginning.

With humility and respect for each one of you who volunteers your time for the state I end by thanking you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ray Brown
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From: [James Oppenheim](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 2:10:14 PM

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From: [Karen Whitfield](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Opposition to NCWFPetition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 2:51:21 PM

To Members of Advisory Committees,

I urge you not to move forward with the NCWF and CCA NC Petition for Rulemaking filed with the NC Marine Fisheries Commission in November.

Please do not allow the designation of all North Carolina waters as nursery areas; imminently closing down our fisheries.

Thank you for supporting our local fisheries and fishermen and do not move forward with these requests for rulemaking changes.

Sincerely,
Karen Scarborough Whitfield
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From: [Stephen Boletchek](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 3:19:30 PM

Jan 11, 2017

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PO Box 769
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Sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Boletchek
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From: [Patricia Winne](#)
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Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
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Sincerely,

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From: [Cameron Riddle](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Pam Groce](#)
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Sincerely,

Ms. Pam Groce
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From: [randy secrist](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 3:29:54 PM

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January 11, 2017

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Sincerely,
randy secrist

From: [Richard Schuch](#)
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Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 3:49:23 PM

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Dear Marine Fisheries Commission Office,

Is the NWF aware of the Martin Marietta Materials plans to establish a mine that will destroy a nursery by pumping up to 12,000,000 gallons per day into the upper reaches of Blounts Creek?

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Sincerely,

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From: [Diane Mason](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Helen Adams](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Melissa Robins](#)
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Dear Marine Fisheries Commission Office,

Often acting on long term solutions is the right thing to do. And doing the right thing will enhance our coasts and enrich our state.

Sincerely,

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From: [Steve Shepard](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 3:49:47 PM

Steve Shepard
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From: [Quent Lupton](#)
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From: [David Fouche](#)
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Ms. Kate Lamar
Haw Branch Rd.
Barnardsville, NC 28709
jlamarca@charter.net

From: [Kelly Fritz](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Public Hearing Letter
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:26:43 PM
Attachments: [Public Letter, Fritz.pdf](#)

Forwarding to this email for public comment.

Regards,

Kelly Fritz, GISP
919-314-7265

From: Kelly Fritz
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 3:26 PM
To: 'samjcorbett3@gmail.com' <samjcorbett3@gmail.com>
Cc: 'captgorgesmfc@gmail.com' <captgorgesmfc@gmail.com>; 'sobxl1@gmail.com' <sobxl1@gmail.com>; 'janetrosemfc@gmail.com' <janetrosemfc@gmail.com>; 'Bkoury2@gmail.com' <Bkoury2@gmail.com>; 'captjoemfc@yahoo.com' <captjoemfc@yahoo.com>; 'rds.mfc@gmail.com' <rds.mfc@gmail.com>; 'amikewicker@gmail.com' <amikewicker@gmail.com>; 'awillis.mfc@gmail.com' <awillis.mfc@gmail.com>; 'Kathy.Rawls@ncdenr.gov' <Kathy.Rawls@ncdenr.gov>; 'Anne.Deaton@ncdenr.gov' <Anne.Deaton@ncdenr.gov>; 'Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov' <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>; 'dee.lupton@ncdenr.gov' <dee.lupton@ncdenr.gov>; 'braxton.davis@ncdenr.gov' <braxton.davis@ncdenr.gov>; 'Nancy.Fish@ncdenr.gov' <Nancy.Fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Public Hearing Letter

Good afternoon,

I live in Rolesville but I wanted to send in a letter to the commission on my comment for consideration to the recent petition submitted, and my opinion on other topics related to fisheries management.

Thank you for your time. Please see attached.

Respectfully,

Mr. Kelly Fritz

From: [chris elkins](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:29:46 PM

chris elkins
297 sleepy point road
gloucester, NC 28528

January 11, 2017

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Sincerely,
Chris Elkins

From: [Judy Fore](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:49:25 PM

Jan 11, 2017

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Judy Fore
62 Middle Mountain Rd
Black Mountain, NC 28711-9106
jofore@icloud.com

From: [Norma Vara](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:49:26 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Norma Vara
Ala 111
Buenos Aires, NC 28384
normavara39@yahoo.com.ar

From: [Heather Payne](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 5:49:29 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Heather Payne
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Chapel Hill, NC 27514-4604
helsimon@yahoo.com

From: [Carl Bradsher](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 5:49:57 PM

Carl Bradsher
5420 Captains Lane
Wilmington, NC 28409

January 11, 2017

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Carl Bradsher

From: [Amy Sackaroff](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 6:49:49 PM

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NO WETLANDS --> NO SEAFOOD. Please help.

Sincerely,

Ms. Amy Sackaroff
105 Donna Pl
Cary, NC 27513-5304
amy.sackaroff@stantec.com

From: [ANDREW LANGDON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 6:50:20 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

ANDREW LANGDON
6708 Shanghi Dr
Willow Spring, NC 27592
ACLANGD2@AOL.COM

From: [Keval Kaur Khalsa](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7:24:08 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Keval Kaur Khalsa
1215 Carroll St
Durham, NC 27707-1311
keval.khalsa@duke.edu

From: [Sheryl Adams](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NC shrimping
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7:47:34 PM

Do not impose more restrictive regulations on our shrimping industry. I am a consumer and adding such harsh restrictive regulations on our local fisherman will cause undue hardship on them and ridiculously high prices on the consumer who look to purchase reasonably priced local shrimp vs paying higher priced imported bleached laden shrimp.
Thank you for your consideration

From: [Katie Morrissey](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:19:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Katie Morrissey
1928 Rice Planters Rd
Charlotte, NC 28273-3895
katiemorrissey@rocketmail.com

From: [Karen Watkins](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:20:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Watkins
201 Sang Branch Rd
Burnsville, NC 28714-6068
katusha@main.nc.us

From: [Steve Reel](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 9:40:16 PM

Steve Reel
3703 ivy rd
Greenville, NC 27858

January 11, 2017

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Sincerely,
Steve Reel

From: [Dawne Kruse](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 9:55:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Dawne Kruse
1087 Kinston Hwy
Richlands, NC 28574-6246
dalendawne@aol.com

From: [Michele Aydlett](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 10:20:31 PM

Michele Aydlett
684 Oak Stump Road
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

January 11, 2017

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Sincerely,
Michele Aydlett

From: [Greta Nintzel](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 8:51:51 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Greta Nintzel
2 Country Club Blvd
Whispering Pines, NC 28327-9377
greta@gretagurl.com

From: [Ann Floyd](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 9:21:12 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Ann Floyd
8545 Chickenfoot Rd
Saint Pauls, NC 28384-9524
a.floyd@embarqmail.com

From: [Elizabeth Kelly](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 9:53:21 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Kelly
1965 Riverside Dr
Asheville, NC 28804-2051
turtlecovehome@bellsouth.net

From: [Linda Camp](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:24:13 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Linda Camp
566 Rambling Dr
Hendersonville, NC 28739-2248
travelerone@bellsouth.net

From: [Francisco Javier Pérez Cerviño](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:26:45 AM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Francisco Javier Pérez Cerviño
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Madrid, NC 28032
javier.perezcer@madrid.org

From: [Mary Bures](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 11:20:31 AM

Mary Bures
1346 St. Julien Street
Charlotte, NC 28205

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Mary Bures

From: [John Woolard III](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Opposed to NCWF petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 11:50:47 AM

Hello,

I am a native and permanent resident of Kill Devil Hills in Dare County, NC. I am opposed to the NC Wildlife Federation petition to designate the NC coastal fishing waters as primary nursery areas. I strongly urge the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to reject this petition.

John H. Woolard III

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fred Skipper](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 12:09:43 PM

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Fred Skipper
105 N Burning Tree Dr
Hampstead, NC 28443
capefearcapt@gmail.com

From: [John Steffens](mailto:John.Steffens)
To: samjcorbett3@gmail.com; Fish_Nancy; captgorgesmf@gmail.com; sobx11@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; rds.mfc@gmail.com; janetrosemfc@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Bkoury2@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; hjbarnes@bellsouth.net; eblake@cisco.com; Mblanton9394@gmail.com; Sbrad11@gmail.com; enduranceseafood@yahoo.com; finnagle@earthlink.net; rhondale@embarqmail.com; Jim_Rice@ncsu.edu; trippgandl@embarqmail.com; fishsqueeze@yahoo.com; fvfamilytradition@gmail.com; chris.c.hunt28405@live.com; rjlorenz@ec.rr.com; mcp221ab@earthlink.net; chrismedlin28445@gmail.com; pamdmorris@coresound.com; rwpjrc@yahoo.com; scharff@uncw.edu; crab96@aol.com; tjps1@gmail.com; Reeladdiction4life@yahoo.com; docbrewer@northstate.net; jeffrey_buckel@ncsu.edu; davidclem910@gmail.com; bjseafood@earthlink.net; charlesrendaj@yahoo.com; brcrksfd@twc.com; Mshepard7401@charter.net; globaltimberproducts@yahoo.com; Paramore_Lee; Rawls_Kathy; West_Katy; White_Holly; Murphey_Trish; Stewart_Chris; rhb2@ec.rr.com; bboutin@tnc.org; christianr@ecu.edu; heathnh@centurylink.net; jfodrie@unc.edu; David.glenn@noaa.gov; e6i4j8bt@coastalnet.com; terriemike.street@gmail.com; cwsalmoncreek@gmail.com; Deaton_Anne; jhardin@gradywhite.com; mmarshall@ec.rr.com; captbmc@yahoo.com; poseym@uncw.edu; sales@newriversnets.com; Reeladdiction4life@yahoo.com; tedw@nccoast.org; Davis_Braxton_C; SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition
Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 12:30:01 PM

Dear Chairman Corbett, Commission Members and Advisory Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strongest support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation ("Petition for Rulemaking to Amend 15A Admin. Code 3L .0101, 3L .0103, 3M .0522, 3M .0523, 3N .0151, and 3R .0105 to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters").

I am a resident of North Carolina, a professional biologist, and occasional recreational fisherman who has crewed on shrimp trawlers based on Edisto Island, SC. I find the Petition to be complete, well-reasoned, based on sound science, and compelling. The technical reviews (Exhibits B and E) that accompany the Petition are provided by individuals whose professional credentials are beyond reproach, and who are intimately familiar with all aspects of our fisheries. It is clear that we have overlooked and failed to designate and protect key nursery areas, to the detriment of stocks of commercially important finfish as well as their habitat.

It is equally clear that implementation of the rules proposed in the Petition will undoubtedly improve the viability and sustainability of fisheries critically important to both recreational and commercial fishermen.

While there are compelling arguments for an outright ban on inshore trawling-- as has been implemented in all other southeastern states-- this Petition does not seek to eliminate commercial trawling from NC coastal waters. Instead, it provides a balance of additional protections to improve the sustainability of our coastal fisheries, while maintaining opportunities for commercial trawling in our inshore waters.

It should be emphasized that the latter is denied to commercial fishermen in all other southeastern states.

Under the Petition, significant size limits are also proposed for croaker and spot to increase spawning success. This affects all recreational fishermen who target these valuable and declining species. Thus, the Petition is balanced in its approach and does not disproportionately target commercial or recreational interests.

Historically, we have not done a good job of conserving and managing our public trust waters, and the current status of North Carolina's coastal fisheries clearly reflects this. This Petition is

an important step toward building a science-based management model for the sustainable exploitation of our marine fisheries. Based on the experiences of other southeastern states, I believe implementation of the proposed rules will have very positive benefits that will be readily quantifiable within a short period of time.

I urge the Commission to seize this opportunity to promote the sustainable management of our state's public trust resources. Please enact the proposed rules in their entirety and according to the text provided in Exhibit A.

Respectfully, and with many thanks for your service on the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission and Advisory Committees,

John C. Steffens, Ph.D
1826 N. Lakeshore Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

From: [William Harris](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 1:07:59 PM

William Harris
1918 West Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

January 12, 2017

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Sincerely,
William harris

From: [Lee Stone](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 1:17:58 PM

Lee Stone
108 Harbour Way
Washington, NC 27889

January 12, 2017

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Sincerely,
Lee Stone

From: [Sandra Dorton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 1:54:21 PM

Jan 12, 2017

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Office
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Marine Fisheries Commission Office,

I'm writing today to urge the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

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In addition, these modifications will bring North Carolina more in line with all other east coast and Gulf states by limiting destructive trawling practices in sensitive and essential habitat areas.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sandra Dorton
4900 Audubon Ln
Concord, NC 28025-8136
sandradorton@gmail.com

From: [Lewis Williams](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 1:57:58 PM

Lewis Williams
3302 North Waverly St.
Farmville, NC 27828

January 12, 2017

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Sincerely,
Lewis T. Williams Jr.

From: [Webster Weatherman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:23:58 PM

Jan 12, 2017

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Sincerely,

Mr. Webster Weatherman
74 Dills Hls
Sylva, NC 28779-7668
epiphanyproducts@outlook.com

From: [Butler Anderson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:48:13 PM

Butler Anderson
17235 Hwy 210
Rocky Point, NC 28457

January 12, 2017

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I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently designated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,
Butler Anderson

From: [Richard Scroggs](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:28:29 PM

Richard Scroggs
9 Creekside woods ct.
Swansboro, NC 28584

January 12, 2017

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Sincerely,
Richard Scroggs

From: [Randy Carawan Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Opposition to petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 8:48:47 PM

To whom it may concern

I am writing this email to voice my opposition to the petition formed by the Ncwf. This petition is only agenda driven from the ones that have such greed for our fisheries. I myself and my family enjoy fresh nc shrimp and seafood and also have the pleasure of being able to catch my own seafood from our waters in which I hold a NC commercial fishing license. This movement will only destroy our fisheries and economic income from the seafood industry. I have read such information toward increasing and improving by-catch reduction devices in the trawlers. Yes that is a plus. Let's keep working toward making improvements and keeping our waters open for the hard working men and woman in NC.

Sincerely

Unable to make the meeting on January 17th to take a stand in person

Randy Carawan Jr

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [David Hilton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Comments from Ocracoke Working Watermen's Association against the NCWF Shrimp Petition
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 9:47:21 PM
Attachments: [Comments against NCWF Shrimp petition.doc](#)

Please forward the attachment to all NCMFC Commissioners, Director Davis, Nancy Fish and Fish.
Thank you for the opportunity to send in comments.

Regards,
David Hilton

From: [Joan Miller](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:28:34 PM

Joan Miller
11300 Centaur Road
Wake Forest, NC 27587

January 12, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

I strongly support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation and encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,
Joan Miller

From: [M. Smith 2087](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Allow Commercial Fishermen to Trawl and Catch Shrimp and all Seafood. Do NOT REGULATE COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN OUT OF NC COASTAL WATERS AND OCEAN.
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:05:54 AM

From: Myron Smith
1724 Briarforest Place, Raleigh, NC 27615

TO: NCWF Petition, NC Division of Environment Natural Resources

Stop the high rollers of the CCA and Wildlife Commission of Raleigh and Charlotte. CCA represents .0012 % of licensed RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN IN NC. Why was the Petition started from a High Rollers group that represents no even 1 % of Recreational Fishermen? In Johnson County the CCA has stopped having socials and meetings the Folks have run them out of Johnson County. They want local Wild NC Seafood not IMPORTED SEAFOOD RAIED IN POOH AND TREATED WITH CHECMICALS! THANKS FOR CONSIDERING MY CONERNS. God Bless Commercial Fishermen that provide NC Folks the NC Marine Seafood to the state of NC!!!

From: [Bruce Lee](#)
To: hjbarnes@bellsouth.net; eblake@cisco.com; Mblanton9394@gmail.com; Sbrad11@gmail.com; enduranceseafood@yahoo.com; finnagle@earthlink.net; rhondale@embarqmail.com; Jim_Rice@ncsu.edu; trippgandl@embarqmail.com; fishsqueezers@yahoo.com; fvfamilytradition@gmail.com; chris.c.hunt28405@live.com; rjlorenz@ec.rr.com; mcp221ab@earthlink.net; chrismedlin28445@gmail.com; pamdmorris@coresound.com; rwpjrc@yahoo.com; scharff@uncw.edu; crab96@aol.com; tjps1@gmail.com; Reeladdiction4life@yahoo.com; docbrewer@northstate.net; jeffrey_buckel@ncsu.edu; davidclem910@gmail.com; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; bjseafood@earthlink.net; charlesrendaj@yahoo.com; brcrksfd@twc.com; Mshepard7401@charter.net; globaltimberproducts@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; [All,](mailto:Paramore, Lee; Rawls, Kathy; West, Katy; White, Holly; Murphey, Trish; Stewart, Chris; rhb2@ec.rr.com; bboutin@tnc.org; christianr@ecu.edu; heathnh@centurylink.net; jfodrie@unc.edu; David.glenn@noaa.gov; e6i4j8bt@coastalnet.com; terriemike.street@gmail.com; cwsalmoncreek@gmail.com; Deaton, Anne; jhardin@gradywhite.com; mmarshall@ec.rr.com; captbmc@yahoo.com; poseym@uncw.edu; sales@newrivernets.com; Reeladdiction4life@yahoo.com; tedw@nccoast.org; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; sobx11@gmail.com; rds.mfc@gmail.com; janetrosemfc@gmail.com; Bkoury2@gmail.com; awilllis.mfc@gmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; Davis, Braxton C; Fish, Nancy; SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition
Subject: Protection of our inshore fisheries
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:42:51 AM</p><hr/></div><div data-bbox=)

I am writing you to express my opinion regarding the upcoming debate on the rule changes related to our inshore shrimp trawling industry. In short I am respectfully requesting that the MFC adopt and enact all of the rule changes outlined in the petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

The ridiculous and biased way NC has managed our public trust fisheries must come to an end. Now. In fact I don't believe the NCWF rule making changes go far enough but it is a good start.

I appreciate your consideration in making these much needed changes that would make NC an effective manager of its natural resources.

Thank you,
Bruce Lee

From: [ALAN AMBROSE](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 3:30:04 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

ALAN AMBROSE
903 Radnor Rd
Wilmington, NC 28409
MOTIVATIONFT@YAHOO.COM

From: [Chad Chandler](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 4:58:56 AM

Chad Chandler
5108 Damask Court
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

January 13, 2017

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Sincerely,
Chad F. Chandler

From: [Kenneth Henke](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 8:29:09 AM

Kenneth Henke
404 Cayman Avenue
Holly Springs, NC 27540

January 13, 2017

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Sincerely,
Kenneth R. Henke

From: [Stephanie Wage](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 8:39:12 AM

Stephanie Wage
4505 Arden Forest Rd
Holly Springs, NC 27540

January 13, 2017

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Sincerely,
Stephanie Wage

From: [Philip curley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: out future depends on this: Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 9:09:23 AM

Philip curley
5124 chestnut knoll ln
Charlotte, NC 28269

January 13, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

My personal message is that our state and country's economic and environmental future rest on conserving the environments that sustain us.

Many thanks.

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Sincerely,
Philip Curley

From: [Jack Dunn](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 10:30:15 AM

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Sincerely,

Jack Dunn
908 Harvey St
Raleigh, NC 27608
jack.dunn@cpGRE.com

From: [Daniel Caudle](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:39:34 PM

Daniel Caudle
1199 Shoreline Drive
New London, NC 28127

January 13, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

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I am lifelong resident of NC. I remember as a young boy in the fifties and sixties going to the NC coast and staying at Lily's at Kure Beach. I learned to fish with my parents during those years. In the fall the piers were full of fisherman with not many open spots along the rail for us to fish. Now, as a 61 year old man there is plenty of room to fish on the pier due to the sorry fishing. I don't plan to spend my hard earned money at the motels, hotels, restaurants, stores and gas stations with there being so few fish left to catch by the shrimpers and netters. Even worse is allowing shrimpers to kill so many juvenile gamefish as bycatch. Everything has been given to a few commercial fisherman who have severely hurt our public fisheries. In fact, they have vandalized recreational fisherman property and threatened an African American commissioner who resigned out of fear and common sense. Professional guides who have been active in conservation have had guns shot into their residences.

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From: [Dan](#)
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Subject: North Carolina Wildlife Federation Petition
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Sincerely, Daniel Caudle 1199 Shoreline

Drive New London, NC 28127

From: [Tina Ayers](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Trawlers have killed the fish
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:36:54 PM

As a longtime resident of Eastern North Carolina, I am writing to support the proposed shrimping rules. My family fishes the waters of Atlantic Beach all the way up to New Bern. The fish have been gone for years. The nets and trawlers are everywhere we turn. Some of these commercial fishermen are thugs and have a reputation of getting revenge. That may be why there isn't more outcry of the destruction they have caused to our waters and tourism. Just recently, my son was fishing near Oriental, and was threatened because they thought he was interfering with their net catches. My son had no idea because the fisherman had a young boy with him. This thug behavior is evidently passed down generation to generation. These proposed rules have been reviewed for years and years with no results. Please seriously consider them before the destruction gets any worse.

With kindest regards, Tina Ayers



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www.avast.com

From: [HENRY KEEN](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 3:20:04 PM

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Sincerely,

HENRY KEEN
259 Old Mill Rd
Waxhaw, NC 28173
HENRYKEEN@GMAIL.COM

From: [Seth Holbrook](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Seth Holbrook
98 Caswell Beach Rd
Oak Island, NC 28465
sethh814@gmail.com

From: [David Bush](#)
To: hjbarnes@bellsouth.net; eblake@cisco.com; Mblanton9394@gmail.com; Sbrad11@gmail.com; enduranceseafood@yahoo.com; finnagle@earthlink.net; rhondale@embarqmail.com; Jim_Rice@ncsu.edu; trippgandl@embarqmail.com; fishsqueezers@yahoo.com; fvfamilytradition@gmail.com; chris.c.hunt28405@live.com; rjlorenz@ec.rr.com; mcp221ab@earthlink.net; chrismedlin28445@gmail.com; pamdmorris@coresound.com; rwpjrc@yahoo.com; scharff@uncw.edu; crab96@aol.com; tjps1@gmail.com; Reeladdiction4life@yahoo.com; docbrewer@northstate.net; jeffrey_buckel@ncsu.edu; davidclem910@gmail.com; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; bjseafood@earthlink.net; charlesrendaj@yahoo.com; brcrksfd@twc.com; Mshepard7401@charter.net; globaltimberproducts@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Paramore, Lee; Rawls, Kathy; West, Katy; White, Holly; Murphey, Trish; Stewart, Chris; rhb2@ec.rr.com; bboutin@tnc.org; christianr@ecu.edu; heathnh@centurylink.net; jfodrie@unc.edu; David.glenn@noaa.gov; e6i4j8bt@coastalnet.com; terriemike.street@gmail.com; cwsalmoncreek@gmail.com; Deaton, Anne; jhardin@gradywhite.com; mmarshall@ec.rr.com; captbmc@yahoo.com; poseym@uncw.edu; sales@newrivernets.com; Reeladdiction4life@yahoo.com; tedw@nccoast.org; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; sobx11@gmail.com; rds.mfc@gmail.com; janetrosemfc@gmail.com; Bkoury2@gmail.com; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; Davis, Braxton C; Fish, Nancy; SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition
Cc: [Jerry Schill](#); [Stevenson Weeks](#); [Michele Skinner](#); jhawkins9@ec.rr.com; [AllynPowell](#)
Subject: Bush - Comments on NCWF Petition for Rule Making
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 6:44:13 PM
Attachments: [OutlookEmoji-1468943650673_Small.png](#)
[Bush - NCWF Petition Comments to NCMFC - AC.pdf](#)
[2011-2015 Shrimp Landings in State Waters.xlsx](#)
[SKMBT_C45416120609030.pdf](#)
[Transcript.pdf](#)

All, please find attached my comments concerning this petition. Also attached are a letter by former Director Daniel, and a transcript of the hearing concerning the previous petition, as well as an excel spreadsheet provided by NCDMF that contains landings data to support figures contained within my comments.

Respectfully,

David Bush
Fisheries Biologist,
NC Fisheries Association
(910)777-1605



From: Benjoycel@aol.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: shrimp comment on petition
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 7:56:36 PM

It would be stupid to make all internal waters and three miles out in the ocean as nursery. Mainly because it is not nursery for all species of shrimp and most adult shrimp are caught within 3 miles of shore. It would be a plus for all shrimp importers.

Joyce Ingraham
910-395-4590

From: [Kathy Reackhoff](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 8:23:57 PM

Jan 13, 2017

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Office
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Marine Fisheries Commission Office,

I'm writing today to urge the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

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In addition, these modifications will bring North Carolina more in line with all other east coast and Gulf states by limiting destructive trawling practices in sensitive and essential habitat areas.

Please support this important conservation effort, so that we can have a healthy coast. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Reackhoff
178 Vinson Rd
Goldsboro, NC 27534-8594
reackhoffk@bellsouth.net

From: [Randy Carawan Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Other solutions to reducing bycatch rather than destroying NC
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 8:27:35 PM

[Square mesh codends in Queensland's otter trawl fishery](#)





**Square mesh codends in
Queensland's otter trawl fishery**

By FisheriesResearchAU

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [EDWARD LEHNERT](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 10:40:05 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

EDWARD LEHNERT
117 Waterside Ln
Gloucester, NC 28528
ED_LEHNERT@MSN.COM

From: [DANNY CONNER](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 11:10:06 AM

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Sincerely,

DANNY CONNER
231 Long John Silver Dr
Wilmington, NC 28411
DCONNER@EC.RR.COM

From: [Ken Oppenheim](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:00:53 PM

Ken Oppenheim
1088 tacketts pond dr
Raleigh, NC 27614

January 14, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

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Sincerely,
Ken oppenheim

From: [Adam Sokoloski](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:20:04 PM

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Sincerely,

Dr. A.A. Sokoloski
4288 Skeffington Ct
Southport, NC 28461
dssoko@hotmail.com

From: [Jin Adams Parker](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:56:03 PM

Jan 14, 2017

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jin Adams Parker
1924 Old Kanuga Rd
Hendersonville, NC 28739-6765
japarker@mail.com

From: [Robbie Worley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Opposition to petition before NCMFC
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 5:51:10 PM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

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Sincerely,

Robbie Worley

Robbie W. Worley
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Raleigh, NC 27624
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From: [Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Marine Fisheries
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 7:15:15 PM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

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Sincerely,

Nancy Hunnicutt

From: [Ashley Warwick](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 8:37:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Ashley Warwick

From: [Malinda](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 9:09:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Malinda Madden

From: [R. CHRISTIE](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Keep Fresh Local Carolina Shrimp
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 9:52:00 PM

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Sincerely,

Rhonda Christie
Raleigh, NC

From: [George Byrd](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Save shrimp
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 9:55:30 PM

NC RESIDENTS - ACTION REQUESTED & SHARING ENCOURAGED! Please help us try to keep fresh local Carolina shrimp coming to our plates. You don't have to join anything. You don't have to pay any dues. You don't have to show up at Tuesday's big meeting in New Bern; we'll do that. You don't have to call anyone.

All you have to do to help stop state officials from curtailing shrimping in North Carolina waters to the point our local shrimpers are forced out, is write an email. GUESS WHAT? Below you can see and use the sample email and then all you have to do is to send it! Easy!

SAVE LOCAL SEAFOOD is fighting big money and big power that wants the shrimp boats to look like the ones below in the picture...going and gone!

All you need to do is copy and paste. So here's the email sample:

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Sincerely,

Just send that email to NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov and you will not believe the positive impact you will have. You need to send it right away!

If this battle is lost, it may mean we lose the war and eat foreign, untested shrimp and fish because our NC fleet will look like the boat below.

From: [Kaitlyn Riggs](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 10:37:47 PM

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Sincerely,

_Kaitlyn Riggs _____

From: [Becky Currin](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: opposed to the petition
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 11:23:24 PM

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Sincerely,

Rebecca B Currin

From: [Faith Langston](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimping
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 5:08:02 AM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

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Sincerely,

Faith e Langston

Just send that email to NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov

From: [Valorie Tillett](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Coastal NC Shrimp
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 7:43:35 AM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

I want to go on record as opposed to the petition before the NCMFC to greatly curtail commercial shrimping in North Carolina waters. I think the proposed rules changes requested in the petition need further independent study as to the environmental and economic impact. The procedure seems to moving too fast and needs more exposure to people like me, who want the supply of fresh local NC shrimp to continue. Please list me as opposed the current petition which you are studying.

Please don't make me stop eating one of my favorite foods. I will NOT eat imported shrimp or any other seafood!

Sincerely,

Valorie A Tillett
Isabella V Tillett
Michael B Tillett

From: [Ken Oppenheim](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 8:22:24 AM

Ken Oppenheim
1088 tacketts pond dr
Raleigh, NC 27614

January 15, 2017

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Sincerely,
Ken oppenheim

From: [LINDA NICHOLSON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimping on NC Coast
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 8:34:25 AM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

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Sincerely,
Linda Nicholson
Bullock, NC

From: [Missy Ruffner](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NC Shrimp
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 9:55:37 AM

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Thank you for your time,

Missy Ruffner

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Mike Copeland](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Commercial shrimping
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 10:26:11 AM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

I want to go on record as opposed to the petition before the NCMFC to greatly curtail commercial shrimping in North Carolina waters. I think the proposed rule changes requested in the petition need further independent study as to the environmental and economic impact. The procedure seems to be moving too fast and needs more exposure to people like me, who want the supply of fresh local NC shrimp to continue. Please list me as opposed to the current petition which you are studying.

Sincerely,

Mike Copeland
Apex, NC

From: [Tideland EMC](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Petition: NCWF shrimp trawling
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 12:37:39 PM

Dear Mr. Corbett,

I am writing to express my opposition to the petition filed by the NC Wildlife Federation that would signal the end of our state's shrimping industry. Many in the Pamlico region I call home depend on shrimping to provide for their families and NC shrimp lovers rely on those folks to provide access to this shared public trust resource.

The petition should not be deemed complete because the NCWF has failed to provide even the most rudimentary economic impact calculations the most egregious of which is the 90-day closure to all trawling between May 15 and August 15. That alone will reduce 50-56% of total NC shrimp landings based on NCDMF's own data. They have not provided that data because they know just how onerous their petition is.

Few if any shrimpers could successfully operate under any of the proposed restrictions, crushing several fragile coastal communities in the Pamlico region. Those who try to stay afloat could be forced to venture out in unsafe weather to make a living within the confines of such narrowly defined trawling windows.

The FMP process should be allowed to work. The issues raised in the NCWF petition were thoroughly discussed during the development of those plans both in 2006 and 2015. Furthermore, the 3-year bycatch reduction study currently underway has shown such great promise that it's hard to believe the NCWF has not rallied around that collaborative workgroup. That's why the timing of the current petition is suspect and suggests that bycatch reduction is not in fact at the heart of the NCWF petition. Rather it is about access and putting a final nail in the coffin of the commercial fishing industry that puts food on MY table.

Please do not deem the petition complete without the requisite economic impact information. And please vote down the petition, if deemed complete, so the work of the bycatch reduction workgroup can continue.

Heidi Jernigan Smith
101 Finwick Drive
Bath, NC

From: [Sandra Nobles](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NC shrimping
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 1:21:26 PM

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Sincerely,

Sandra L Nobles
1365 State Camp Rd
Vanceboro NC 28586
Snobles5@yahoo.com

From: [laudenmid](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Local Shrimp
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 1:47:11 PM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

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Sincerely,
Denise

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

From: [bronda sammons](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Oppose petition
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 6:12:15 PM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

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Sincerely,

B. Sammons

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fodrie, Joel](#)
To: [Bob Christian \(christianr@ecu.edu\)](#); [Brian Boutin \(bboutin@tnc.org\)](#); [David Duane \(heathnh@centurylink.net\)](#); [David Glenn \(David.glenn@noaa.gov\)](#); [MFC Alison Willis \(awillis.mfc@gmail.com\)](#); [MFC Mark Gorges \(captgorgesmfc@gmail.com\)](#); [Mike Street \(terriemike.street@gmail.com\)](#); [e6i4j8bt@coastalnet.com](#); [Richard Bierly \(rhb2@ec.rr.com\)](#); [Thomas Willis II \(cwsalmoncreek@gmail.com\)](#)
Cc: [Davis, Braxton C](#); [SVC DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#); [Deaton, Anne](#)
Subject: RE: Petition for Rulemaking by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 6:39:42 PM
Attachments: [20170115 NCWF Petition fjfcomments.pdf](#)

To the MFC Habitat & Water Quality Advisory Committee Members:

Please see the attached document for my summary comments on the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the NC Wildlife Federation with respect to arguments for designating all North Carolina waters as Special Secondary Nursery Areas (excluding existing PNAs and SNAs).

Yours,

Joel Fodrie
Institute of Marine Sciences
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
3431 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557
Tel: 252 726 6841 (ext. 149)
Email: jfodrie@unc.edu
Web: <http://fodriefishcol.wixsite.com/unc-fish>

From: [Emily Knortz](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Fresh Shrimp! I signed the petition!
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 7:32:01 PM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

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Sincerely,

Emily Knortz, Former B&J Seafood Employee and fresh seafood supporter.

Just send that email to NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marie Willis](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Supporting Our Commercial Fisherman
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 8:15:00 PM

Good Morning,

I would like to first say Thank You for all you have done to help the Commercial Fisherman in our state. I am sure you have received a large number of letters from people asking for your support on either side of the Net Ban on Shrimping. I am asking you to stop the process of this request for new Local Seafood regulations and Protect our Local Seafood and Commercial Fisherman. There really needs to be Executive Order to study the economic impact along with the impact of our waterways. I hope you take the time to gather all the information from both sides of this issue and support our states Commercial Fisherman that have worked so hard to build a life in the way that it has been done for years. I am a Wife of a Commercial Fisherman that has learned the importance of our commercial fishing industry to provide local seafood for our state. I grew up in Eastern Carolina, but I didn't understand our Heritage or even what a Commercial Fisherman done until I married into a Commercial Fisherman family. The Heritage of a Commercial Fisherman is not only providing food and a home for your family, but it is a way of life that you see what God has provided you each day. The Seafood you get from our local sounds is fresh and uncontaminated, unlike what you receive from overseas. If our local water don't continue to be towed by Shrimp Trawlers, it will cause a big impact on the contamination of our sound and waterways over a period of time. Our land and waters are used by a lot of different resources, which can cause contamination if our waters if not continued to be towed. Look at the sound areas that are already marked nursery areas and the pollution that has caused the clamming areas to be closed.

I just read this from a friend and it really puts things in perspective for me. "The proposal for the secondary nursery area includes the entire Pamlico Sound, estuaries plus three miles out into the ocean. Imagine a 4ft by 8ft piece of plywood, which represents the Pamlico Sound. Take your thumbprint and put it somewhere on the piece of plywood and that is the area a boat trawls all day. The entire NC shrimp fleet could never overfish the shrimp or the small fish (bycatch) in the sound." My husband has worked with his Granddad and Dad on the water since he was little, which is over 35 years. When they say "it's in your blood", it really is. I have a little boy that is up every morning supporting his Dad and seeing him off as goes fishing, shrimping or whatever he is catching that day. In the summer time, he is up, ready to go with him and out the door before 5am. He has learned the way of life since he was young and understands the values of hard work and what a dollar means. If the Shrimp proposal is passed my husband will not be able to afford to go shrimping at all during the shrimping season, due to the cost of fuel, supplies and the amount of time it takes to get out in the sound to start dragging. Then only 45mins tows and certain days that is proposed. He is gone most of the summer months and that is not by choice, but by love and support for your family and your beliefs.

My husband has done just about every commercial job there is from Clamming, Shrimping, Crabbing and Haul Netting. The climate change determines the type of work you will have that year and in the seasons. We have seen years that he has done good at Mullet netting and then years that he has done better at Shrimping. And same for Crabbing either setting pots or trawling for crabs to Long Hauling in the summer time to fall and winter. He has a lot of money wrapped up in his business from boats, nets, crab pots, computer equipment, radios, ice machines and much more that plays a part in each commercial job you do from season to season. He is out there rain or shine each morning ready to go rather he feels good that day or bad. We have already lost 50% of the commercial fisherman in the last 5 to 8 years that were not able to continue making a living with the amount of hard work it takes to the amount of business revenue you need to start a new season off. With that following we have lost 70% or more of our fish houses where these boats packed out each week. These businesses couldn't keep up with the amount of expense it took to run the coolers, lights and employees that were needed. This has put a lot of families out of work, including our local grocery, hardware stores and net shops in our areas.

My husband has just purchased a Shrimp Trawler, which he has been running for another man over 10 years and then this petition has been submitted by the NC Wildlife Federation. This Shrimp Trawler was a large purchase for us, since it was half the cost of our house. Not including the cost of the nets, repairs, maintenance and computer equipment that he must purchase for the new season next year. We are just a Middle-Class family trying to continue a life that we want our children to be raised learning the value of life and what God has given us daily. I have never written a letter asking for any help and support, but I felt it was very important for my family that I committed to writing this letter telling you and your team my story. Thank you for taking the time to read this and again Thank you for all you do to support Eastern Carolina Commercial Fisherman.

Thank You,

Marie Willis

Marie.ryanwillis@gmail.com

From: [Randy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shouldn't be aloud to go forward with the board like this
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 8:31:25 PM

<https://outerbanksvoice.com/2017/01/13/commentary-thank-mccrory-for-latest-threat-to-shrimping/>

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Leslie Robinson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: shrimping
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 8:37:32 PM

Sirs:

I would like to attend the meeting in Wilmington but since I will be unable to I would like to make my views known. I work at a local pier and my husband is involved in both the commercial fishing and restaurant worlds here on Hatteras Island. Probably one of my most asked questions at my job is where can we go to get fresh local seafood for dinner? I really hate to tell people that are visiting that the answer is nowhere. There are virtually no restaurants that serve fresh local seafood here. They may have one item on the menu, but most of the seafood you will get has been frozen and is from somewhere else. If there is a chance of getting something fresh it will be when shrimping season is here and you can get fresh shrimp. If you take away that season we will have nothing fresh here anymore. It is really sad, but we are being regulated out of a great resource.

Please reconsider, and leave the shrimping business alone.

Leslie Robinson

From: [Cynthia Thelen](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 8:55:14 PM

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Sincerely,

_____cynthia Thelen_____

From: [Kathryn Smith Chadwick](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NC consumers want local shrimp
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 9:07:01 PM

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Chadwick

I do not want to eat imported shrimp, this is not going to help anyone but greedy CCA people.

From: [Alton Grimes, 111](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 11:30:06 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Ron Zielinski](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 6:50:04 AM

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Sincerely,

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Oriental, NC 28571
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From: [Jamee Vasil](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: For Petition
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:21:34 AM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

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Sincerely,

Jamee Rose
Beaufort, NC

From: [Stephen Moore](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:45:42 AM

Stephen Moore
8016 Yellow Daisy Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

January 16, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

Fishing has really gotten bad as a result of the destruction of our inshore nurseries. Please help restore them!

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,
Steve Moore

From: [Kent Nelson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 10:06:19 AM

Kent Nelson
2353 Kay Rd
Greenville, NC 27858

January 16, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

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Sincerely,
Kent Nelson

From: [John Steffens](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Petition comments
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 10:20:11 AM

Dear Chairman Corbett, Commission Members and Advisory Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strongest support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation ("**Petition for Rulemaking to Amend 15A Admin. Code 3L .0101, 3L .0103, 3M .0522, 3M .0523, 3N .0151, and 3R .0105 to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters**").

I am a resident of North Carolina, a professional biologist, and occasional recreational fisherman who has crewed on shrimp trawlers based on Edisto Island, SC. I find the Petition to be complete, well-reasoned, based on sound science, and compelling. The technical reviews (Exhibits B and E) that accompany the Petition are provided by individuals whose professional credentials are beyond reproach, and who are intimately familiar with all aspects of our fisheries. It is clear that we have overlooked and failed to designate and protect key nursery areas, to the detriment of stocks of commercially important finfish as well as their habitat.

It is equally clear that implementation of the rules proposed in the Petition will undoubtedly improve the viability and sustainability of fisheries critically important to both recreational and commercial fishermen.

While there are compelling arguments for an outright ban on inshore trawling-- as has been implemented in all other southeastern states-- this Petition does not seek to eliminate commercial trawling from NC coastal waters. Instead, it provides a balance of additional protections to improve the sustainability of our coastal fisheries, while maintaining opportunities for commercial trawling in our inshore waters.

It should be emphasized that the latter is denied to commercial fishermen in all other southeastern states.

Under the Petition, significant size limits are also proposed for croaker and spot to increase spawning success. This affects all recreational fishermen who target these valuable and declining species. Thus, the Petition is balanced in its approach and does not disproportionately target commercial or recreational interests.

Historically, we have not done a good job of conserving and managing our public trust waters, and the current status of North Carolina's coastal fisheries clearly reflects this. This Petition is an important step toward building a science-based management model for the sustainable exploitation of our marine fisheries. Based on the experiences of other southeastern states, I believe implementation of the proposed rules will have very positive benefits that will be readily quantifiable within a short period of time.

I urge the Commission to seize this opportunity to promote the sustainable management of our state's public trust resources. Please enact the proposed rules in their entirety and according to the text provided in Exhibit A.

Respectfully, and with many thanks for your service on the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission and Advisory Committees,

John C. Steffens, Ph.D
1826 N. Lakeshore Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

From: [John Chrystal](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support the Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2016 (H.R. 5650)
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 11:26:14 AM

John Chrystal
569 Chambers Point Road
BELHAVEN, NC 27810-9582

January 16, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

While I love and support NC shrimp and understand how important the industry is to the economy of segments of eastern NC, I also understand that the economic benefits to NC from sport and commercial fishing greatly tops that of the shrimp industry and that the current means by which shrimp is taken from NC waters is NOT sustainable and has had extremely negative effects on the fish stocks.

Therefore, I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,
John Chrystal

From: [nancy hewitt](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NC Shrimping
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 11:35:17 AM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

I want to go on record as opposed to the petition before the NCMFC to greatly curtail commercial shrimping in North Carolina waters. I think the proposed rules changes requested in the petition need further independent study as to the environmental and economic impact. The procedure seems to moving too fast and needs more exposure to people like me, who want the supply of fresh local NC shrimp to continue. Please list me as opposed the current petition which you are studying.

Nancy Hewitt

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

From: [John T Williams](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 12:40:07 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

John T Williams
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Mount Olive, NC 28365
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From: [Barbara Burns](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public comment on petition
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 1:34:12 PM

I am unable to attend the public comment meeting on shrimp trawling on Tuesday; however, I feel strongly that the Marine Fisheries Commission has a responsibility to designate all coastal fishing waters (including the ocean out to three miles) not otherwise designated as nursery areas as special secondary nursery areas in order to help sustain overall fish populations as well as to protect our nursery areas. I further believe that establishing clear criteria for the opening of shrimp season in response to research, weather events, and ongoing monitoring is in the best interest of species health in the long run. It will also be essential that the Commission defines the type of gear and how and when gear may be used in special secondary nursery areas during shrimp season.

I live in a special nursery area in Core Sound, and I have been disturbed to see shrimpers entering so close to the nursery areas night upon night. I realize that shrimpers provide local seafood and I support their local catch. I understand their concerns about regulations that will impact their livelihoods. However, the proposed restrictions are in the best interest of their long-term livelihood and will provide support for the overall health of our ecosystems.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Barbara Burns
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Marshallberg, NC 28553
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From: [Jo Ann Spencer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition; Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Fight the Trawl Ban!!!!
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 1:37:16 PM
Attachments: [Fisheries Petition.docx](#)

All,

Thank you for taking the time to review my attached letter. I am unable to attend the Public Comment on January 17 in New Bern, but wanted to ensure you were aware of how regulations could affect small fishing communities, especially those that are struggling to survive. Unemployment is already up in Hyde County. Tougher regulations on our fishermen would just place us in double digits, further killing our community.

Thank you.

Jo Ann Spencer
252-588-0508

From: [Darlene Ward](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 1:59:37 PM

Jan 16, 2017

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Office
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Marine Fisheries Commission Office,

I'm writing today to urge the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This research-based and data-driven approach will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn, helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our economically and culturally important coastal fisheries.

In addition, these modifications will bring North Carolina more in line with all other east coast and Gulf states by limiting destructive trawling practices in sensitive and essential habitat areas.

Sincerely,

Ms. Darlene Ward
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From: [Robert Rice](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 2:40:09 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Fodrie, Joel](mailto:Fodrie_Joel)
To: hjbarnes@bellsouth.net; eblake@cisco.com; Mblanton9394@gmail.com; Sbrad11@gmail.com; enduranceseafood@yahoo.com; finnagle@earthlink.net; rhondale@embarqmail.com; Jim_Rice@ncsu.edu; trippgandl@embarqmail.com; fishsqueezers@yahoo.com; fvfamilytradition@gmail.com; chris.c.hunt28405@live.com; rjlorenz@ec.rr.com; mcp221ab@earthlink.net; chrismedlin28445@gmail.com; pamdmorris@coresound.com; rwpijnc@yahoo.com; scharff@uncw.edu; crab96@aol.com; tjps1@gmail.com; Reeladdiction4life@yahoo.com; docbrewer@northstate.net; jeffrey_buckel@ncsu.edu; davidclem910@gmail.com; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; bjseafood@earthlink.net; charlesrendaj@yahoo.com; brcrksfd@twc.com; Mshepard7401@charter.net; globaltimberproducts@yahoo.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Paramore, Lee; Rawls, Kathy; West, Katy; White, Holly; Murphey, Trish; Stewart, Chris; rhb2@ec.rr.com; bboutin@tnc.org; christianr@ecu.edu; heathnh@centurylink.net; Fodrie, Joel; David_glenn@noaa.gov; e6i4j8bt@coastalnet.com; terriemike.street@gmail.com; cwsalmoncreek@gmail.com; Deaton, Anne; jhardin@gradywhite.com; mmarshall@ec.rr.com; captbmc@yahoo.com; poseym@uncw.edu; sales@newrivernets.com; Reeladdiction4life@yahoo.com; tedw@nccoast.org; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; sobx11@gmail.com; rds.mfc@gmail.com; janetrosemfc@gmail.com; Bkoury2@gmail.com; samjcorbett3@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; Fish, Nancy; SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition
Subject: FW: Petition for Rulemaking by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 2:46:08 PM
Attachments: [20170116 NCWF Petition ffcomments.pdf](#)

Hello all,

I do apologize if any of you have received two messages from me. I had previously submitted comments to members of the Habitat and Water Quality Advisory Committee (see below and attached), but it was suggested that I resend comments to a broader group including all of the relevant Advisory Committee members.

Please see the attached document for my summary comments on the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the NC Wildlife Federation with respect to arguments for designating all North Carolina waters as Special Secondary Nursery Areas (outside of existing PNAs and SNAs). I would point out that the attached document is a very slightly modified version from the file I sent previously, as I have corrected a couple of typos from my earlier effort.

Yours,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Fodrie, Joel
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 6:38 PM
To: Bob Christian (christianr@ecu.edu) <christianr@ecu.edu>; Brian Boutin (bboutin@tnc.org) <bboutin@tnc.org>; David Duane (heathnh@centurylink.net) <heathnh@centurylink.net>; David Glenn (David_glenn@noaa.gov) <David_glenn@noaa.gov>; MFC Alison Willis (awillis.mfc@gmail.com) <awillis.mfc@gmail.com>; MFC Mark Gorges (captgorgesmfc@gmail.com) <captgorgesmfc@gmail.com>; Mike Street (terriemike.street@gmail.com) <terriemike.street@gmail.com>; e6i4j8bt@coastalnet.com; Richard Bierly (rhb2@ec.rr.com) <rhb2@ec.rr.com>; Thomas Willis II (cwsalmoncreek@gmail.com) <cwsalmoncreek@gmail.com>
Cc: Braxton.davis@ncdenr.gov; NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov; Deaton, Anne (anne.deaton@ncdenr.gov) <anne.deaton@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: RE: Petition for Rulemaking by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission

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Yours,

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From: [Robert Zambrowski](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 2:46:13 PM

Robert Zambrowski
1832 Corcus Ferry RD
Hampstead, NC 28443

January 16, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

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Sincerely,
Lu Anne Zambrowski

From: [Robert Zambrowski](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
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From: [Robert Nowell, Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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Thank you
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Subject: Support for Petition
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January 16, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

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Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
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North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Office
PO Box 769
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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From: [Ryan Lewis](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 7:21:13 PM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Official,

I want to go on record as opposed to the petition before the NCMFC to greatly curtail commercial shrimping in North Carolina waters. I think the proposed rules changes requested in the petition need further independent study as to the environmental and economic impact. The procedure seems to moving too fast and needs more exposure to people like me, who want the supply of fresh local NC shrimp to continue. Please list me as opposed the current petition which you are studying.

Sincerely,

Ryan Lewis

From: [Jan West](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 8:30:06 PM

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [STEPHEN SMITH](#)
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From: [Linwood Grant](#)
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From: [Dale Holbrook](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: PLEASE Reduce commercial shrimping and its negative impacts on our marine life
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 8:57:00 PM

I strongly urge you to approve the restrictions of commercial shrimping in the coastal and estuary waters of my beloved N Carolina As proposed by the NC Wildlife federation .

Political pressure and interest grouped be damned... our state is woefully negligent with regard to the protection of our estuaries, bays and near shore waters to the wonton damage caused by near shore and in shore shrimping.

Thank you
Dale Holbrook
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Hampstead NC 28443

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Sent from my iPad

From: [Breck Honeycutt](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:00:08 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Greg Lowery](#)
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From: [Thomas Holcomb](#)
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From: [Grant Leeworthy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support sustainable commercial fishing.
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:09:46 PM

To who it may concern,

I support sustainable commercial shrimp fishing.

Best regards,

Grant Leeworthy

From: [Mr. & Mrs. Buck Buchanan](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Dupsy50](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: petition before the NCMFC to greatly curtail commercial shrimping in North Carolina waters.
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:11:46 PM

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So many of my family members depend on putting food on their table and caring for their family by what they can harvest from God's "garden" on the water. Please give them some consideration -

Sincerely,

Sadie Beadle, Hubert, NC (Onslow County)

From: [Jon Salvant](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Camille Winger](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:59:32 PM

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [james burkhart](mailto:james_burkhart@ncwildlife.org)
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Subject: NCWF Petition Shrimp Bycatch Reduction
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 7:56:17 AM

As one of the 1.2 million recreational saltwater fishing license holders in the state of North Carolina, I support the petition before the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Advisory Committees, to limit Shrimp Bycatch. The following proposals should be adopted.

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- Create maximum recreational size limits of 8 inches for spot and 10 inches for Atlantic croaker, which currently have no recreational size limits.

"Any man who thinks he can be happy and prosperous by letting the Government take care of him, better take a closer look at the American Indian!" - Henry Ford

From: [William Igoe](#)
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From: [Lindsay](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Save our seafood
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:11:20 AM

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Morehead City, NC

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Kent Edwards](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Bill Starke](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support shrimpers
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:34:47 AM

Please do not implement any regulations that would be adverse to shrimpers. Special fishing interests should not be able to knock out an entire industry such as shrimping, fishing, and crabbing.

Let the shrimpers trawl!

Regards,

Bill Starke
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Somerset, PA 15501

From: [Shane Stewart](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: [STEWNHAWAII@YAHOO.COM](#)
Subject: Protect North Carolina's Juvenile Fish
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:36:44 AM

Hello,

I am a resident of Snead Ferry, NC and I urge North Carolina to make efforts to protect habitats for juvenile fish. Please move forward regulating shrimp trawling outside of primary nursery areas designating inside of three miles off limits to commercial shrimp trawling. I also would like to request that North Carolina limit the days and hours when shrimp trawling is allowed. Let's protect our fisheries, please do not fold to the wants of business, money, and power.

I'd also very much like to see gill netting banned in NC as it is a horrible site to see what these folks are doing to our fish and waters.

Shane Stewart | *Warehouse/Delivery - Wilmington, NC*
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From: [Brad Edens](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:38:14 AM

Brad Edens
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Lagrange, NC 28551

January 17, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

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From: [Theresa Washburn](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Karen Garris](#)
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Subject: Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:09:26 AM

Sent from my iPad

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From: [Belangia, Sally](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: For Shrimp Trawling
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:12:03 AM

I will not be able to attend the big meeting today in New Bern about enforcing new rules and regulations for the commercial fisherman. We already have ENOUGH rules and regulations. I am a daughter of a commercial fisherman and a mother of a commercial fisherman. I am a native of Oriental where my family made an honest and hard living fishing, shrimping, crabbing, and oystering all of their lives. It started out with my grandparents on both sides of my family. The Truitt's and the Styron's. Now my son who is a Belangia is a commercial fisherman. Please do not take away our way of living.

The Wildlife people and the sports fisherman and people who are not natives of North Carolina need to understand that the commercial fisherman are not depleting our supply of shrimp, fish, crabs, and oysters. When I go to any restaurant and want seafood the first thing I ask is the shrimp fresh and caught local. If they say No, I do not order it.

I am currently the Mayor of Oriental and the manager of a local bank. Oriental is well known as the Sailing Capital of Oriental but being a native it is also a town full of beautiful shrimp boats and 2 large seafood companies. It would hurt Oriental and other surrounding areas if there are more rules. Our harbor has sailboats, yachts and large commercial trawlers. We want to keep Oriental as it is right now. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Everyone needs to learn to get along with each other, especially the sports fisherman!

Sally Truitt Belangia
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252-671-9288

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Dwight Buck](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:20:17 AM

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From: [Pamela Downey](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:31:19 AM

I support the NCWF Petition to limit shrimp bycatch reduction .

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Hovey Aiken, III](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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From: [Bucky Yates](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:58:30 AM

Bucky Yates
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January 17, 2017

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Elaine Levine
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From: [William Smith, Jr](#)
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From: [Bragg, Terry](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: [DCR - Battleship - exdir](#)
Subject: NC Wildlife Federation petition
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:11:48 AM

I would like to offer my support for the N.C. Wildlife Federation petition to protect habitats for juvenile fish so they have an opportunity to spawn.

I do not support proposed amendments.

Supporting – I grew up in NC and always enjoyed surf fishing from the beaches near my home in Jacksonville. I was a good fisherman and always managed to bring home catch for the family. During these early days I had the opportunity to participate in a single shrimping trip in inland waters and was absolutely dismayed at the number of juvenile fish and other sea life that was killed to get what appeared to be a handful of shrimp. No concern or guilt from the boat captain for what was a 20-1 kill ratio on by product to shrimp.

Now 30 years later after a career in the US Navy I still visit the beaches of our fair state. I no longer fish as there is so little to catch surf fishing that it is not worth the time. I always ask those who fish from the beach “how is the fishing” but in 7 years I have not had anyone say the fishing is good. I believe the difference is inland water trawling and over fishing the youngsters. We do not have ocean pollution, oil residue or a lack of concern for this great resource however we do have excessive overfishing of our nursery stock.

Thank you, Terry Bragg
Cell phone: 910-622-0847

From: [Mike Moody](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:18:20 AM

Mike Moody
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Trent Woods, NC 28562

January 17, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it.

Management of all fisheries in the Pamlico Sound needs more balance. The scale is too heavily tilted towards shrimp harvest by a small number of very large boat owners. A wide range of business opportunities could exist if a healthier Pamlico Sound existed.

I don't know if the petition is the exact right answer, but its a move in the right direction. I don't think anyone wants to eliminate shrimping and the jobs it creates, however there needs to be some compromise and room for everyone.

Sincerely,
Mike Moody

From: [Jason Todd](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:20:12 AM

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From: [Richard B. Miles](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nets should be removed from the state waters to help bring back the fish stock - I support the NCWF petition
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:21:51 AM
Importance: High

I agree with the following:

As one of the 1.2 million recreational saltwater fishing license holders in the state of North Carolina, I support the petition before the N.C. Marine Fisheries

Commission Advisory Committees, to limit Shrimp Bycatch. The following proposals should be adopted.

- Expand the designation of special secondary nursery areas (SSNAs), in which trawls are prohibited unless specially opened by the state, to include all inshore and near shore waters under MCF jurisdiction not already designated any sort of nursery area.
- Open shrimp season only when the shrimp count in Pamlico Sound reaches 60 shrimp per pound.
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- Limit trawl tow time to 45 minutes in SSNAs.
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- Require trawls to have two N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries certified bycatch reduction devices when trawling in state waters.
- Create maximum recreational size limits of 8 inches for spot and 10 inches for Atlantic croaker, which currently have no recreational size limits.

Richard Miles, Ph.D.
216 White Oak Bluff Rd.
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From: [Brandon Smith](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:28:45 AM

Brandon Smith
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Kenly, NC 27542

January 17, 2017

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From: [Garry McKain](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Chadwick Crawford](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:48:52 AM

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From: [Elizabeth Ireland](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:58:51 AM

Elizabeth Ireland
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From: [Gregg Stilwell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Ken Doyle](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:08:49 PM

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Subject: Support for Petition
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From: [Dan Sochalski](#)
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Subject: Support
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:21:32 PM

I support this petition.

From: [Ivey Pilkington](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:28:51 PM

Ivey Pilkington
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Winterville, NC 28590

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From: [Harry MacDonald](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp Trawling
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:08:36 PM

From: Harry MacDonald <hmacdonald@suddenlink.net>
Subject: **shrimp trawling**
Date: January 16, 2017 at 11:21:43 AM EST
To: NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov
Cc: Harrison Marks <harrison@soundrivers.org>

I would like to register support for the elimination of shrimp trawling in North Carolina sounds and rivers. These areas are known to be prime nursery areas for a number of salt water fishes and crustaceans, and to tolerate the needless destruction of a notable percentage of these creatures in the pursuit of shrimp by means of bottom trawling needs to be reconsidered.

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It is my understanding that North Carolina is the only coastal state in our region that has permitted this practice to continue. I believe that it is time for this to end.

H J MacDonald Jr

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From: [Paul Rudar](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:39:10 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Larry Coor](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public comment on petition
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 6:39:04 PM

I just learned of the proposal to modify shrimp trawling to reduce bycatch of finfish. I very strongly support this effort. Having fished the Albemarle and Pamlico sounds for 45 years and seen the decimation of these resources, I know how important this is. I recognize that regulation of this type is not favored by everyone but it must be done. We should be ashamed as a state for not being better stewards in the past.

Thank you
Sincerely,
Larry Coor
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NC 27944

From: [Chandler Sutton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 6:59:23 PM

Chandler Sutton
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Ayden, NC 28513

January 17, 2017

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From: [Rosemary Segasture](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 7:30:06 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [David Saylor](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Brad](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nets
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 7:57:43 PM

Get rid of all nets in inshore water. I'm tired of dodging nets and calling and complaining and nothing being done.

Brad Smith

From: [Douglas Cowsert](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:20:07 PM

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From: [Margaret A. McClees](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Wildlife petition bycatch proposal
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:46:55 PM

I wish to encourage the Marine Fisheries Commission to vote against any changes to the shrimp trawl regulations as proposed by the Wildlife Federation. I do not believe they have the scientific documentation related to climate change, water temperature, and water quality to justify their proposal. They wish to blame the shrimp trawl industry for the problems they have addressed.

William McClees

From: [Newton, Edward R](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: My support for the petition to limit trawlers.
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:15:39 PM

Dear Sirs or Madame,

As I am a recreational fisherman in the White Oak Estuary, please stop the plundering of juvenile sport fishes by shrimp trawlers in estuaries and near shore. They are destroying the future for themselves and recreational fishermen. Stop them before it is too late.

I support the petition!

Ed Newton

From: [Claude Dudley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:29:44 PM

Claude Dudley
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Washington, NC 27889

January 17, 2017

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Sincerely,
Stuart

From: [Sam Zeko](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:30:04 PM

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Again I urge you to pass the proposed petition in the interest of an over whelming majority of the people having any interested in this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Beaufort, NC 28516
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From: ken.oppenheim
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:30:05 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Phillip Lawson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:30:06 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I agree with and support the message listed below. Additionally, I urge the commission to demonstrate a sincere effort to protect our state's fisheries and marine resources. Our fisheries are an asset to all North Carolina citizens and therefore the management of this resource should represent the best interest of all North Carolinians, not just those that utilize the fisheries as a primary source of income.

We are truly blessed to live in a state with such a diversity of habitats and sporting locations. We should not take these natural resources for granted, but do our best to preserve these resources for many generations to come.

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Sincerely,

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Apex, NC 27502
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From: [Timothy Taramelli](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:39:45 PM

Timothy Taramelli
117 sarah lane
hubert, NC 28539

January 17, 2017

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Sincerely,
timothy andrew taramelli

From: [Carol Westlake](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support habitat and finfish Conservation!
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:40:04 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am a homeowner who enjoys fishing, shrimping, and clamming in the sound near my home. The management and protection of marine fisheries is very important to me and my family. I regret that I am unable to attend the public hearing this week.

I support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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I regularly catch spot and croaker, and will limit my catch to those fish that are 8 and 10 inches so that these species have a chance to recover. Adopting those size limits is a good idea for the Commission.

Please implement the proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Carol Westlake
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Emerald Isle, NC 28594
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From: [Edmund Stanevicius](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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The destruction and plundering of NC's fish nurseries must be stopped/mitigated. The depletion of our natural resources belonging to all NC citizens cannot be allowed to continue for the benefit of a handful of commercial fishing interests.

Sincerely,

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From: [James Shafer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:40:05 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing To state that in the past 25 years that I have been coming to NC beaches I have noticed a significant decline in the quantity and quality of fish that I have caught. I feel that it is critical to protect our fisheries for all future generations and to maintain the strong fishing tourist industry for all NC businesses.

Because of this I offer my sincere support to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission and to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

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From: [EUGENE WON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:40:05 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

NC has become infamous for having backwards, politically driven fisheries policies. Let's shed this embarrassing reputation; please do not ignore the ecological and economical value of our unique coast as a nursery habitat.

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From: [Robert Ming](#)
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One more thing that would help out the fisheries all over the country would be to have an Open Season on Cormorants. They serve no function but to deplete ALL types of fish under five inches long!

Sincerely,

Robert Ming
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From: [Kelly Bordeaux](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:40:05 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Hello, I support the NCWF petition. I live on a primary nursery area creek in Beaufort and see how damaging commercial gear is to the local fisheries.

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From: [Keith Price, Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:40:06 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Please support the NC Wildlife Federation Petition for Rulemaking to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters.

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Even in my limited capacity as a recreational fisherman I have personally seen lots of bycatch and literally buckets of dead baby flounder as well as lots of other species of fish killed by shrimp trawling.. The nursery's and inland waters need to be protected so the fish can have a chance to repopulate. This petition is a good step in the right direction. Please approve so we will can restore the resource for future generations..

Thanks Van Parrish
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Sincerely,

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From: [Jerry Lockamy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:40:06 PM

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Get your heads out of the sand. The Marine Fisheries Commission and the DMF, and let's not forget the NC State Legislature have danced around making meaningful reform for years. If this effort is not sidetracked as so many attempts at reform have been for so many years; THEN you need to get off your collective butts and do something for our Floundering Flounder fishery, not to mention the Gray Trout.

Sincerely,

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From: [Rodney Taylor](#)
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I do not understand why we are one of the few remaining states to allow trawling in our inshore waters. States that have stopped/limited it clearly demonstrate a dramatic and quick recovery of all species and they can also demonstrate a substantial increase in overall revenue due to the improvement of the recreational industry.

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: This is long overdue - please help make a change
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The limit for all flounders must be raised. Surrounding states on both sides of us and all the way up the east coast have raised their size limits and do very well commercially and recreationally catching flounder greater than 18". I grew up near Montauk, LI and my brother was first mate on Larry Hegner's orange fluke tugboat in the 50s. From Block Island Sound, greater than 20" fluke is the norm today. NC really needs to come out of it's ignorant denial of the facts. Most importantly, there's no meat on a 15 inch flounder!

Sincerely,

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From: [Gary Sample, jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Having lived on or near the water my entire life the need to limit net boats and subsequently their by catch has been a sore spot for me since I was a child watching a net boat pulling in a dead otter in front of my parents home and then unceremoniously toss it overboard like it was nothing more than an irritation. Anyone who says netters don't harm the inland waters has never lived on the water and witnessed it first hand. Its time to make a long overdue change in NC and give our animals and estuaries a chance to come back and thrive again.

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I spend hundreds of dollars for one fishing trip. The economic impact of improved fishery is constantly underestimated in NC. Wake Up, we have a superior geography and coastline but the special interest of commercial fishermen are weighed too heavily.

David
Hight

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From: [MEL BOWERS](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Bill Coleman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public comment on petition impacting shrimp trawling
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:55:44 PM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Commission,

I'm writing to you to voice my public comment and viewpoint on the issue of inshore trawling. I respect the heritage of commercial fishing in NC. I do understand the potential personal and economic impact to many in eastern NC should inshore trawling be limited or banned. I am a recreational fisherman, not a commercial fisherman, but i do understand the issue. There has to be a resolution and common sense compromise to this important issue to our state. NC is blessed and very lucky to have the vast estuaries and habitat we have. Maybe the 3rd largest i understand. I have spent a lot of time in Pamlico sound both by water and by air, and i have seen the effects trawling has on this sensitive, important resource. While not an expert in fisheries, i can't imagine the potential for Core, Pamlico and Albemarle sounds should we limit this indiscriminate gear, and its by catch. Pamlico sound could be to NC what the Keys are to Florida with its tourism and economic impact. It is factual that the juvenal finish by catch by the trawlers, is harming and has harmed the NC resources of valuable fin fish.

I hope that for the greater good of the people of NC and its tourist's, that you will find a way to limit the effects of this indiscriminate way of shrimp trawling. As the only state left in the southeastern US to allow such fishing, i hope your committee(s) will see the recreational and tourism benefits ,as well as the positive financial impacts which will hopefully offset the negatives. When i travel to other neighboring states such as SC, GA and Florida, i see literally hundreds of inshore fishing guides helping anglers enjoy a day of fishing for many hundreds of dollars spent, not to mention the hotel, license, restaurants, gas, tackle, etc. etc. Having the 3rd largest potential fishing area in North America for this type of inshore fishing, i can't imagine the positive financial and societal impact.

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Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue.

Best Regards,

Bill Coleman

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From: [Chuck Stanley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Brian Cobb](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:09:47 PM

Brian Cobb
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January 17, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

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Our state has been left too far behind for far too long by those with the authority and obligation to safeguard theasthease valuable resources, now is our chance to grow those resources into a thriving and profitable future.

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Brian Cobb

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From: [John King](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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From: [Chris Edwards](#)
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From: [Botts, Robert](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:06:35 AM

this is a great step forward in the need for change,As a fishermen of 40 plus years ,we are at a real low stage of fish size and barren landscape all in the sound and near shore areas.where there is little to no bottom life for for support the fish and shell to be maintained .All have the effect to make large areas of barren and life less.which in turn effect water qualities and growth.It would be great if some areas where made non-harvesting areas.I never have a problem with a less keep rate to allow more to survive and rebuild are stocks yet I understand people need to make a living and support there families . But at what cost . More nets and more boats stripping the bottom is not the answers there has to be a limit.the bays and inlets are the pre-stage for a lot of fish ,shellfish and marine life.This effect all of us from fishermen and to local hotels ,rentals,our visitors who have been coming here for years.That support use and our way of life. I'm sure we all seen the effect area that once held good stock now just dead areas of water.No bottom life ,no shell fish and no fish.If we start now maybe we can stop rapping all of the sound and near coast ares before it to late and they have to shut all areas cause we waited to long.ya some fish life recover quickly ,but some take years even 10 years to recover.Its hard to change , so how do we talk about the old days to our children and friends". I remember when "

On Tue, Jan 17, 2017 at 7:10 AM, SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition
<NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov> wrote:

Thank you for submitting comments on the petition for rulemaking, filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. Your comments will be submitted to the Marine Fisheries Commission prior to its February 15-16 business meeting.

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From: [Banner, Harriet](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#); [Beverly.Boswell@ncleg.net](#); [Senator Bill Cook](#); [Alison Willis](#); [Brad Koury](#); [Chuck Laughridge](#); [Janet Rose](#); [Joe Shute](#); [Mark Gorges](#); [Mike Wicker](#); [Rick Smith](#); [Sammy Corbett](#)
Cc: [breiholz@townofmanteo.com](#); [Carolyn Morris \(carolyn.morris@nagsheadnc.gov\)](#); [garyg@darenc.com](#); [Lori Ackerman](#); [Lynn Morris \(lmorris@kittyhawktown.net\)](#); [Sheila Kane \(skane@southernshores-nc.gov\)](#)
Subject: Resolution Opposing the Designation of Special Secondary Nursery Areas
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:48:16 AM
Attachments: [20170118085302222.pdf](#)

The Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve this resolution at their January 9, 2017 meeting.

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From: brian.helton
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From: [Smith, Tricia](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: MFC Meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:23:43 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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From: Ron McCoy [mailto:ron.mccoy2@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 7:12 AM
To: Smith, Tricia <tricia.smith@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: MFC Meeting

Tricia,

Below is my comments that support the Wildlife Federation petition. It was clear that comments to support the petition were not going to be heard in Tuesday's meeting.

Best Regards,
Ron McCoy
Hampstead NC

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ron McCoy <ron.mccoy2@gmail.com>
Date: January 15, 2017 at 2:46:52 PM EST
To: "ron.mccoy2@gmail.com" <ron.mccoy2@gmail.com>
Subject: MFC Meeting

First,thank you for the opportunity to speak.

I am here to support the Wildlife Federation's Petition.

I have been attending MFC meetings for the past 2 years.

What I have witnessed is complacency by fishermen that have given up on this state's ability to manage our saltwater resource. Our saltwater resource is for all NC residents. It is a public trust resource.

This Wildlife Federation Petition is the first bold action that I have seen that puts the RESOURCE first, and MANAGING THE CATCH second.

Why are we the only state that cannot manage this public trust resource. Every other

Atlantic,Pacific and Gulf state manages the resource with bold actions that insures a health fishery for future generations.Both Commercial and Recreational fishermen benefit when the resource is managed for Growth, not Catch. Why not North Carolina?

It's time to put the fish first and our personal agenda second.

It's time to face the truth about what we and past fishermen have destroyed.

It's time to stop saying "Just let me fish the way I want. God will take care of the fish."

It's time to change the way we fish not stop fishing before we find the trip is not worth the bother and cost.

I am not giving up. I want to work together,with commercial and recreational fishermen working to make this state the roll model in public trust resource management.

I am here for the fish!

Please vote yes for the Wildlife Federation Petition!!!

Thank You.

From: [Hans Enders](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:00:05 AM

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From: [Raynor James](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please deny petition
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 11:16:15 AM

Dear Members of the Marine Fisheries Commission:

The North Carolina General Assembly came up with a really sensible way to have our teeming waters benefit all of our citizens. The fisheries management projects don't work perfectly, but they work well. It is not a good idea to allow an amalgam of special interests to swoop in and usurp the work of a management project in progress.

It is my understanding that the on-going work to reduce shrimp by-catch is showing real promise in that a goal to reduce it by 40% has already been exceeded, and that this is documented by sampling the contents of over 180 tows (no extrapolation used). Bravo.

If the North Carolina Wildlife Federation's petition is approved, it is my belief that the North Carolina shrimping industry will be wiped out in spite of the fact that the petitioners say they're not *banning*, they're *reducing*.

No, they're not *banning*, but the people in the industry have been open enough that they have cleverly learned how to ruin the industry while claiming innocence. What an awful thing to do to a group of hard working people.

What an awful thing to do to the people of North Carolina. What an awful thing to do to me. I like fresh, succulent, wholesome North Carolina seafood in general and shrimp in particular, but I've never caught a shrimp, a crab, or a fish in my life. Thanks to our shrimpers and our local seafood market, I can easily buy shrimp, cook them, and serve them to my family and friends. Thanks to our shrimpers and some of our local restaurants, my husband and I can have celebratory meals out and dine on delicious shrimp dishes prepared by chefs who are more skillful than I. Ah, life is good.

Please, deny that petition because, if you do not, most North Carolinians (who, like me, do not shrimp, crab, or fish) will be denied access to our joint resource, and most commercial fishermen and women will be denied access to earning a living.

Please, deny that petition, and continue working in the pattern you have begun, a pattern of seeking sustainability with fairness and equity.

Very truly yours,

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As one of the 1.2 million recreational saltwater fishing license holders in the state of North Carolina, I support the petition before the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Advisory Committees, to limit Shrimp Bycatch. The following proposals should be adopted.

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Thanks, Carl Rauschenberg

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[Elizabeth Noble Report- 1991 - Classification of Pamlico Sound Nursery Areas.pdf](#)

To All Concerned,

The question was asked by a member of the joint AC committees meeting on the NCWF petition if spot and weakfish were eliminated from consideration when establishing our current nursery area classifications. The answer given by the division was ambiguous at best.

Anne Deaton, Habitat Protection Section chief for the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, clearly stated in the personal email reference in my letter below that

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

Spot is such a demersal offshore spawning species. So yes, the primary nursery areas for spot have been protected along with those of shrimp, flounder, croaker other offshore spawners, they are the same areas. The critically important secondary nursery areas for spot have not been protected.

For those of you that read my email below and viewed the PowerPoint presentation you know why all of the nursery areas for spot are not fully protected. For those that did not, you can find the answer on page 16 of the following Division of Marine Fisheries report-

<http://cdm16062.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p249901coll22/id/448730>



Classification of Pamlico Sound nursery areas : recommendations for critical habitat criteria :: State Publications

cdm16062.contentdm.oclc.org

I have also attached a pdf copy of the file for your convenience.

Page 16 clearly states-

After preliminary analyses, several species were omitted. Five species were deleted based on very low percent species composition, and after analysis of variance, very low F values ($P > 0.9$). These were white shrimp, white perch, crevalle jack, striped mullet and sheepshead. Atlantic menhaden, a surface schooling species, was also omitted because of extreme variability in catch due to patchy distribution and gear selectivity. Spot was omitted because it is so ubiquitous in the nursery areas of the Pamlico Sound estuarine complex that its value in creating station groupings was minimal. This species "diluted" between-station differences in species composition. Thayer et al. (1984) and Weinstein (1985) found spot to be a dominant species in eelgrass habitat, *Spartina* marsh, channels, and intertidal sandflats. In fact, it was the only dominant species common to all four habitat types. Heck and Thoman (1984) also found high densities of juvenile spot in their four Chesapeake Bay sampling areas (eelgrass, widgeon grass, and two unvegetated). When they included spot in their analyses, grass beds did not support larger numbers of fish than unvegetated areas. However, without spot included in station totals, vegetated habitats supported much larger fish numbers than unvegetated sites did (Heck and Thoman 1984).

While weakfish was not eliminated as one of the target species used for nursery classification analysis, it was indirectly eliminated by including only waters <2m in depth for nursery classification analysis as referenced on page 18 of the Noble and Monroe report.

4.1.2.2 Time Period and Depth

Initially, data were analyzed by season (winter, spring, summer, fall). Over the 17 year period, the greatest number of stations sampled and the most consistent sampling methods were found during April, May, and June. These months also coincide with peak abundance of most of the target species. Final analyses used environmental and biological data from only April, May, and June. Future analyses should look at later months (July, August, September) when peak abundance of pink shrimp, spotted seatrout, and red drum occur.

Initial classification analyses showed that depth had very little discriminatory ability in separating station clusters because the majority (82%) of the stations had depths <2 m. Therefore, depth was eliminated from the analyses.

Multiple nursery area researchers including two whom spoke against the petition at yesterday's meeting, Purvis and Hawkins, have clearly stated in their work that weakfish prefer the deeper more open areas and are therefore not protected by nursery areas classification.

- Purvis- *"this fish (weakfish) does not adhere to a typical nursery area pattern. Juveniles appear to prefer more open waters for nursery areas, showing the highest catch/effort in the Type II and III habitat."*
- Noble and Monroe- *"Species which were present in very low numbers (spotted seatrout, weakfish and silver perch) in the riverine systems had their highest class means in the Pamlico Sound core group. So, differences in abiotic and biotic variables do exist in these "traditional" nursery area environments. Also, there are habitats in these areas that qualify for nursery area designation, but are not as yet protected."*
- Hawkins- *"Weakfish were consistently more abundant in catches from the secondary stations (Figure 13). New recruits seemed to favor the secondary areas as nursery habitat, reaffirming similar observations by Spitsbergen and Wolff (1974), Purvis (1976), and Baisde (1979)."*
- Hawkins- *"Juvenile (weakfish) were captured only in the northern and central regions, with tributaries of Pamlico Sound serving as the major nursery areas."*
- Hawkins- *"Peak weakfish numbers were observed during July, when large quantities of young-of-the-year were present in the estuaries, agreeing with the findings of former Pamlico Sound investigations Purvis (1976) and Ross (1980)."*
- Epperly- *"Weakfish prefer high salinity water and were captured most frequently in Pamlico Sound stations located north of Bluff Shoal (Figure 50). Seine and wing trawl catches (mainly in shallow or low salinity areas) were small, emphasizing the juveniles' preference for deeper, higher salinity areas."*
- Mercer- *"The use of estuarine areas as nursery grounds by weakfish is well documented. Juveniles are collected most frequently in trawl sampling of the deeper waters of rivers, bays, and sounds..."*

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Since Chairman Corbett denied the recreational angler and conservation voice their right to be heard through public comment at the petition hearing, I will use this form of comment. It's actually a better "venue" as emails are clearly documented for the public record and can easily be forwarded to a host of other people, many of whom are not only truly interested in sustainable fisheries management but also understand it's a responsibility.

This is the first of several emails that I will be sending you to address the "mis-truths", diversions, deflections and bald-face lies that dominated public comment and AC discussions at the January 17th meeting.

What a travesty.

Rick Sasser

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Subject: Public Comment: NC Wildlife Federation Trawl Petition

January 10, 2017

Dear Chairman Corbett, Commission Members and Advisory Committee Members

As you know, public comment will be heard on January 17th regarding the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, (NCWF). I respectfully submit the following comments and a link to a PowerPoint presentation for your review. I asked that you support the NCWF in its endeavors to properly classify non-designated nursery areas and to reduce shrimp trawl bycatch, both are much needed measures.

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

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

“Species which were present in very low numbers (spotted seatrout, weakfish and silver perch) in the riverine systems had their highest class means in the Pamlico Sound core group. So,

differences in abiotic and biotic variables do exist in these “traditional” nursery area environments. Also, there are habitats in these areas that qualify for nursery area designation, but are not as yet protected.”

The Coastal Habitat Protection Plan acknowledges both the need to

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

and to

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Pamlico Sound is a weakfish nursery, a non-designated weakfish nursery area that must be protected.

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

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

In addition to juvenile species present in lower salinity areas, spotted seatrout, weakfish, silver perch, and red drum are also abundant in these moderate-salinity estuaries (Noble and Monroe 1991). Young weakfish and silver perch tend to occupy deeper waters of the moderate and high-salinity zones, while young blue crabs and other demersal species prefer shallow areas (Epperly and Ross 1986). Nursery habitats for North Carolina juvenile weakfish are reported to be in deeper portions of coastal rivers, bays, sounds and estuaries (Mercer 1989, DMF unpublished program 195 data). As they grow, juvenile weakfish have been found to be most abundant in shallow bays or navigational channels that are characterized by moderate depths, slightly higher salinities, and areas with a sandy bottom (ASMFC 1996). CHPP, 2010, page 50.

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

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

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

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

For almost four years I have been working on a project to identify those strategic habitats for weakfish in the Pamlico Sound estuarine complex. Just as the NCDMF used its shallow water surveys to identify current designated primary and secondary nursery areas, I have used the NCDMF P195 Pamlico Sound annual survey to identify potential weakfish primary and secondary nursery areas used during the critical annual recruitment period.

The case can be made that the complete P195 survey area should be closed to all bottom disturbing gear as a primary nursery area. The NC Wildlife Federation's request to classify the area as a special secondary nursery area should be seen as a generous compromise to the commercial shrimping industry. The North Carolina Wildlife Federation's request for

additional gear, size, season and time restrictions are necessary to mitigate the effects of bycatch within this strategic habitat.

I respectfully ask that you review my work at the following link:

https://1drv.ms/p/s!ArHvxdSx-xlqggCT_gwDP-zDDEUt



 NCWF Nursery-
Weakfish Presentation-
2017 Public
Comments.pptx

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What you will find is that North Carolina's nursery areas are designed and designated to protect its most coveted demersal species, the shrimp. Even the economically important demersal spot was completely eliminated as a species from the survey studies used to classify our designated primary nursery areas. Juvenile spot were once so ubiquitous in the Pamlico Sound Complex that all waters should be considered nursery areas. Forty years later, spot landings are at historical lows and the stock status is listed as concern. What happened in those forty years?

Contrary to what the NCDMF will tell you, shrimp trawl effort remained constant over the last forty years producing on average slightly over 6-million pounds landed annually. The NCDMF measures effort by trips and they are right, trips are down. What the NCDMF acknowledges but discounts when discussing the effects of trawling is the following.

“Technological advances in the shrimping industry have increased the catching efficiency of larger boats, particularly in Pamlico Sound. In the 1940s and early 1950s, a 45 to 60 foot vessel pulled a single trawl with a headrope length of 60 to 65 feet. Now, with “four-barreled rigs” the same vessel can pull four nets with a combined headrope length of up to 200 feet. Four barreled rigs allow fishermen to pull two nets from each outrigger. Conventional two-seam otter trawls are used for the bottom-hugging pink and brown shrimp, while four - seam and tongue trawls with floats on the headrope are used for the white shrimp which have the ability to jump over two-seam trawls when disturbed. In Pamlico Sound, these large vessels stay out four or five days and tow from one to three hours, often working day and night.” North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Draft Amendment 1, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, page 48.

Boats are larger, gear is larger and on-board refrigeration and insulated holds allow boats to leave the dock on Sunday afternoon and return on Friday afternoon after trawling day and

night, which is considered “one” trip. Obviously trips are down with improved efficiencies. Landings are not down, in fact 2015 was the top eighth landing year in the last forty-four years, over 9-million pounds, certainly not the typical 6 million pound landing year. In fact it was 50% higher.

Landings are a function of Catch. Bycatch is a function of Catch.

What has changed significantly in the past forty years is that brown shrimp landings from the Pamlico Sound have more than doubled during that time. Given that 58% of all shrimp landings come from the Pamlico Sound and that brown shrimp now account for 59% of all shrimp landings (up from 28% in 1970s), one can surmise that properly measured Pamlico Sound trawling effort has increased over the last forty years.

	NC	Pamlico	% Pam. Br
	Total	Brown	of
Year	Landings	Landings	Tot Lndg
1973	5,003,417	1,158,971	23.2%
1974	8,440,203	2,334,835	27.7%
1975	5,163,610	1,108,296	21.5%
1976	6,642,713	2,383,634	35.9%
1977	5,600,329	2,481,231	44.3%
1978	2,960,762	692,123	23.4%
1979	4,941,240	696,045	14.1%
1980	9,823,490	3,173,701	32.3%
Average	6,071,971	1,753,605	27.8%
2008	9,424,168	5,054,411	53.6%
2009	5,407,708	3,104,798	57.4%
2010	5,955,335	3,588,809	60.3%
2011	5,140,360	3,742,020	72.8%
2012	6,141,300	3,077,813	50.1%
Average	6,413,774	3,713,570	58.8%

Area	Shrimp	
	Pounds	% of total
Pamlico Sound	61,577,667	57.87
Ocean < 3 Miles	26,123,378	24.55
Core Sound	7,578,742	7.12
Ocean > 3 Miles	3,272,314	3.08
Neuse River	2,245,066	2.11
Inland Waterway	1,443,181	1.36
Cape Fear River	1,296,961	1.22
New River	928,421	0.87
Newport River	501,687	0.47
Pamlico River	472,582	0.44
North River/Back Sound	313,448	0.29
White Oak River	216,472	0.20

That increased trawl effort has certainly impacted spot, Atlantic croaker and weakfish bycatch, the predominate and economically important finfish species.

“Although many species are caught as bycatch in the estuarine shrimp trawl fishery, four species, blue crab, weakfish, Atlantic croaker, and spot have, since the first studies were conducted in the 1950s and continuing to the present, accounted for the bulk of the bycatch.” North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Draft Amendment 1, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, page 22.

Jess Hawkins understood the problem at one time while conducting nursery area studies as a NCDMF biologist.

“Juvenile (weakfish) were captured only in the northern and central region, with tributaries of Pamlico Sound serving as the major nursery areas.”

The sounds and bays of North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland serve-as nursery grounds for young juveniles along the Atlantic coast (Merriner 1973). Growth is rapid once the weakfish enter the estuaries (Pearson 1941, Massman et al. 1938, Merriner 1973). The juveniles remain in the estuaries until

late fall or really winter, when they migrate to deeper, more open waters (Hildebrand and Cable 1934, Massman et al. 1958, Merriner 1973).

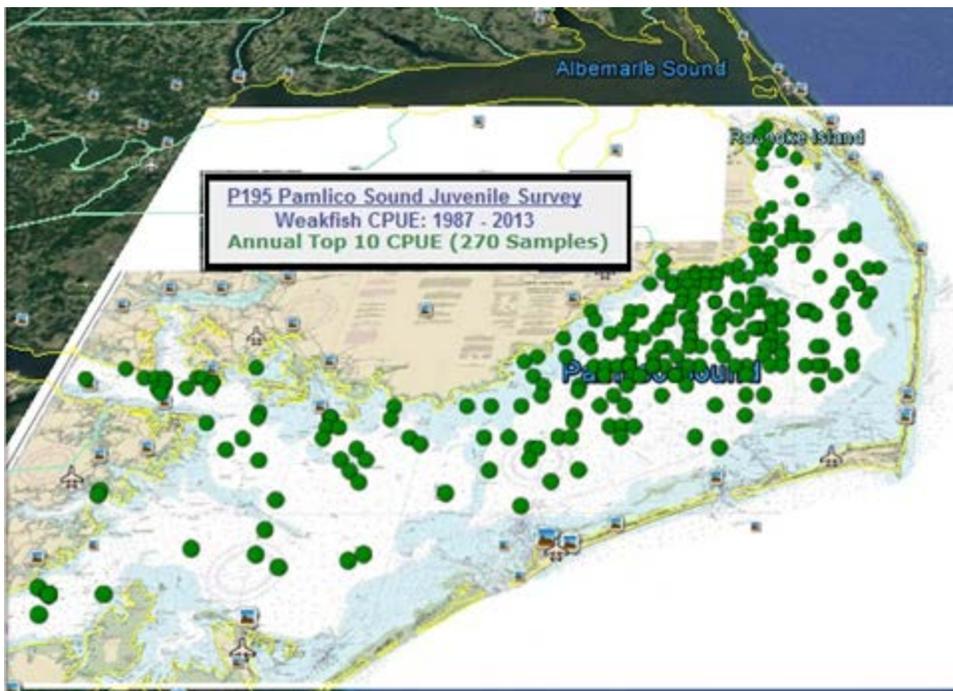
Weakfish are exploited by many fisheries in North Carolina. Long haul seines and pound nets are two major gears used to harvest weakfish in Pamlico Sound and its tributaries. Wolff (1972) stated that substantial numbers of small weakfish were taken incidentally with shrimp trawls, long haul seines, and pound nets. In recent years, a large offshore winter trawl fishery for weakfish has developed along the North Carolina coast.

Juvenile weakfish were first noted during June at a size range of 19-99 mmTL (Figures 14 and 15). Recruitment times in Pamlico Sound indicated that spawning occurred earlier than previously reported by Spitsbergen and Wolff (1974) and Purvis (1976). Recruitment times substantiated Merriner's (1976) conclusion that the weakfish spawning peak occurred from late April/early May through June in North Carolina. Peak weakfish numbers were observed during July, when large quantities of young-of-the-year were present in the estuaries, agreeing with the findings of former Pamlico Sound investigations (Purvis 1976; Ross 1980, in press).

Today, as a former NCDMF Deputy Director (retired) and Jerry Schill's and the NCFA's hired gun fighting the NCWF petition, Hawkins seems to have lost the opinions that paid his working salary and fund his retirement.

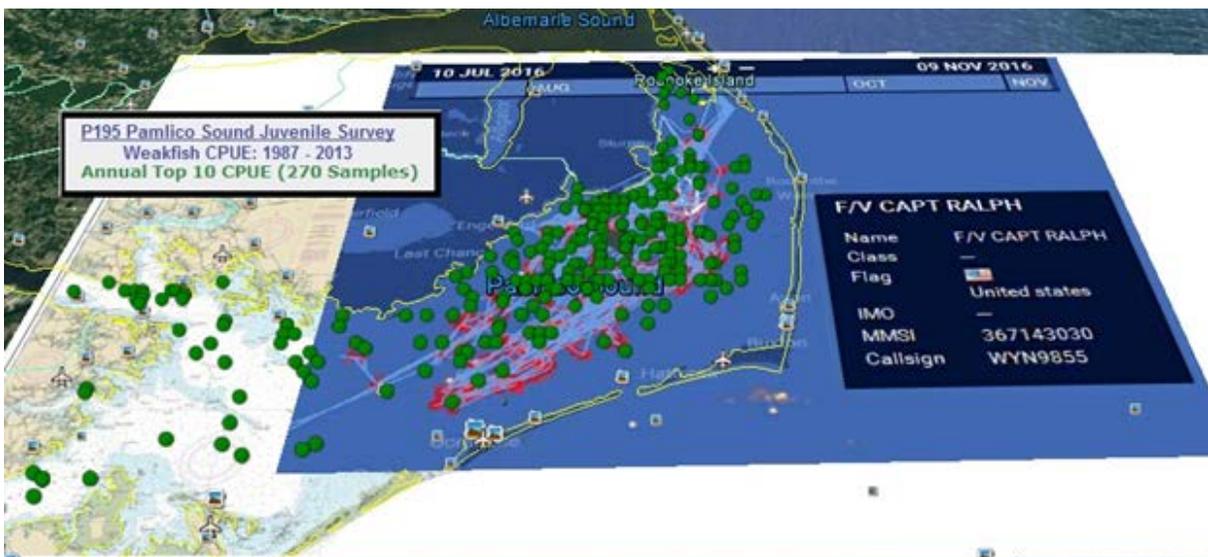
The following two slides are from the presentation linked above.

Below is a very conservative plotting of strata that juvenile weakfish prefer based on twenty-seven years of P195 Survey data.



The following slide shows the F/V Capt. Ralph trawling right in the epicenter of the weakfish nursery area during the 2016 shrimp season.

Red dots connected by light blue lines show the ship's path and green dots are overlaid from the weakfish nursery area plot in the prior figure.



North Carolina is allowing trawling in the primary and/or secondary nursery areas for weakfish. These are undesignated nursery areas that need to be protected.

Weakfish is only one species of many that has a stock status listed as “concern” or “depleted”. Spot and Atlantic croaker are the #1 and #2 species landed in the P195 trawl survey, respectively. As mentioned previously, spot was so ubiquitous in the Pamlico Sound thirty

years ago that it was eliminated as a target species for nursery classification. Today, spot stocks are listed as concern and recent harvest has been at historical lows as is the Atlantic croaker stock. Southern flounder stock status is listed by default as concern (no current stock assessment), but is truly depleted. Summer flounder is listed as concern. Blue crab is listed as concern with current landings below historic levels with both decreased abundance and adult recruitment. All of those economically important species are affected by Pamlico Sound shrimp trawl bycatch.

Please support sustainable fisheries management by supporting the NC Wildlife Federation's Petition for Rule Making.

Sincerely and Best Regards,
Rick Sasser

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Subject: Re: First Note to Correct Misinformation From the New Bern AC Meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 12:26:14 PM
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Get em rick.

I am surprised Ann had the cojones to put that in writing.

She is a very good environmentalist, but unfortunately sometimes not as vocal as her predecessor, Mike Street.

she was responsible for that opus, the mapping of inside waters, a great resource.

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On Wed, Jan 18, 2017 at 12:16 PM, rick sasser <rick.sasser@hotmail.com> wrote:

To All Concerned,

The question was asked by a member of the joint AC committees meeting on the NCWF petition if spot and weakfish were eliminated from consideration when establishing our current nursery area classifications. The answer given by the division was ambiguous at best.

Anne Deaton, Habitat Protection Section chief for the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, clearly stated in the personal email reference in my letter below that

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

Spot is such a demersal offshore spawning species. So yes, the primary nursery areas for spot have been protected along with those of shrimp, flounder, croaker other offshore spawners, they are the same areas. The critically important secondary nursery areas for spot have not been protected.

For those of you that read my email below and viewed the PowerPoint presentation you know why all of the nursery areas for spot are not fully protected. For those that did not, you can find the answer on page 16 of the following Division of Marine Fisheries report-

<http://cdm16062.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p249901coll22/id/448730>



Classification of Pamlico
Sound nursery areas :
recommendations for critical
habitat criteria :: State
Publications

cdm16062.contentdm.oclc.org

I have also attached a pdf copy of the file for your convenience.

Page 16 clearly states-

After preliminary analyses, several species were omitted. Five species were deleted based on very low percent species composition, and after analysis of variance, very low F values ($P > 0.9$). These were white shrimp, white perch, crevalle jack, striped mullet and sheepshead. Atlantic menhaden, a surface schooling species, was also omitted because of extreme variability in catch due to patchy distribution and gear selectivity. Spot was omitted because it is so ubiquitous in the nursery areas of the Pamlico Sound estuarine complex that its value in creating station groupings was minimal. This species "diluted" between-station differences in species composition. Thayer et al. (1984) and Weinstein (1985) found spot to be a dominant species in eelgrass habitat, *Spartina* marsh, channels, and intertidal sandflats. In fact, it was the only dominant species common to all four habitat types. Heck and Thoman (1984) also found high densities of juvenile spot in their four Chesapeake Bay sampling areas (eelgrass, widgeon grass, and two unvegetated). When they included spot in their analyses, grass beds did not support larger numbers of fish than unvegetated areas. However, without spot included in station totals, vegetated habitats supported much larger fish numbers than unvegetated sites did (Heck and Thoman 1984).

While weakfish was not eliminated as one of the target species used for nursery classification analysis, it was indirectly eliminated by including only waters <2m in depth for nursery classification analysis as referenced on page 18 of the Noble and Monroe report.

4.1.2.2 Time Period and Depth

Initially, data were analyzed by season (winter, spring, summer, fall). Over the 17 year period, the greatest number of stations sampled and the most consistent sampling methods were found during April, May, and June. These months also coincide with peak abundance of most of the target species. Final analyses used environmental and biological data from only April, May, and June. Future analyses should look at later months (July, August, September) when peak abundance of pink shrimp, spotted seatrout, and red drum occur.

Initial classification analyses showed that depth had very little discriminatory ability in separating station clusters because the majority (82%) of the stations had depths <2 m. Therefore, depth was eliminated from the analyses.

Multiple nursery area researchers including two whom spoke against the petition at yesterday's meeting, Purvis and Hawkins, have clearly stated in their work that weakfish prefer the deeper more open areas and are therefore not protected by nursery areas classification.

- Purvis- *"this fish (weakfish) does not adhere to a typical nursery area pattern. Juveniles appear to prefer more open waters for nursery areas, showing the highest catch/effort in the Type II and III habitat."*
- Noble and Monroe- *"Species which were present in very low numbers (spotted seatrout, weakfish and silver perch) in the riverine systems had their highest class means in the Pamlico Sound core group. So, differences in abiotic and biotic variables do exist in these "traditional" nursery area environments. Also, there are habitats in these areas that qualify for nursery area designation, but are not as yet protected."*
- Hawkins- *"Weakfish were consistently more abundant in catches from the secondary stations (Figure 13). New recruits seemed to favor the secondary areas as nursery habitat, reaffirming similar observations by Spitsbergen and Wolff(1974), Purvis(1976), and Baisde (1979)."*
- Hawkins- *"Juvenile (weakfish) were captured only in the northern and central regions, with tributaries of Pamlico Sound serving as the major nursery areas."*
- Hawkins- *"Peak weakfish numbers were observed during July, when large quantities of young-of-the-year were present in the estuaries, agreeing with the findings of former Pamlico Sound investigations Purvis (1976) and Ross (1980)."*
- Epperly- *"Weakfish prefer high salinity water and were captured most frequently in Pamlico Sound stations located north of Bluff Shoal (Figure 50). Seine and wing trawl catches (mainly in shallow or low salinity areas) were small, emphasizing the juveniles' preference for deeper, higher salinity areas."*
- Mercer- *"The use of estuarine areas as nursery grounds by weakfish is well documented. Juveniles are collected most frequently in trawl sampling of the deeper waters of rivers, bays, and sounds..."*

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Since Chairman Corbett denied the recreational angler and conservation voice their right to be heard through public comment at the petition hearing, I will use this form of comment. It's actually a better "venue" as emails are clearly documented for the public record and can easily be forwarded to a host of other people, many of whom are not only truly interested in sustainable fisheries management but also understand it's a responsibility.

This is the first of several emails that I will be sending you to address the "mis-truths", diversions, deflections and bald-face lies that dominated public comment and AC discussions at the January 17th meeting.

What a travesty.

Rick Sasser

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

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 6:13 PM

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Subject: Public Comment: NC Wildlife Federation Trawl Petition

January 10, 2017

Dear Chairman Corbett, Commission Members and Advisory Committee Members

As you know, public comment will be heard on January 17th regarding the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, (NCWF). I respectfully submit the following comments and a link to a PowerPoint presentation for your review. I asked that you support the NCWF in its endeavors to properly classify non-designated nursery

areas and to reduce shrimp trawl bycatch, both are much needed measures.

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

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

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

The Coastal Habitat Protection Plan acknowledges both the need to

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

and to

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

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

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

The DMF’s estuarine trawl sampling program (Program 120) provides data to

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

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

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

The Pamlico Sound is a weakfish nursery, a non-designated weakfish nursery area that must be protected.

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

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

In addition to juvenile species present in lower salinity areas, spotted seatrout, weakfish, silver perch, and red drum are also abundant in these moderate-salinity estuaries (Noble and Monroe 1991). Young weakfish and silver perch tend to occupy deeper waters of the moderate and high-salinity zones, while young blue crabs and other demersal species prefer shallow areas (Epperly and Ross1986). Nursery habitats for North Carolina juvenile weakfish are reported to be in deeper portions of coastal rivers, bays, sounds and estuaries (Mercer 1989, DMF unpublished program 195 data). As they grow, juvenile weakfish have been found to be most

abundant in shallow bays or navigational channels that are characterized by moderate depths, slightly higher salinities, and areas with a sandy bottom (ASMFC 1996). CHPP, 2010, page 50.

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

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

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

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

For almost four years I have been working on a project to identify those strategic habitats for weakfish in the Pamlico Sound estuarine complex. Just as the NCDMF used its shallow water surveys to identify current designated primary and secondary nursery areas, I have used the NCDMF P195 Pamlico Sound annual survey to identify potential weakfish primary and secondary nursery areas used during the critical annual recruitment period.

The case can be made that the complete P195 survey area should be closed to all bottom disturbing gear as a primary nursery area. The NC Wildlife Federation's request to classify the area as a special secondary nursery area should be seen as a generous compromise to the commercial shrimping industry. The North Carolina Wildlife Federation's request for additional gear, size, season and time restrictions are necessary to mitigate the effects of bycatch within this strategic habitat.

I respectfully ask that you review my work at the following link:

https://1drv.ms/p/s!ArHvxdSx-xlqggCT_gwDP-zDDEUt



NCWF Nursery-
Weakfish Presentation-
2017 Public
Comments.pptx

Shared via OneDrive

What you will find is that North Carolina's nursery areas are designed and designated to protect its most coveted demersal species, the shrimp. Even the economically important demersal spot was completely eliminated as a species from the survey studies used to classify our designated primary nursery areas. Juvenile spot were once so ubiquitous in the Pamlico Sound Complex that all waters should be considered nursery areas. Forty years later, spot landings are at historical lows and the stock status is listed as concern.

What happened in those forty years?

Contrary to what the NCDMF will tell you, shrimp trawl effort remained constant over the last forty years producing on average slightly over 6-million pounds landed annually. The NCDMF measures effort by trips and they are right, trips are down. What the NCDMF acknowledges but discounts when discussing the effects of trawling is the following.

“Technological advances in the shrimping industry have increased the catching efficiency of larger boats, particularly in Pamlico Sound. In the 1940s and early 1950s, a 45 to 60 foot vessel pulled a single trawl with a headrope length of 60 to 65 feet. Now, with “four-barreled rigs” the same vessel can pull four nets with a combined headrope length of up to 200 feet. Four barreled rigs allow fishermen to pull two nets from each outrigger. Conventional two-seam otter trawls are used for the bottom-hugging pink and brown shrimp, while four - seam and tongue trawls with floats on the headrope are used for the white shrimp which have the ability to

jump over two-seam trawls when disturbed. In Pamlico Sound, these large vessels stay out four or five days and tow from one to three hours, often working day and night.” North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Draft Amendment 1, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, page 48.

Boats are larger, gear is larger and on-board refrigeration and insulated holds allow boats to leave the dock on Sunday afternoon and return on Friday afternoon after trawling day and night, which is considered “one” trip. Obviously trips are down with improved efficiencies. Landings are not down, in fact 2015 was the top eighth landing year in the last forty-four years, over 9-million pounds, certainly not the typical 6 million pound landing year. In fact it was 50% higher.

Landings are a function of Catch. Bycatch is a function of Catch.

What has changed significantly in the past forty years is that brown shrimp landings from the Pamlico Sound have more than doubled during that time. Given that 58% of all shrimp landings come from the Pamlico Sound and that brown shrimp now account for 59% of all shrimp landings (up from 28% in 1970s), one can surmise that properly measured Pamlico Sound trawling effort has increased over the last forty years.

	NC	Pamlico	% Pam. Br
	Total	Brown	of
Year	Landings	Landings	Tot Lndg
1973	5,003,417	1,158,971	23.2%
1974	8,440,203	2,334,835	27.7%
1975	5,163,610	1,108,296	21.5%
1976	6,642,713	2,383,634	35.9%
1977	5,600,329	2,481,231	44.3%
1978	2,960,762	692,123	23.4%
1979	4,941,240	696,045	14.1%
1980	9,823,490	3,173,701	32.3%
Average	6,071,971	1,753,605	27.8%
2008	9,424,168	5,054,411	53.6%
2009	5,407,708	3,104,798	57.4%
2010	5,955,335	3,588,809	60.3%
2011	5,140,360	3,742,020	72.8%
2012	6,141,300	3,077,813	50.1%
Average	6,413,774	3,713,570	58.8%

Area	Shrimp	
	Pounds	% of total
Pamlico Sound	61,577,667	57.87
Ocean < 3 Miles	26,123,378	24.55
Core Sound	7,578,742	7.12
Ocean > 3 Miles	3,272,314	3.08
Neuse River	2,245,066	2.11
Inland Waterway	1,443,181	1.36
Cape Fear River	1,296,961	1.22
New River	928,421	0.87
Newport River	501,687	0.47
Pamlico River	472,582	0.44
North River/Back Sound	313,448	0.29
White Oak River	216,472	0.20

That increased trawl effort has certainly impacted spot, Atlantic croaker and weakfish bycatch, the predominate and economically important finfish species.

“Although many species are caught as bycatch in the estuarine shrimp trawl fishery, four species, blue crab, weakfish, Atlantic croaker, and spot have, since the first studies were conducted in the 1950s and continuing to the present, accounted for the bulk of the bycatch.” North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Draft Amendment 1, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, page 22.

Jess Hawkins understood the problem at one time while conducting nursery area studies as a NCDMF biologist.

“Juvenile (weakfish) were captured only in the northern and central region, with tributaries of Pamlico Sound serving as the major nursery areas.”

The sounds and bays of North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland serve-as nursery grounds for young juveniles along the Atlantic coast (Merriner 1973). Growth is rapid once the weakfish enter the estuaries (Pearson 1941, Massman et al. 1938, Merriner 1973). The juveniles remain in the estuaries until late fall or really winter, when they migrate to deeper, more open waters (Hildebrand and Cable 1934, Massman et al. 1958, Merriner 1973).

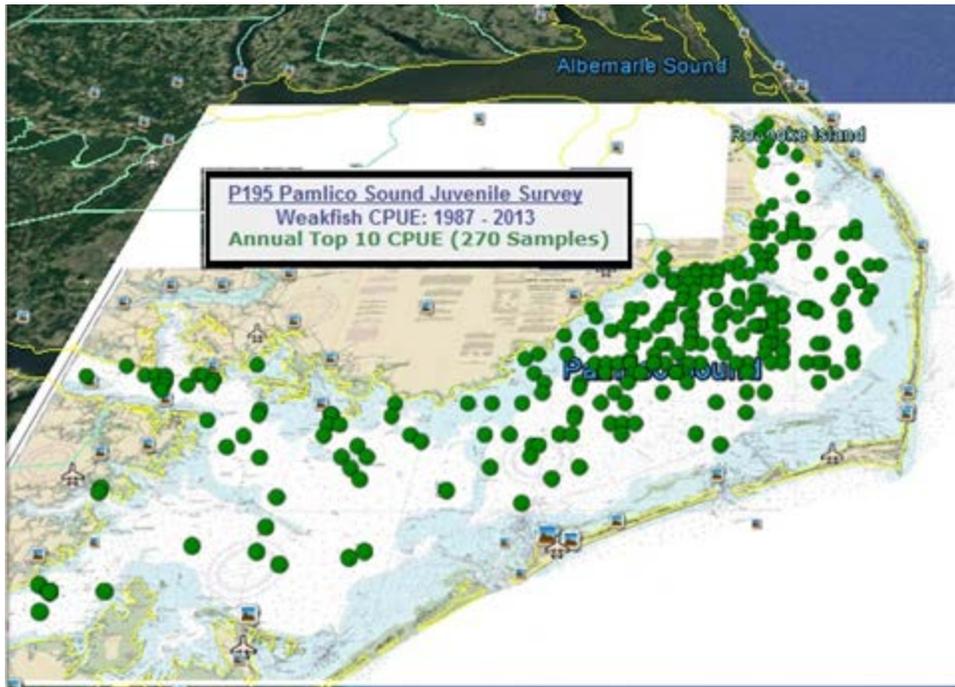
Weakfish are exploited by many fisheries in North Carolina. Long haul seines and pound nets are two major gears used to harvest weakfish in Pamlico Sound and its tributaries. Wolff (1972) stated that substantial numbers of small weakfish were taken incidentally with shrimp trawls, long haul seines, and pound nets. In recent years, a large offshore winter trawl fishery for weakfish has developed along the North Carolina coast.

Juvenile weakfish were first noted during June at a size range of 19-99 mmTL (Figures 14 and 15). Recruitment times in Pamlico Sound indicated that spawning occurred earlier than previously reported by Spitsbergen and Wolff (1974) and Purvis (1976). Recruitment times substantiated Merriner's (1976) conclusion that the weakfish spawning peak occurred from late April/early May through June in North Carolina. Peak weakfish numbers were observed during July, when large quantities of young-of-the-year were present in the estuaries, agreeing with the findings of former Pamlico Sound investigations (Purvis 1976; Ross 1980, in press).

Today, as a former NCDMF Deputy Director (retired) and Jerry Schill's and the NCFAs hired gun fighting the NCWF petition, Hawkins seems to have lost the opinions that paid his working salary and fund his retirement.

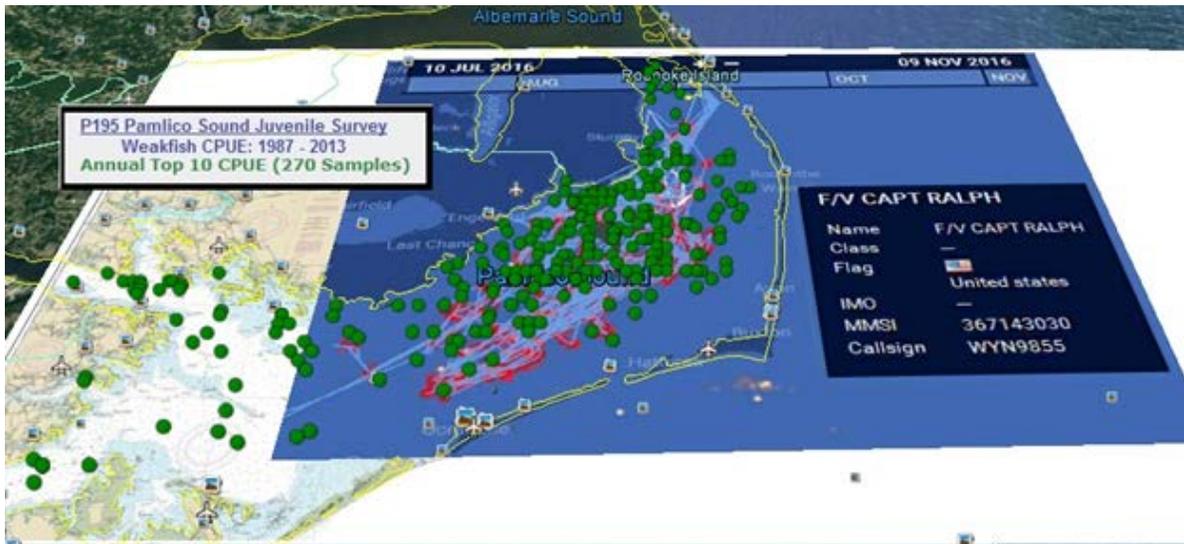
The following two slides are from the presentation linked above.

Below is a very conservative plotting of strata that juvenile weakfish prefer based on twenty-seven years of P195 Survey data.



The following slide shows the F/V Capt. Ralph trawling right in the epicenter of the weakfish nursery area during the 2016 shrimp season.

Red dots connected by light blue lines show the ship's path and green dots are overlaid from the weakfish nursery area plot in the prior figure.



North Carolina is allowing trawling in the primary and/or secondary nursery areas for weakfish. These are undesignated nursery areas that need to be protected.

Weakfish is only one species of many that has a stock status listed as “concern” or “depleted”. Spot and Atlantic croaker are the #1 and #2 species landed in the P195 trawl survey, respectively. As mentioned previously, spot was so ubiquitous in the Pamlico Sound thirty years ago that it was eliminated as a target species for nursery classification. Today, spot stocks are listed as concern and recent harvest has been at historical lows as is the Atlantic croaker stock. Southern flounder stock status is listed by default as concern (no current stock assessment), but is truly depleted. Summer flounder is listed as concern. Blue crab is listed as concern with current landings below historic levels with both decreased abundance and adult recruitment. All of those economically important species are affected by Pamlico Sound shrimp trawl bycatch.

Please support sustainable fisheries management by supporting the NC Wildlife Federation's Petition for Rule Making.

Sincerely and Best Regards,
Rick Sasser

From: rkorr1@gmail.com
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Subject: Opposition to the Designation of Special Secondary Nursery Areas
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:06:12 PM

Dear Commission Advisors and Members:

I am a long-time visitor to the Outer Banks, and now a full-time resident of Wanchese, NC.

I find I must speak out on this issue, as it is close to my heart with family members affected by your proposal. Thus, I must vocally speak out to support the Dare County Resolution Opposing the Designation of Special Secondary Nursery Areas.

The watermen of the Outer Banks face numerous challenges to their success already without adding more, as your Proposal would do. Please, reject the Proposal you are considering.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Rebecca Orr
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Wanchese, NC 27981

From: [Pete Boelte](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:20:16 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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From: [Pat K. Rowlett](#)
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Subject: petition
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:31:09 PM

Jan. 18, 2017

To: NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov

From: Pete Rowlett 215 Bernhurst Rd. New Bern, N.C. 28560

Re: Petition filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation/ habitat protections

Dear Sirs:

I am a biology major and a retired physician. I understand scientific methodology and believe scientific inquiry and data provide valuable information to guide human activity. I used peer-reviewed and evidence-based scientific studies to direct my practice of medicine. I believe that the petition filed by the NC Wildlife Commission is based on well executed studies researching a logical premise and should be implemented. The unlimited harvest of passenger pigeons, buffalo, whales, and Atlantic northwest cod, with the collapse of their related industries, are evidence of the past failure of self-governance by those profiting from the resource. Our public trust waters and their potential bounty should benefit those who harvest shrimp, oysters, and fin fish, and also benefit the recreation and tourist industries. The practices of one party should not compromise the value of the resource to another. Also, those who harvest the bounty must accept that any resource has natural limits and our history is one of failure to acknowledge these limits.

From: [MICHAEL SWARTZ](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 2:20:17 PM

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:12:24 PM

Josh Kelly
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Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:12:25 PM

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From: [Jack Brosch](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please deny petition
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:54:11 PM

As my wife cannot cook and working full time, I do not have the time to, we purchased 80% of our meals in North Carolina's restaurants. Sometimes we even celebrate with surf and turf, but most of the time "make due" with whatever is on the board marked "Fresh Catch TODAY". A treat for me is a local buffet the has 5 types of shrimp, everything from on ice to sushi to fried and popcorn.

Please SUPPORT the seafood business of North Carolina, the restaurant business of North Carolina and (perhaps most importantly,) the citizen VOTERS of North Carolina and **VOTE NO** on this petition.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

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Subject: 2010 Strategic Habitat Pamlico Sound (SEE PAGE 10 AND 11) Fish Data- To Support of Nursery Area Designations
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 6:26:09 PM</p><hr/></div><div data-bbox=)

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Pages 10 and 11 certainly support my weakfish nursery area work using the P195 data. The final areas recommended for SHA designation were significantly "dumbed-down" by the division. It's an example of regulatory capture where the division sees its function as protecting commercial fishing interests over properly identified and designated nursery areas.

Please understand that I spent 100s of hours of work on my analysis. I may well have spent over a 1,500 hours when you include all of the documents that I read educating myself on nursery issues, state statues, multiple fishery management plans, past NCMFC and ASMFC meeting minutes and emailing NCDMF employees and ASMFC members.

The criticism directed at the petitioners on Jan 17th for being "data poor" is unfounded. There is plenty of data available. The NCDMF has been sitting on it for over thirty-five years. When a former director tired to use it he was fired. If a layperson like myself can understand these issues, a would certainly hope that so can a PHD fisheries biologist. I promise you that division staff understands that we allow trawling in undesignated primary and secondary nursery areas.

Dr. Daniel is on public record in 2013 stating-

"Do we protect every single nursery area? No, we don't. If we protected every single nursery area, I would argue that from three miles to the Inland Water Boundary Line is a nursery area for something." Dr. Louis Daniel, Director-NCDMF, August 29th, 2013

and Jack Travelstead did exactly that yesterday and fine job of it.

The petitioner did not ask you to take the measures to immediate rule, statute does not allow it. They simply asked you to initiate rule making, where the commission and the division will have plenty of time to consider many aspects of multiple issues before any rule is adopted, in whole or part or not at all. The division will have plenty of time to present the data they have been sitting on.

You failed in your duties.

A public petitioner should not and cannot be expected to meet a standard of proof set so high that they must prove that the trawling industry is doing harm. Let's turn the table and ask the commercial trawl industry to prove that what they are doing is not harmful.

For your convenience, below is the link to my work referenced above and previously sent.

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NCWF Nursery-
Weakfish Presentation-
2017 Public
Comments.pptx

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 7:30:15 PM

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From: [Donna Currin](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: DENY PETITION TO PUT NC LOCAL FISHERMEN OUT OF BUSINESS
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:29:07 PM

The Wildlife Federation representatives kept saying they aren't trying to put shrimpers out of business, but the maps shown show existing protected areas now and then the new maps which would ban shrimping in virtually all soundside waters and three miles out into the ocean, effectively banning shrimp trawling.

The real story is that through funding from foundations and trusts backed by major oil companies, CCA and NCWF which take donations from such foundations and trusts. These and some other "community betterment" organizations are mere pawns of the major oil companies that simply want all the boats, all the fishing fleets off the waters including North Carolina's because the commercial fishermen are the last entities that can sue major oil if there was a spill, and they have their eyes set on North Carolina waters.

This means that as a consumer that I could have to eat untested, frozen, foreign seafood if these organizations succeed, whether they know or not that big oil is pushing their efforts. Think about it, the **commercial fishermen are the eyes and ears of our coastal waters.**

Now you have two reasons to support commercial fishermen 1) to continue to get fresh, local seafood and 2) to have the ace card in case an oil company does something stupid like the Deep Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico in our North Carolina waters.

Donna Currin
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From: [Bill Tait](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition Shrimp Bycatch Reduction
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:11:59 PM

As one of the 1.2 million recreational saltwater fishing license holders in the state of North Carolina, I support the petition before the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Advisory Committees, to limit Shrimp Bycatch. The following proposals should be adopted.

- Expand the designation of special secondary nursery areas (SSNAs), in which trawls are prohibited unless specially opened by the state, to include all inshore and near shore waters under MCF jurisdiction not already designated any sort of nursery area.
- Open shrimp season only when the shrimp count in Pamlico Sound reaches 60 shrimp per pound.
- Create a maximum headrope length for trawls of 90 feet for all state waters.
- Limit trawl tow time to 45 minutes in SSNAs.
- Limit shrimp trawling to three days per week and to daylight hours in SSNAs.
- Require trawls to have two N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries certified bycatch reduction devices when trawling in state waters.
- Create maximum recreational size limits of 8 inches for spot and 10 inches for Atlantic croaker, which currently have no recreational size limits.

Thank you for your attention to these recommendations. I moved to the coast to spend my free time fishing as did many other people I know. We contribute greatly to the economy. We think fish stocks should be supported in a balanced way including recreational interests.

Bill Tait
Swansboro NC

From: [Robert j. Lyndon](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Bobbie Perry](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimping
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:14:59 AM

I love NC fresh shrimp and it provides a good life from many that fish our coastal waters and sounds. Lets keep the shrimpers going.

From: [Mark](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public comment on petition impacting shrimp trawling
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:39:50 AM
Attachments: [Fishery petetion Jan 2017.docx](#)

Thank you

From: [Bryn Volkman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [John Criner](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp Trawling Restrictions -- I Support the NC Wildlife Petition to Limit Trawling
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:23:54 PM

Hi –

I am a recent year-round resident of Carteret County and my wife and I are avid surf fishermen. This past summer was our first full summer of fishing here. I will start by giving you the grim statistics for our season. Because of what we consider to be stringent size limits on fish in NC, in conjunction with inshore trawling and stop-netting, we were able to keep one speckled trout, one puppy drum, and three flounder. Keep in mind this was not for one fishing weekend but an entire season of fishing. I would estimate that we caught about three dozen flounder over the course of the season with only three being over 15 inches. And we are not casual Saturday afternoon fishermen, especially during the fall season. I have probably had a line in the water at least five days per week for the last couple of months, fishing on some days for 4-5 hours. So you can probably imagine our frustration after a weekend of not catching many fish to start with, but then having to throw back 99% of what we do catch. I saw a special on TV about a year ago called “Net Effect” and the gist of the show was about the battle between what is being done for the commercial fisherman vs. the recreational fisherman. I remember one of the statistics that was quoted – the recreational fisherman contributes about ten times more financially to the state of NC than does the commercial fisherman. So it is very puzzling indeed as to why the recreational fisherman is given such short shrift. We pay for licenses, bait, tackle, beach-driving permits, etc. and essentially do not get to keep any fish.

So what is the solution? If inshore trawling and stop-netting are going to continue to be allowed, then it seems only fair to make some concessions on fish size limits for the recreational guys. For example, the size limit for flounder is 15 inches with a creel limit of six fish. I promise you – you are NEVER going to catch six flounder over 15 inches in the surf in one day. We did not catch six flounder over 15 inches for the ENTIRE SEASON! So here is what I would suggest – reduce the size limit to 13 inches and the creel limit to two. And I would do something similar for trout and drum. This way we at least get to keep an occasional fish without depleting the fishery.

The way it stands now just does not seem fair. And after the season we have had I am not overly enthusiastic about paying for the license and all of the peripherals to get back out there next year. And the other fisherman I speak with on the beach all voice the same opinion. If changes are not made then I think you are risking reaping the full benefits that the recreational fisherman provides to the state of NC.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PLEASE NOTE NEW REMIT TO ADDRESSES BELOW:

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Thanks,

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From: [Worth Rinehart](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:40:09 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Dan Nifong](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:20:07 PM

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From: [Paul Mandl](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Deny the petition
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 4:17:48 PM

Please BAN the Petition that would basically ban local shrimping in North Carolina! I love our culture and depend upon it every day!

Paul Mandl

From: [Baylee Gibson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 5:06:26 PM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Commission,

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Signed, Baylee Gibson

From: [Renee Jeffries](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: VOTE NO
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 5:13:28 PM

You and your whole family send this :
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Signed, Renee Jeffries
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Randy Rogers](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Petition
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 5:33:34 PM

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Randy Rogers

From: [Ernie Williams](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Stop trawlers
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 6:02:00 PM

Please don't allow our waters to be over fished and damaged from trawlers. Once the waters are over fished, the trawlers will leave and we will have to suffer the damage.

Please make a stand that benefits everyone and not just a few.

Thank you,
Ernie Williams

From: [Robert Endres](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 6:37:29 PM

Robert Endres
110 Rivercrest Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

January 19, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,
R D Endres

From: [Eddie Moser](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 7:40:07 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Mark Stolzenberg](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Deny the Petition
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 7:42:48 PM

The NCWF petition to restrict shrimping and other fisheries related activities is frivolous and dangerous to the livelihoods many eastern North Carolinians. Deny the petition.

Semper Fidelis

Mark Stolzenberg

From: [Randy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 7:53:15 PM

SHRIMPERS, FISHERMEN & CONSUMERS. You have a little more than 24 hours to make public comment to try to prevent the NC Marine Fisheries Commission from putting shrimpers out of business and us consumers without fresh local shrimp.

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Signed
Randy Carawan

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joy Norris](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 8:06:46 PM

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Joy Davis Norris

From: [Hilary](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Deny petition please!
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 8:42:14 PM

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Hilary Norris

From: [V.B](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NC Shrimping
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:28:34 PM

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Signed Verna "Davis" Berarducci

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**Many Blessings,
Verna B.**

From: [Peggy Manning](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:01:10 PM

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Signed __Peggy Manning____

From: [Sherry Thorp](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please Deny petition
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:13:34 PM

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Signed,

Sherry Thorp, Kitty Hawk, NC

From: [Chase Hardison](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Deny the petition
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:19:13 PM

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Chase Hardison

From: [James Layton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 6:01:12 AM

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Sincerely,

Mike Layton
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From: [Michele Dixon](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please Deny Petition!
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 7:46:17 AM

NCMFC:

As a concerned citizen, I am requesting the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Committee (MFC) to deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation that proposes to designate the internal coastal and near oceanic waters of North Carolina special secondary nursery areas. The rules proposed in the Petition would close the internal coastal waters and near-shore oceanic waters of North Carolina to trawling unless opened by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), establish a shrimp size for shrimp trawling season to open, establish a more restrictive headrope size for shrimp trawls, create a trawl tow time for shrimp trawling, further restrict the taking of shrimp to daylight hours and three days per week, require the use of two DMF certified bycatch reduction devices in shrimp trawls, and create a recreational size limit of 8 inches for spot and 10 inches for croaker.

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The proposals will have a substantial economic impact on many small businesses, have significant negative effects on coastal communities and negatively impact the availability of North Carolina shrimp to consumers, which is why I am recommending that the MFC deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

Sincerely,

Michele Dixon
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From: [jac.best](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: support
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 8:19:33 AM

I support the ban on shrimp trawling so that the fish population can replenish in shore.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wavelength charters](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public comment on petition
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:22:16 AM
Attachments: [Final Petition Comment Timpy.pdf](#)

Attached are my comments on the subject petition.

Thanks,

Dave Timpy
910-620-1784

Sent from my iPad.

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: Melinda_Rose
To: SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:42:08 AM

NCWF Petition North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Office P.O. Box 769 Morehead City, NC 28557 ncwfpetition@ncdenr.gov NCMFC: As a concerned citizen, I am requesting the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Committee (MFC) to deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation that proposes to designate the internal coastal and near oceanic waters of North Carolina special secondary nursery areas. The rules proposed in the Petition would close the internal coastal waters and near-shore oceanic waters of North Carolina to trawling unless opened by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), establish a shrimp size for shrimp trawling season to open, establish a more restrictive headrope size for shrimp trawls, create a trawl tow time for shrimp trawling, further restrict the taking of shrimp to daylight hours and three days per week, require the use of two DMF certified bycatch reduction devices in shrimp trawls, and create a recreational size limit of 8 inches for spot and 10 inches for croaker. The Petition should be denied by the MFC because of several substantial and pertinent reasons. First, the Petition should be denied because such comprehensive changes to fisheries should be developed by fishery managements plans (FMP's). The North Carolina General Assembly, through the Fisheries Reform Act, clearly desired that such comprehensive changes in management measures for important recreational and commercial species in North Carolina be developed through FMP's. Secondly, the Petition should be denied because these issues were recently discussed and addressed by the 2015 Shrimp FMP after two years of development. Bycatch and habitat protection measures were deliberated by the DMF and MFC Shrimp FMP Advisory Committee through the development of the FMP. Recommendations were reviewed by several other MFC advisory committees. Many public meetings were held where stakeholders provided input. Thirdly, the Petition should be denied because the cost factors described in the Petition are clearly inadequately described. This omission is significant because the shrimp fishery is North Carolina's most important fishery economically. The proposals will have a substantial economic impact on many small businesses, have significant negative effects on coastal communities and negatively impact the availability of North Carolina shrimp to consumers, which is why we are recommending that the MFC deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. Sincerely,

Melinda Rose
951 Church Street, Newport NC 28570

Importantly, trawl effects greatly depend on the design of the gear, intensity of use and location used. The largest proportion of the bottom of the Pamlico Sound is soft, muddy bottom or soft, sandy bottom, where shrimp trawls and their doors have not been found to be highly destructive.

According to Harrington, D.L. and R.A. Vendetti in 1996, as much as 70% of the juvenile finfish are excluded with finfish excluders and North Carolina was the first state to require finfish excluders in shrimp trawls in its internal waters.

In 2004, D. Corbett et al. found that shrimp trawl effects on the bottom found in most of the Pamlico Sound have been described by scientists as similar to harsh winter storms with short term impacts, and further in 2012, R.A. Deehr, found that scientists have found that trawling disturbance can stimulate an increase in population numbers of bottom invertebrates and that predators of those invertebrates were more common in areas not open to trawling.

Next, trawls are designed to be selective for target species by modifying the mesh size, modifying the design, and speed of tow and shrimp trawls in North Carolina are required to use finfish excluders to allow small fish to escape. It should be noted that shrimp trawlers are also required to use Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) to allow sea turtles to escape and scientists have documented that TEDs exclude significant amounts of juvenile finfish.

As you are aware, the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound, which is the largest brackish water body in any one state in the United States of America, is unique in its characteristics and cannot be compared to water bodies in other states. Pamlico Sound is also one of the few water bodies that support commercial quantities of pink, white and brown shrimp in the south Atlantic.

Even further, North Carolina is the only state that has formally designated nursery areas for juvenile fish, shrimp and crabs. All bottom-disturbing fishing gear is prohibited in these areas, including shrimp trawls and has been prohibited for over 35 years. The greatest majority of bays and creeks of western and northern Pamlico Sound are classified as secondary nursery areas to protect these populations. North Carolina has 124,000 acres of estuarine areas are classified as primary or secondary nursery areas. An additional 47,000 acres of brackish waters are classified as special secondary nursery areas. These areas are closed to trawling, but may be opened when the majority of juvenile fish have migrated from the areas. In 2006 almost 92,000 acres in the Pamlico, Pungo and Neuse Rivers were closed to shrimp trawling as part of the North Carolina Shrimp Fisheries Management Plan. In total, almost 1,000,000 acres of internal coastal waters are closed to trawling in North Carolina representing approximately 48% of the total.

Since 1987 North Carolina has not allowed trawling in Albemarle Sound and has closed extensive areas of submerged aquatic vegetation located on the eastern shore of the Outer Banks from Oregon Inlet to the mouth of Core Sound to shrimp trawling in 1994. These areas serve as nurseries for juvenile fish and shrimp. With these closures, shrimp trawl fishermen try to fish in areas that maximize shrimp catch and minimize finfish bycatch. High amounts of finfish bycatch increase fuel costs and labor costs in addition to decreasing the economic quality of the shrimp caught. Shrimp trawl fishermen currently avoid high amounts of bycatch at every opportunity.

By characterizing bycatch in the North Carolina shrimp trawl fishery is difficult due to factors including but not limited to distribution of the bycatch species, variation in fishing effort, variations in gear, the seasonality of the fishery, and mortality of the bycatch species. The Director of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries recognized in August of 2013 that 4.5 lbs. of fish per lb. of shrimp is "not a good estimate" and is "not the appropriate way to characterize bycatch." With the variation of the number of finfish to shrimp in a shrimp trawl is tremendous. Scientists studying bycatch in North Carolina have cautioned that finfish/shrimp ratios tend to overestimate bycatch.

Note that the survival rates of discarded finfish from the shrimp trawl catches are also difficult to accurately calculate. Survival rates are greatly influenced by trawl tow times, water temperatures, catch volumes, and the time it takes to cull the fish. Studies have shown that creatures of the ecosystem where the shrimp are caught do consume large quantities of the discarded finfish that die. Blue Crabs and other benthic invertebrates, birds and bottlenose dolphins all consume discarded finfish. Also, North Carolina is recognized by other states and the federal government as having one of the best fisheries data collection programs in the country. Since 1978, North Carolina has been collecting detailed biological data on spot, Atlantic croaker, and gray trout; species most common in shrimp trawl bycatch. Data collected by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries is used to assess population levels and to identify sources of fishing mortality.

In 2010 Atlantic Croaker Stock Assessment Report for Peer Review, prepared by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, states that in a 2010 stock assessment of Atlantic croaker, that while there was too much uncertainty in the models to precisely determine if the population was overfished, scientists state it is unlikely the stock is overfished based on other population data. Spot is not classified as overfished but are classified as concerned by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, primarily based on landings. However, scientists recognize it is very difficult to determine population status from landings data. In 2009 the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission found in their Weakfish Stock Assessment Report that there is little evidence that overfishing is occurring on weakfish and they believe other factors besides fishing are causing the weakfish stock decline. Further in 2005 the South Atlantic Shrimp FMP found that while reviewing the stock status of weakfish, spot and Atlantic croaker, they could find no evidence to indicate that the mortality of shrimp trawls with TEDs was having a significant adverse effect on those populations

North Carolina has produced a fishery management plan for shrimp and other species. In addition, the federal government has developed a FMP for shrimp in the south Atlantic, with numerous amendments. None of these plans, amendments, or addendums has recommended a ban on inside shrimp trawling in North Carolina to ensure sustainability of these fisheries resources.

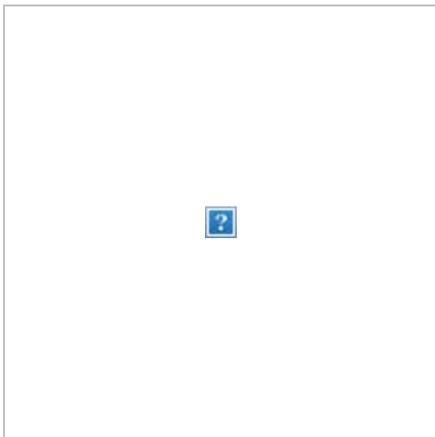
As always, should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Board of Delegates

Cathy

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From: [MICHAEL SWARTZ](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 10:10:11 AM

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I also would like to see netting be restricted to 3 miles off shore and enforced to the max.....and would like to see gill netting be band due to the number of fish are killed that are undersize

Sincerely,

MICHAEL SWARTZ
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From: [daniel daugherty](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 10:10:16 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing in support of the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to expand secondary nursery areas and better control shrimp trawling.

I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

Daan Daugherty
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From: [Robert Hamilton, C](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 10:10:20 AM

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I have see first hand what shrimp trawling does inside our bays. My friend has a place at Sneads Ferry and his neighbor trawls in the back bays for shrimp and there are hundreds of fry caught in his net. At the end of his pull they are dead and dumped out, disgusting.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
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I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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Raleighbob1@nc.rr.com

From: [James Pressly](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#); [President Pro Tem Phil Berger](#); [Kyle.Hall@ncleg.net](#); [Rep. Bert Jones](#); [Senator Norman Sanderson](#); [Rep. Pat McElraft](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition, Support
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 10:13:14 AM

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am a property owner on Harkers Island, NC and in Reidsville, NC. If we lose recreational fishing due to the declining fish both state and local income will be affected.

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encouraging the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three-mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Jim Pressly

From: [Catherine Fulcher](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Deny The Petition
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 10:43:42 AM

To all concerned: please for the citizens and consumers of North Carolina, please DENY the ncwf petition.. North Carolinas commercial fisherman have worked hard to bring a safe and sustainable product to our plates while protecting and enhancing the resource. Should this petition be approved it will essentially devastate the commercial fishing industry as well as the many coastal communities and families that it supports.

Sincerely, Catherine Fulcher

Sent from my iPad

From: [Ann Simpson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please Deny the NCWF Petition and Stay With Established Process
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 11:08:43 AM

Dear Chairman Corbett and Commission Members,

As a concerned citizen having looked at both sides (and more) of the current issue about shrimp trawling changes and reclassification of NC waters to secondary nursery area, I am emphatically requesting that the NC Marine Fisheries Commission deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the NC Wildlife Federation that proposes to designate all internal coastal and near oceanic waters of North Carolina as Special Secondary Nursery Areas. The rules proposed in the petition would close these waters to trawling unless opened by the NC Division of Marine Fisheries, would establish a number of new restrictions on the process of fishing for shrimp, and would change the requirements for bycatch reduction.

North Carolina has a long-standing, well-described and wise process for developing rules and regulations for its fisheries resources. In my opinion, this petition seeks to circumvent established process and requests changes that are not adequately substantiated or shown to be warranted by established environmental or scientific evidence. Such comprehensive changes to fisheries should be developed by fishery management plans (FMPs). The NC General Assembly, through the Fisheries Reform Act, clearly desired that comprehensive changes in management measures for fish species in North Carolina be developed through the FMP process, which was established as a way to bring scientific expertise, regulators, and the experiences of fishermen together to examine issues and address concerns such as those in the petition. Let this process do its work and ensure that all evidence and relevant factors are considered in the requisite calm and thoughtful manner provided by the FMP.

As a conservationist and coastal native, I believe in strong protections for our coastal environments. I do not believe this Petition serves that aim in a positive way, and join in the opinions of leading coastal scientists such as Dr. Joel Fodrie, who express concern that there is no adequate science-based argument made in the Petition that would indicate the need for all North Carolina waters to be designated as Special Secondary Nursery Areas. The Petition also does not address the array of unintended consequences, ranging from coastal development to the consumer economy, that would be negatively affected by approval.

Additionally, the state is right now addressing the issue of bycatch reduction through a multi-interest Bycatch Reduction Working Group, which is in the second year of a three-year study and is by all accounts experiencing very promising results of up to 54% reduction of finfish bycatch with redesigned BRD gear. To enact rules affecting bycatch before the work of this group is completed and taken into consideration by the Marine Fisheries Commission would be true waste of taxpayer funding and a show of disregard for the science that we rely upon to keep our coastal waters, habitats and our fisheries healthy.

Again, I strongly urge the members of the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to deny the Petition for Rulemaking that that has been put submitted by the NC Wildlife Federation.

Respectfully,
Ann C. Simpson

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From: [Aydlett, John M](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Written Comments Submittal on NCWF Petition
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 11:15:55 AM
Attachments: [Written Comments Scan 1-20-17.pdf](#)

Hello. Attached is a written comment document for submittal from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services – Marketing Division.
Please share this document with the Marine Fisheries Commission.

Regards,

John Aydlett

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From: jtd708@gmail.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: North Carolina Shrimp
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 11:22:06 AM

Good morning,

I am writing in hopes to persuade you to deny the petition to close many of North Carolina's waters to our commercial shrimpers. As a long time consumer of North Carolina shrimp, I know that North Carolina shrimp are the best shrimp in the world and are the safest way for me to consume one of my favorite treats. Our North Carolina shrimpers have worked hard to protect their rights as fisherman but also to protect the environment and the fisheries that they and their ancestors before them have made their livelihoods from. Closing many of our waters to them will not only put many our North Carolina families out of business but will also hurt both our consumers and the hundreds of thousands of tourists who flock to our coast to enjoy the best seafood available. Through the combined efforts of both the marine fisheries commission and our North Carolina commercial fisherman, I know that we can work together to keep our waters open for hundreds of years to come without hurting our fisherman, our environment, our consumers, and our tourists. I believe that an unbiased fisheries commission will both understand and agree with the motion to deny this petition and will continue to work hard to protect all parties and waters involved.

Thank you,

Tyler Davis
Avid North Carolina Seafood Lover
252-670-8930

Sent from my iPhone

From: [seaviewcrabcompany](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp Petition
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:38:55 PM
Attachments: [Joes Shrimp Speech.docx](#)

NCWF Petition North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Office

P.O. Box 769 Morehead City, NC 28557

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NCMFC:

My name is Joe Romano. I am one of the owners of Seaview Crab Company based in Wilmington. We have been in business for 10 years and we got our start by selling our blue crabs to customers out of our pickup truck. Today we operate 5 local seafood markets, employ over 30 team members and source our seafood from NC fisherman up and down the coast. NC shrimp is by far our #1 Seller.

In recent years, instead of promoting our growing business and wholesome North Carolina seafood I am perpetually defending our fisherman, our seafood, and our company from small minorities of special interests who seek to marginalize seafood access. When one of the backbone species of our industry can be so easily threatened with a third-rate petition, despite numerous marine biologists, former NCDMF Directors, the entire shrimping industry, our state NC fisheries advisory committees, seafood consumers and coastal state representatives all standing against it, something smells of corruption! All of the startling arguments against this petition have been made clear by people smarter than myself, so I won't waste your time rehashing the reasons not to support this measure. Threatening consumer access and a fragile seafood infrastructure in this manner is unreasonable, unscientific and un-American!

The timing of this petition is suspect with the current problematic politics of our Marine Fisheries Commission. It begs many questions about the money and politics lurking behind the current petition and its supporters who clearly did not show up at the meeting for public comment.

One of the points the petitioner kept saying was, “we have to do something” and “we have to do it now” because nothing has worked. Common sense will tell you to ask deeper questions about the motives and reasoning behind this sort of “sky is falling” rhetoric especially considering there were plenty of principled marine biologists calling into question his logic.

It goes without saying that we need more principled defense of the intrinsic value of the fishing communities and the commercial fisherman of North Carolina. They make a hard-earned living feeding everyone who doesn't have access to seafood.

As an entrepreneur, I have to run on high octane optimism. Despite the dark political cloud hanging over commercial fisherman, our vast watersheds and unique position on the East Coast puts NC in prime position to lead the United States in commercial harvest, scientific research and recreation. If we spent half the time we spend pitting fisherman against fisherman with new regulation, and instead sought new out of the box simple actions that encourage abundance (More cost effective scientific monitoring, sea grass planting, fish hatcheries, shellfish aquaculture, habitat protection and enhancement etc. we might be in a totally different conversation.

In our state, no one owns the seafood or our public trust waters; the state is trusted with the power to manage sustainable seafood harvest for all citizens.

When regulation and legislation unfairly targets commercial fisherman, we as citizens lose access. It's not merely the commercial fisherman's livelihood that suffers; It's the seafood markets and restaurants, the fragile seafood infrastructure, and most importantly the ordinary citizens who rely on the efforts of commercial fisherman for their seafood. This chipping away at the industry by well-funded minority interests does not align with the long proud blue collar heritage of our state. Our state deserves better, and most NC citizens know this.

Sincerely,

Joe Romano

Seaview Crab Company
"Moving Seafood Forward"

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From: [Angela Walker](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Walker - NCMFC Letter.docx
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:48:38 PM
Attachments: [Walker - NCMFC Letter.docx](#)

Please see attached letter requesting the denial of the petition from the NCWF that proposes nursery areas be designated in internal coastal and near oceanic waters of NC.

Regards,
Angela Walker

From: [Chris Bensabat](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#); [Chris Bensabat](#)
Subject: NCWFP Petition
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 1:06:26 PM

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your public service to the great State of North Carolina. It is very important to the people of this state that our resources are protected for the people of the state. Now and for future generations. As population increases, so does the strain on our living natural resources. It is the responsibility of those with the authority to make long term, consciously responsible decisions, and do their sworn duty to defend and protect the resources that we have been blessed to inherit and ensure that we pass that wealth on to our future generations.

Please make the right decision and vote to prohibit the disaster that is currently allowed in North Carolina, and stop trawling and commercial fishing in our hatcheries and stop the destruction of our sea grass and estuaries.

Please take a stand on the side of the people and our future generations.

Respectfully yours,

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From: [Kim](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: DENY petition
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 1:13:42 PM

To Whom it may concern,

I was one of the 60 people that signed up to speak at the meeting on Tuesday, and didn't get a chance to. I am enclosing the comment that I would have made. Please include them in your deliberations.

My name is Kim Fink. I live in Craven County. I am not in the fish industry, or in science, but I must be in tune to both, because most of the points I wanted to make have already been made, so I will just ditto all the remarks that urge you to deny this petition.

One thing I can't understand about this petition is how un-elected, un-accountable people are able to make rules, that turn into laws that effects my freedoms, the freedoms of "We The People". We, either workers or consumers, have no recourse against you, we can't vote you out! Who do you answer to?

We are supposed to be government OF the people, BY the people and For the people.

However

This petition, this process feels more like a mandate
Of rich, powerful, special interest groups and environmentalists,
By politically chosen people,
For what is best for their current agenda.

I urge you to deny this petition.

Kim Fink
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From: BLNORRIS@alumni.ecu.edu
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Deny NCWF Petition
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 1:23:45 PM
Attachments: [NCMFC-letter.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.txt](#)

NCMFC,

I am a concerned citizen of eastern North Carolina, and a commercial fisherman whose family has been hard working fishermen for many many generations. This petition of flawed science and unrealistic data would devastate local eastern North Carolina economies along with thousands of families.
Please find attached, my letter asking you to please deny the petition.

Very respectfully,

Brandon Norris

From: [Info at G.F. Seafood](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimping in North carolina
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 1:49:02 PM

Please keep the Carolina waters open for Shrimping and Local Seafood.
Not only does it effect alot of people Lively hoods, but imported
seafood is terrible. Also there is no telling what they have in it!!
Pamlico Sound and surrounding waters are important to so many people.
Thanks you and prayers for you and your office!!!

From: [Bruce Morris](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Denial of Petition
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 1:49:06 PM
Attachments: [Petition Denial NC Marine Fisheries Commission.docx](#)

Please make these comments available to All NC Marine Fisheries Commission members.

Thank you

Bruce Morris

From: [Teri](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 2:22:35 PM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a citizen of the State of North Carolina, I am asking you to DENY THE PETITION, before you from the NC Wildlife Federation. Agreeing with your five (5) advisory committees, I do not want this petition enacted because it is based on bad data, will kill and end the shrimping industry in North Carolina, covers many measures already enacted and ultimately represents big powers and not me and the consumers of North Carolina. I say "VOTE NO!"

Signed _____ Teresa Spadaccini

From: [Nancy Edens](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Petition
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 4:17:55 PM

January 20, 2017

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a commercial fisherman's wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, sister and cousin, I am

asking that you DENY the petition from the NC Wildlife Federation. I agree with your 5 advisory committees

that this will end the shrimping industry as we now know it.

I sat on the Shrimp AP committee (2014) that made the recommendations to the Commission that the

NC Wildlife Federation is not willing to allow to take effect to see what a difference those changes will make.

Why did we meet every month for a year to come up with solutions if they are not allowed to be tried?

There are so many hardworking people that will be put out of business if this petition is not denied. Jobs

are not easy to find, and we need to keep our current jobs available. We also need to continue to supply

the American people with domestic/local/fresh shrimp. The imported shrimp are not healthy and that is

what the consumer will be eating if we are not allowed to continue shrimping as we are currently doing.

Please take the advise of your Advisory committees and the comments of the commercial fishermen and

consider the devastating affects that the petition would have on the families and businesses of the

fishermen of North Carolina and DENY this petition.

Thank you,

Nancy M. Edens

PO Box 993

Sneads Ferry, NC 28460

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From: [Frank Timberlake](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: [R. Frank Timberlake](#)
Subject: COMMENT FOR RECORD OF NCMFC - PETITION
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 4:46:13 PM
Importance: High

REMARKS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PETITION FOR RULE- MAKING BY N C MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION – FOR THE RECORD

By R Frank Timberlake, 2513 Gray Hawk Trail, Zebulon, North Carolina 27596

For the record I a consumer and I count on the pros to bring me my fresh, local shrimp and seafood from North Carolina waters.

While commercial and sports fishing only involves 10% of the state's citizens, the other 90% of citizens and consumers in North Carolina get our fresh local seafood from professionals. They already bear overregulation and outlandish costs, but fighting weather and the government, they still go out.

As a citizen, I am stating my position that I want appropriate regulation, but moreover, I want the commercial fishing industry in North Carolina to remain viable and sustainable because they are my "fishing farmers" of my waters and my resources. Professional shrimpers and fishermen are a public resource, sports fishers are not.

There needs to be an impartial scientific study or studies on shrimping. Quotes on the amounts of bycatch losses are not proven. The NC Wildlife Federation did not prove their case this past Tuesday in New Bern. The Federation's data is tainted; they recommend some controls already in place and their mapping requests for forbidden nursery waters are ludicrous.

How could the NCWF people keep a straight face saying that they do not intend to hurt, much less close the state's shrimp industry? But before this petition or any action is taken, there needs to be an impartial economic impact study of what will happen to coastal economies, many already on the bottom tiers of economic development, if the commercial shrimping and fishing industry is eliminated. This petition, if accepted, is a giant step in that direction.

The NC Marine Fisheries Commission has recently shown that is extremely anti-commercial fishing, and actually favors recreational aspects of special interest groups like CCA and the NC Wildlife Federation.

Look at this petition. What regular citizen has time to read and to decipher such a petition, obviously written in lawyer Hyroglifics to confuse, if not deter, the public from trying to understand or participate? Even your notices are confusing and not well circulated.

Where is the commission's concern for the consumer; for the 90% of the state's citizens who want and deserve their seafood to be caught and brought to market by professionals?

I believe that my fresh local shrimp from my waters may go away and be replaced by untested, foreign, frozen shrimp if this petition is actually enacted. These proposed regulatory changes in

the petition may forever kill the shrimp business and have tragic economic impact.

The commission's five, that's 5, advisory committees all voted to deny the petition put forth by the NC Wildlife Federation. That plus the enormous public outcry against that same petition should be enough for the commission to deny this petition.

The North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission needs to step up to its original job to represent all the citizens of North Carolina, to deny the petition. It needs to recommit itself as a board to protect and promote our seafood resources, while building in more respect and concern for the industry that fishes for us, the other 90% of consumers and citizens of North Carolina.

Now, you have a citizen's point of view. What you do with it will determine if you and your commission really care about the truth and building an all-encompassing consensus.

I think you should step up and look away from big money, big lawyers and big power and really represent the people's side as well. I for one do not intend to be left out of your processes anymore.

NOTE: I would like a written email advising of the final vote by the NCMFC on this issue at its February 15-16 meeting in Wilmington.

Thank you.

R Frank Timberlake

President

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Subject: Fw: ncdof comment
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 4:48:36 PM

Please note: forwarded message attached

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Subject: ncdof comment
Date: Fri, 20 Jan 2017 13:44:28 GMT

thank you Mr. Corbett

From: [Garrett Ferris](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 10:00:06 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Stephen Parker](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017 12:13:26 PM

Stephen Parker
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Rougemont, NC 27572

January 21, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,
Stephen Parker

From: [Smith, Tricia](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Send error: Public comment
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 2:17:54 PM
Attachments: [letter to NC MFC.docx](#)
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Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Smith, Tricia <tricia.smith@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: FW: Send error: Public comment

Tricia: I submitted my public comments at 4:54 PM on the 20th and I received a error message later that it was not delivered. I emailed it to NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov and assume that is the correct address.

As you can see in the header that the message was sent at 4:54. I am attaching the letter again and hoping that it will be considered.

Thanks,
Dave Sammons

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Windows](#)
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 4:54 PM
To:

Subject: Send error: Public comment

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From: [Pete Kornegay](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: I support the petition by NC Wildlife Federation
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 6:11:58 PM

I fully support the petition by NC Wildlife Federation that asks the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to designate all coastal fishing waters (including the ocean out to three miles) not otherwise designated as nursery areas as special secondary nursery areas; establish clear criteria for the opening of shrimp season; and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used in special secondary nursery areas during shrimp season.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the MFC to implement conservation standards which would begin rebuilding fish stocks in our sounds and estuaries.

James W. (Pete) Kornegay
306 Japonica Drive
Camden, North Carolina 27921

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Our Struggling In-Shore Fishery
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 6:36:35 PM

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Our Struggling In-Shore Fishery

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From: **Don Stanger** <donstanger@aol.com>
Date: Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 8:56 AM
Subject: Our Struggling In-Shore Fishery
To: samjcorbett3@gmail.com, captgorgesmfc@gmail.com, sobxl1@gmail.com,
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Dear Commissioners:

I am a frequent in-shore NC fisherman and occasional in-shore fishermen in our bordering states. When I compare the quantity and quality of targeted species (principally red drum, sea trout and flounder) in NC with the other states, the deficiencies in our local fish stocks are stark.

What is the difference between the respective state fisheries? Level of fishing pressure? Bag limits? Habitat? Other factors? It is none of these! It is the fact that NC, like the other states, DOES NOT HAVE A PROHIBITION ON INSHORE NETTING. These states clearly 'broke the code' long ago and the empirical results are self evident.

I have a proposal: implement the same laws as our neighboring states for a meaningful period of time and see how quickly our fishery begins to resemble the fishery quality of our neighboring states! What are we waiting for?!?

Goodness knows, all recreational anglers, including those like me who do not live on the coast, but spend a good deal of time (and money!) fishing there, should be given a voice on this subject at least as strong as the commercial fishing interests that seem to be currently calling the shots. Given the recreational fishery that we could become, recreational angler economic impact should easily dwarf that of commercial economic impact. So what are we waiting for?!?

Let's take action now to realize the great potential of our NC in-shore fishery!

Respectfully,

C. Donald Stanger

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Durham, NC 27707

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: NCWF Petition
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 6:56:13 PM

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NCWF Petition

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From: <mrbearhunt@netscape.net>
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Subject: NCWF Petition
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Dear Commissioners

I attended the meeting in New Bern on Tuesday and was very disappointed not to be able to give public comment. I used a valuable vacation day to attend and traveled from wake county. I have seen the drastic decline in our fish stocks, anyone that has spent their life fishing on our coast can see it. It seems that all we do is another 3 year study another 1 year study, kick the can down the road. Lets do 1 more study. Get the trawlers out of the inshore areas and see if the stocks rebound! Perhaps you are afraid of the results of such a study!

Tuesday the 800lb gorilla was sitting in the room and every body seemed to be blind to it. The figures given by the NCWF where staggering. To deny that the removal of that many juvenile fish would not impact a fish stock is hard to believe. The folks here in Wake and Durham Counties are paying more attention to your actions than ever before. I hope that you will make the hard choice and support this petition and give my 80 year old father 1 more good Spot run.

Thank you for letting me rant.
And Thank You for serving on the commission
Troy Branham

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From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: NCWF Petition
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 6:56:30 PM

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NCWF Petition

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From: **Cope Mahagan** <adrenalzen@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 7:57 AM
Subject: NCWF Petition
To: samjcorbett3@gmail.com, captgorgesmfc@gmail.com, sobxl1@gmail.com,
janetrosemfc@gmail.com, bkoury2@gmail.com, captjoemfc@yahoo.com,
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Dear Commissioners,

I wanted to let you know that I was extremely disappointed to hear the outcome of the meeting in New Bern on Tuesday, January 17. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend. Several of my friends and fellow fishermen did attend and I was certain that they would echo my opinions on the trawlers utilization of inshore areas. However, their voices were not heard because they were not allowed to speak, so in turn my voice was not heard. Let me provide my voice now.

The negative environmental and economic, yes economic, impacts on the aquatic life and the people of this great state is staggering. The senseless destruction of delicate ecosystems and the great impacts on those that struggle to make their living by serving recreational fishermen and fisherwomen must end. It is time for North Carolina to follow other states in providing regulations that promote a healthy, sustainable fishery that will benefit all creatures big and small. Consider the information provided to you that clearly shows that protecting the nurseries found inshore will boost the economic development of our entire state. A better economy in our coastal communities means more jobs for the people that live there. Do the right thing, get the trawlers out of the inshore areas and see if the stocks rebound!

Thank you for listening,

Jeff Mahagan, Durham, NC

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Comment for meeting
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 6:57:12 PM
Attachments: [Letter - public comment for fisheries meeting Jan 17 2017.docx](#)
[Comment for meeting.msg](#)

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Comment for meeting

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From: <chl3@ec.rr.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:21 AM
Subject: Fwd: Comment for meeting
To: sobxl1@gmail.com

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From: John Canup <jcanup@suddenlink.net>
To: <chl3@ec.rr.com>
Cc:
Date: Fri, 20 Jan 2017 10:20:42 -0500
Subject: Comment for meeting

Chuck, I did not get to see you Tuesday at the meeting until after the meeting started. I wanted to COMMENT but had another meeting to attend later Tuesday. I left my written comment at the head table but was not sure it would find its way to the the right place. Attached is my comment if you think it is worth sharing or discard at your digression.

Thanks for your service on the MFC. I am sure you have had numerous long meetings like Tuesday and I don't see how you tolerate them. Thanks for looking out for the rest of us!

From: [Mcbride](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:01:09 PM

I fully support NCWF's Petition. Protection such as this is long overdue! North Carolina's coastal resources belong to all citizens not just to commercial fishermen.

Franklin T. McBride
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Nashville, NC 27856
252-443-5876

Sent from my iPad

From: [Ann Somers](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF petition re trawling
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:02:44 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to speak in support for the NCWF petition to further regulate shrimping in North Carolina. Most people loathe the amount of by-catch and waste in this industry. The idea that so many fish are not reaching spawning size is repulsive to so many on both sides of this issue.

A little discussed matter related to the huge by-catch is it's impact on the food chain. Lots of discussion is focused on the fin fish industry, which I agree is highly important.

Dead sea life shoveled overboard is food that is not going into the food webs, but is being short cut to the scavengers. It benefits populations of sea gulls and cormorants that further prey on the live juvenile fish.

When juvenile fish are permitted to support the food web, they feed the red drum, weakfish, flounder, and specked trout that we are trying to restore to healthy populations.

It is important for the juvenile fish to grow into spawning sized fish, but it is also important that they also be available as prey for more than the scavengers.

With respect,

Ann Somers

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From: vanhornsc@nc.rr.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:13:40 PM

Favor restricting shrimp trawling within the sounds.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Current Petition Concerns
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:21:36 PM

From: Zack Davis [mailto:zack.davis@carteretk12.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:31 PM
To: samjcorbett@gmail.com; captgorgesmfmc@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; rds.mfc@gmail.com; janetrosemfc@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Bkoury2@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>; Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>; Bianchi, Alan <alan.bianchi@ncdenr.gov>; Moore, Tina <tina.moore@ncdenr.gov>; Lee, Laura <laura.lee@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Current Petition Concerns

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Zack Davis. For those of you who were able to attend the meeting held in New Bern on Jan 17th, I want to sincerely thank you. I understand that all members, whether in attendance or not, are dedicated to their task at hand and have difficult decisions in the days ahead.

I would like to express my extreme concern about the current fisheries issue at hand pertaining to the shrimp petition set forth by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. This petition has the potential to end the commercial fishing industry in North Carolina. Historically and presently, this industry has provided and sustains a viable job opportunity for residents in coastal North Carolina. Job opportunities that are not present in other careers in many of our rural communities.

Furthermore, the statistical data used in the petition does not take into account the fishing effort reduction while looking at landings for many fish species. Stock assessments cannot fully be measured by looking at solely the amount of fish commercially caught in a given year as many vessels and captains seek the highest value product available, often bypassing ample amounts of lower valued aquatic life.

Ultimately this petition goes against the Fishery Management Plans set forth by the Division of Marine Fisheries. Those plans have sought to improve gear using scientific data and strive to reduce by-catch while still providing a valuable commodity to the public citizens of North Carolina. This petition only mentions changing by-catch reduction devices in one aspect. That particular point of the petition (require two BRD's for fin fish) has been in law in North Carolina for two years. This petition does not seek to reduce by-catch out of the shrimp trawls, but the shrimp trawls out of the water.

These are only a few points of question out of many that could not be answered by the people bringing forth this petition. I believe that any member of this commission could see that the underlying push of this petition is to terminally restrict trawling and small mesh gill nets in North Carolina. This alone shows that the petition should not be carried forward by the Fisheries Commission due to the lack of justification of such draconian regulations.

It is my hope that commission members would follow the recommendations of the advisory committees and fully deny this petition. Any other action would show the citizens of North Carolina that the Marine Fisheries Commission has failed to be a true representative of the vested interest of public resources with the best science available.

Thank you,
Zachary Davis

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From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Written comments on NC Wildlife Fed petition
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:28:22 PM
Attachments: [NCWildlife Fed Petition Griffith Written Comments.docx](#)
[1-s2.0-S030438001400129X-main.pdf](#)

From: Griffith, David Craig [mailto:GRIFFITHD@ecu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Written comments on NC Wildlife Fed petition

Dear Nancy: Please convey my comments to the Commission, along with the attached article. If I need to send them elsewhere, please let me know. Thank you.

Best, David

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From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Resolution from Hyde County Chamber of Commerce
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:28:45 PM
Attachments: [Trawl Ban Resolution.pdf](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: Averi Simmons [<mailto:hydecocc@embarqmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Resolution from Hyde County Chamber of Commerce

Good Afternoon Ms. Fish,

Please see the attached resolution adopted by the Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce in Opposition to Petition for Rulemaking to Amend 15A Admin. Code 3L .0101, 3L .0103, 3M .0522, 3M .0523, 3N .0151 and 3R .0105 to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters as Presented by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

Thank you,

Averi Simmons, Executive Director
Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce
20791 U.S. Hwy 264
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From: Benjoycel@aol.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Petition
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:35:42 PM

This petition will eliminate all fresh wild caught seafood in North Carolina. It will also put many fishing families out of business and on the welfare system. Recreational fishermen catch and kill far more sea life by their simple, sheer numbers. Don't ruin North Carolina fisheries and promote foreign imports.
Benny P Ingraham

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Shrimp trawl meeting 1/17/17
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:40:14 PM

From: Roberts, Philip [mailto:philip.roberts@lambertcable.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Shrimp trawl meeting 1/17/17

To whom it may concern,

I am taking time out of my work day to write this letter, as I am unable to go in person to the meeting today in New Bern due to work conflicts. I have owned property at our beaches most of my adult life and have been fishing internal waters as long as I can remember. Over the past 20 years or so, there has definitely been a decline in fish numbers. I believe this to be a combination of in-shore trawling by oceanic vessels and gill nets.

Our internal waters cannot support the scale of trawlers that currently operate in our estuaries. Opening weekend of trawling season, I was on the water and counted 28 vessels from the Sneads Ferry bridge towards the Inter-coastal Waterway to the point I could see. If you are familiar with this area, you know that's a lot of boats in not a lot of area, and many of them were large ocean going vessels. Science proves that the by-catch ratio is 4lbs "by-catch" to 1lb of shrimp harvested. It does not take a scientist to know that that is unsustainable, and detrimental to the estuary environment.

Please accept my comment **FOR THE RESTRICTING OF TRAWL VESSELS IN IN-SHORE WATERS**

Thanks!!!

Philip Roberts,

BSW Manager, RDU Google

Mobile: (919)-971-5302

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Trawling Changing
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:04:23 PM

From: R Spencer [mailto:romsandy@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:02 AM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Trawling Changing

Nancy,

I have been a resident of Hyde County all of my life except for four year attending college. I have always tried to do my part to improve the quality of life of the people of Engelhard and to meet the needs of its citizens. R. S.

Spencer True Value and Furniture is a store now run by the third generation of my family. My father R. S. Spencer, Sr. opened the store on 15 September of 1900. After his death in 1973, I ran the store for forty years before passing the responsibility to my son R.S. (Tony) Spencer and his wife Jo Ann. The main industry in our village is the seafood industry and especially the shrimping part of it. Our store is very dependent on the shrimping industry. The boats go out, get their

catch, and return to the docks. The boat crews often come to our store to shop. The people who head the shrimp gets their checks and come to shop with us. The boat captains and crews come and get supplies for their trips. Without the support of the shrimping industry here, it would be very difficult to stay in business. I very much oppose any additional regulations and limitations that might be put on our shrimping industry. Often the voice of the people most affected are not heard, but this is one time that it is vital that they be heard and have

influence toward no new regulations. Please listen to the voices which are numerous against all of the proposed regulations and restrictions.

R. S. Spencer, Jr.

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: NCWF Proposal to Limit Shrimping, bycatch compared to commercial/recreational catch
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:04:58 PM

From: John Spain [mailto:john.m.spain@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:37 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: NCWF Proposal to Limit Shrimping, bycatch compared to commercial/recreational catch

A quick review of "catch" data from the DMF web site indicates that for the period 2011 through 2015 the shrimp harvest was just under 30 million pounds suggesting a bycatch of over 120 million pounds of immature fish.

For the same period the combined recreational and commercial "catch" for mature Croaker, Spot and Weakfish (2011-2015) was just over 21 million pounds, or about 1/6th the bycatch from commercial shrimping.

Granted, how the 120 million pounds relates to the overall fish stocks, and how those stocks relate to the recreational and commercial catches is a real wildcard, but from this layman's perspective the bycatch is a likely driver in the poor health of the croaker/spot/weakfish fisheries.

While I urge the adoption of the restrictions proposed by the NCWF, I also appreciate the dynamics in the populations and the need for ongoing monitoring.

Your attention is appreciated,

John M. Spain
Box 1010
Bath, NC 27808

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Fight the Trawl Ban!!!!
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:05:39 PM
Attachments: [Fisheries Petition.docx](#)

From: Jo Ann Spencer [mailto:jasrstst@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 1:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition <NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov>; Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fight the Trawl Ban!!!!

All,

Thank you for taking the time to review my attached letter. I am unable to attend the Public Comment on January 17 in New Bern, but wanted to ensure you were aware of how regulations could affect small fishing communities, especially those that are struggling to survive. Unemployment is already up in Hyde County. Tougher regulations on our fishermen would just place us in double digits, further killing our community.

Thank you.

Jo Ann Spencer
252-588-0508

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Petition
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:09:25 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Hergenrader [<mailto:twherg@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:31 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Petition

Ms. Fish, please forward to the MFC.

I was one of those who sat through the New Bern meeting for nearly seven hours only to be disappointed at time running out.

For the sake of brevity I will be that - brief.

I urge you to accept the petition for rule change at your meeting in Wilmington next month. It is the first step necessary to begin restoring our inshore fisheries to some semblance of what it once was.

The scientific facts are there in the petition for all to see. I urge you to not be distracted by the wealth of hyperbole and misinformation being hurled your way. Please keep your eyes on the prize - a healthier ecosystem.

The bottom line - 22 million pounds of sea life annually perishes in our inshore waters, of this there is no doubt.

Reduction of this terrible toll will result in MORE FISH. Recreational anglers and commercial fishermen alike will have more fish to catch.

I cannot remember in my relatively short time of dealing with fisheries issues where the MFC has had the opportunity to vote for something from which both sides will derive benefit!

Thank you for your service and your acceptance of the petition.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Mike D](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Fw: Oppose WF petition.
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:40:50 PM

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Mon, Jan 23, 2017 at 8:22 pm, Mike D
<wmdavis613@yahoo.com> wrote:

I oppose the petition that has been submitted to the NC MFC due to the lack of data that supports limiting the number of days of shrimping and making the state water nursery areas. DMF has headrope rules on the books and is working on BRD devices that are improved. I oppose the WFshrimp petition. WM DAVIS.

[nt from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Mark Schmidt](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 10:10:08 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

Mark Schmidt
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From: [Hilary](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Deny petition please!
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:33:24 PM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a citizen of the State of North Carolina, I am asking you to DENY THE PETITION, before you from the NC Wildlife Federation. Agreeing with your five (5) advisory committees, I do not want this petition enacted because it is based on bad data, will kill and end the shrimping industry in North Carolina, covers many measures already enacted and ultimately represents big powers and not me and the consumers of North Carolina. I say "VOTE NO!"

Hilary Norris

From: [Kim Tavasso](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Trawling Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 6:11:59 AM
Attachments: [Commercial Fishing numbers versus by-catch \(2012\).xlsx](#)
[MFC Hearing on Jan. 17, 2017.docx](#)

Below are my thoughts on the NCWF petition before the Marine Fisheries Commission. I have also attached some supporting information that came the commercial catch data on the DMF's website.

January 17, 2017

Good afternoon everyone,

First let me begin by thanking you for this opportunity to present my thoughts on the petition before you today. My opinion is based on information, hard data, that came directly from the NC Marine Fisheries Commission's website. Most of you, including many in the audience here today, are aware of what this data shows...but for the record it must be said.

For the last twenty years, the Marine Fisheries Commission's data shows that commercial fishing in NC has been on the decline. In 1995, the total commercial catch was 175.8 million pounds, by contrast, twenty years later...the total commercial catch for 2015 was 66.0 million pounds. This decline represents a 62.5% decrease in the total commercial catch. We may disagree with the science surrounding our marine fishery and with the various reports that address the subjects of by-catch and trawling but you can't argue with the numbers, the simple math of this situation.

While shrimp trawling now may not be the only reason for this overall decline. Trawling in our secondary nursery areas, specifically the Pamlico Sound, and the associated by-catch have greatly impacted the commercial catches of many finfish species, such as spots, croakers and weakfish (grey trout) . Once again, the data comparison between 1995 and 2015 shows that the commercial catch of spots has fallen by 86.7% (3.0 million vs 0.4 million), the croaker catch has fallen by 70.0% (6.0 million vs 1.8 million) and the most drastic decline is our weakfish which have fallen by 97.6% (4.1 million to less than 100,000 pounds). These declines are significant and they are real.

We need to take positive steps to reverse these trends. And we need to begin now. At this current rate of decline our NC marine fishery could completely collapse in the next 10-20 years. I don't think anyone in this room wants to see that happen. Therefore, based on this data from the MFC website, I strongly support this petition, with amendments, as offered by the NC Wildlife Federation. Thank you for your time and your attention.

Respectfully yours,

Kim Tavasso

From: [Rodney Chappell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: About Time!
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 7:06:14 AM

From: [Thomas Neeley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition Comments
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 7:56:13 AM

January 24, 2017

RE: Please Support and Approve the NCWF Petition

Dear MFC Members,

Thank you for extending the public comment period as many of us did not get a chance to voice our thoughts last week in New Bern. Here's my input.

What we do know:

Many species of fish are in the concerned or depleted columns on the DMF 2016 Stock Status Report. They include Croaker, Spot, Gray Trout, Flounder, American Shad, Herring, Sturgeon and some grouper species. To me this an alarming number of sought after species both commercially and recreationally that are of concern and you should be concerned also.

Moreover, whether it is our NC data or the Atlantic States MFC data is really not important as many of these fish are migratory and any decline should raise our concern. Any responsible fisheries management team should do whatever necessary to protect and contribute to recovering and replenishing the entire stock.

What we don't know:

Reasons for the declines. Whether it be a sole reason or multiple reasons; how much of an impact any new corrections will make (if any); and how long recovery to a viable stock will take.

With that being said, regardless of the reason(s); we have been attempting to recover these stocks for many years with likely some, but minimal success, however I think we would all agree that by-catch plays a significant role in declining stocks. Any and every trawler on every tow has by-catch mortality. I've been there and have seen it with my own eyes as you probably have that the amount of juvenile fish that don't survive is frightening. Multiply this times hundreds if not thousands of tows each week/month and the number of juvenile fish that don't survive is not healthy for recovering species and these fish will never make it to spawning size/age.

Lastly, our marshes, creeks, estuaries, sounds, rivers and Intercoastal Waterway are our nurseries. Many offshore fishes use these waters for their nursery also so these nursery areas don't apply to just "Inshore Species" as some may think.

Why any responsible fisheries management division would allow trawling in any nursery is beyond me. It is our/your duty to protect the fish for every user group.

I urge your support to approve this petition to continue to make headway in recovering our fish stocks; the more controls we can put in place the faster stocks will improve for every user group.

Again, I thank you for allowing me to contribute my input.

Sincerely,

Tom Neeley

Hampstead, NC

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From: [MAYWHITE MOORE](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Protect coastal commercial fisherman
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 8:21:11 AM

NC coastal waters need to be protected, but access to this valuable asset must not be denied to commercial fishermen. These are families earning their living on the water.

Please do not wealthy, recreational interests squeeze commercial workers out of their livelihood.

Jimmy and May Moore
Retired shrimp fisherman and his wife

From: [Barbara Garrett](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Banning Shrimp Trawling / Local Recreational Fishing
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 8:28:11 AM

Attention Everyone,

I don't really understand why we even need to go through this banning process to STOP Shrimp Trawling along our coastal shores. It should be obvious to every person that preserving, protecting and ensuring that our natural resources are not depleted. Why are we the only state (NC) that still allows this shrimp trawling to continue. We need to wake up and wake up fast!!

We don't want to ask the Commercial Fishermen to change their livelihood but to help build back up the resources that we all need and enjoy. We have to have to invest in the future of this ECO system in order for future generations to depend on life and sustenance from the ocean.

Please change the regulations to have Shrimp Trawling done off shore that they are not visible to the beach fronts. It has been a very long time since the local and tourist fishing has been enjoyable. You may catch the occasional flounder, drum, etc but 8 times out of 10 you have to throw them back due to being too small for the size limits. Many of the fish that populate along the Eastern Coast are being killed in the nets of these shrimp trawlers. There are millions of dollars spent each season on recreational fishing this too may disappear in the future along with the fish!!

Please consider everyone and everything at risk here by allowing this shrimp trawling to continue along our Crystal Coast.

I would like to vote "NO" on this matter and I hope we can all make a difference here!!

Sincerely,

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Barbara E. Criner
General Manager / Human Resources Manager

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From: [Fred Berry](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Please protect our estuaries.
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 8:37:52 AM

Please.

Fred

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From: [Ricky & Beth Nelson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: North Carolina Wildlife Federation Peetition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 9:18:24 AM

Sir,

Please accept this e-mail as my objection to the NCWF's petition asking the commission to designate all coastal fishing waters (including the ocean out to three miles) not otherwise designated as nursery areas as special secondary nursery areas; establish clear criteria for the opening of shrimp season; and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used in special secondary nursery areas during shrimp season.

I do request the MFC to work with the commercial fishery industry to make the industry more efficient, to look at options which would decrease it's environmental footprint without effecting yield, to decrease regulation which has in the past and is currently regulating the industry out of business.

Richard Nelson
Stacy, NC
252-241-4683

From: gcriner@ec.rr.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: N.C.Wildlie Federation Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 9:59:09 AM

I believe it.s about time we attempted to reduce the slaughter of our juvenile finfish. I have lived in Beaufort for over 50 years and have observed the steady decline of finfish over the years.

During this time I have fished extensively from boats, from the surf and from the piers as they have declined from seven to one on Atlantic Beach.

I have also done a limited amount of shrimp trawling in the North River. I am aware of the tremendous numbers of juvenile finfish which are killed to obtain a few pounds of shrimp. It was estimated that nine pounds of juvenile fish were kioed for very pound of shrimp caught.

KThe argument for inshore trawling is that to eliminate it would destroy the shrimp industry. If this were true then how are the states which do not permit inshore trawling able to sustain a viable shrimp indusstry?

As you can tell Iam in favof of eliminating inshore trawling for shrimp.

Gaspard X. Criner, Phd.

From: [Debbie Hamrick](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: [Mitchell Peele](#)
Subject: North Carolina Wildlife Federation Petition for Rulemaking
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 12:25:54 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

North Carolina Farm Bureau is our state's largest general agricultural advocacy organization, representing more than 500,000 member families. We believe that North Carolina citizens should have access to foods produced on our lands and from our waters. We support the right of the commercial fishermen to make a living providing food to the consumer.

We support basing access of fisheries by commercial fishermen and recreational fishermen on sound science, or the best available data. We support trawling in North Carolina's estuaries until sound science supports otherwise.

Adding further restrictions to our state's commercial fishermen operating in our estuaries would be an economic hardship on the entire industry, generating year-round negative economic consequences throughout these communities. We encourage you to deny the Wildlife Federation Petition for Rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Debbie Hamrick

Director Specialty Crops
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From: [Faith Mc Namara](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: North Carolina Wildlife Federation Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 12:41:48 PM

Dear Commissioner Corbett,

I do not support the North Carolina Wildlife Federation petition. I believe the restrictions in the petition will hurt North Carolina Fishermen, hurt the economy of the area, and limit my access to local seafood.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Faith McNamara
50065 Live Oak Lane
Frisco, NC 27936

Sent from my iPad

From: [M. Smith 2087](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp Trawler Petition NO NO
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:04:14 PM

Myron Smith

509 Country Club West Rd

Arapahoe, NC 28510

1 Trawling increases all Marine Life but jelly fish. Disperses Pollution and Dead Sea Bottoms which have increased with closures of sound and ocean water areas.

2 Catch has been reduced and income of NC Commercial by 75 % with over-regulations and excessive regulations since 2012.

3 CCA represents .0012 % of Licensed NC Recreational Fishermen. CCA represents and funding to remove all Commercial Fishing of US with additional funding from Mobile Exxon in Texas; and Sunoco supported by Pew Charitable Trust and Oceana Funding. No CCA member should be on any Commission or Board representing N Recreational and Commercial Fishermen.

4 NC citizens enjoy the Marine Resources provided by NC Commercial Fishermen and only source majority of citizens can eat Local US Wild Shrimp

Thanks

From: pleasureislandmagazine@juno.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Coastal shrimp trawling petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:19:51 PM

I wanted to show my support to the petition set forth by NC Wildlife Federation that would limit inshore & nearshore shrimp trawling in NC waters. I am a recreational fisherman & have seen the shrimp boats up close MANY times as I fish for sharks (catch & release) behind them in the summers. Besides the finfish mentioned in the petition (gray trout, croaker & spot), I have also seen the shrimp trawlers throw back a LOT of small whiting, stingrays, horseshoe crabs & jellyfish. The vast majority of the bycatch that I've seen is dead or almost dead & most of the finfish ends up being eaten by sharks, dolphins, pelicans, sea gulls, etc so they don't have much chance to survive after they're thrown back. In addition to the fish not being able to get to breeding size, the trawling also prevents the fish from getting close to shore which has made fishing from the piers & shore much less productive. I hope you consider the provisions in the petition as it would help both the fish & fishermen, but still allow limited trawling for the shrimpers. Thank you for your time & consideration.

Mark Beaudry, Jr
Carolina Beach, NC

From: [Deborah Leonard](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support of commercial fishing
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:32:49 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I'd like to comment on the importance of keeping commercial fishing viable. My husband and I live for most of the year on Ocracoke Island. While we do not fish commercially many of our neighbors and friends depend on fishing to either provide or supplement their income. From a consumer point of view, we want to be able to order fresh NC seafood when we go out to eat and we want to purchase fresh NC seafood in the markets. Speaking for the many tourists who come to Ocracoke each year (and upon whom the island depends for income), to not have fresh local seafood would be a detriment to our restaurants. Tourists can go to any store and buy seafood but when they come here they expect local fish and seafood. To not have fresh local products to offer would be a huge disappointment and ultimately hurt tourism on the island.

My other home is in the Piedmont area of North Carolina. When I am there and I want to purchase fish or seafood I always ask for NC caught fish and seafood. Back in the fall I wanted to buy shrimp for a special dinner. My choices were shrimp from NC or shrimp from Viet Nam. The imported shrimp were cheaper but I bought the NC shrimp. I would do without rather than buy imported.

Thank you for your time,

Deborah Leonard
P.O. Box 243
Ocracoke, NC 27960

From: [Dana Sargent](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp trawling comment
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 2:09:56 PM

Dear NCWF Petition, Marine Fisheries Commission Office,

Thanks for the opportunity to submit public comment on this issue.

I request going forward to designate all coastal fishing waters, including the ocean out to 3 miles, not otherwise designated as nursery areas as special secondary nursery areas; establish clear criteria for the opening of shrimp season; and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used in special secondary nursery areas during shrimp season.

Shrimpers are vital to our economy and I value them and support them, however rules are necessary to ensure all other fisheries do not crumble to support one fishery at the expense of all others.

Thank you.

Dana Sargent
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From: [Jimmy Canady](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: secondary nursery areas
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 4:07:49 PM

Please review restrictions in the coastal habitat protection plan that may prohibit or limit access to nursery areas being so broadly designated? Thank you, coastal concerned citizen.

James Canady

From: [Chuck Jackson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: chuck@cjackson.net
Subject: Petition for Rulemaking Submitted to N.C. Marine Fisheries
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 4:17:04 PM

Chairman Sammy Corbett
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
Division of Marine Fisheries
PO Box 769
Morehead City, North Carolina 28557

Re: Petition for Rulemaking Submitted to N.C. Marine Fisheries

Chairman Corbett:

I am writing and requesting you pass the petition to further protect the resource.

Designating all coastal fishing waters (including the ocean out to three miles) not otherwise designated as nursery areas as special secondary nursery areas; establish clear criteria for the opening of shrimp season; and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used in special secondary nursery areas during shrimp season will help restore the naturel resource.

Thank You for your consideration.

Best Regards

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From: dcignotti@ec.rr.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 4:29:36 PM

I SUPPORT the North Carolina Wildlife Federation's petition seeking to designate all coastal fishing waters, including the ocean out to 3 miles, not otherwise designated as nursery areas as special secondary nursery areas; establish clear criteria for the opening of shrimp season; and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used in special secondary nursery areas during shrimp season. It is my opinion that this adding these guidelines will not only protect nurseries and many marine species but in the long run improve the viability of NC's fishing industry.

Sincerely,

David Cignotti
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Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

From: [Harry Howard](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF petition on shrimp trawling
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 4:36:09 PM

As a recreational fisherman living in North Carolina I support the recommendations made by The North Carolina Wildlife Federation to limit trawling in NC coastal waters. There is a reason that the other coastal southern states have put similar limitations on coastal trawling. The inshore and near shore fishing in North Carolina is in trouble and getting worse. Many believe it is mostly due to the trawling activities close to shore. Please consider the recommended restrictions before the state loses a majority of the sport fishing revenue caused by very poor fishing results in the state.

Harry Howard
4244 Ashfield Pl
Southport, NC 28461

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From: [Beth Bucksot](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: RE Rulemaking Petition Commission hearing February 15th and 16th
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 5:36:28 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[Final Seafood Commission PC Snapshot.doc](#)
[ECU Professor studies on shrimp trawling impacts.pdf](#)
[Pub Com Petition Letter to Fisheries Commission.doc](#)

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for your efforts in allowing the Public Comment on the Rulemaking Petition impacting shrimp trawling that would significantly impact all of Eastern Carolina and the State of North Carolina. Please find Pamlico County's office of Planning and Economic Development's public comment letter and a short "Pamlico County: An Economic Snapshot of policies" showing previous regulatory results on the local and state economy. Also attached is a 2013 study on the effects of Shrimp Trawling on the Core Sound.

Thank you for sharing them with whomever needs to see the public comments regarding this matter and for their careful consideration.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact this office.

Have a good evening,

Beth



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From: [Beth Wiegand](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: DENY NCWF Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 5:38:55 PM

NCWF Petition
North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Office P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

ncwfpetition@ncdenr.gov

NCMFC:

I love my native state, and enjoy eating from the bounty of its waters. Give me a green tail shrimp harvested from NC's waters, sauteed, boiled or fried, and I'd consider that's perfection. As the author of ***THE OUTER BANKS COOKBOOK: Recipes and Traditions of NC's Barrier Islands***, I speak to many interested foodies, do cooking demonstrations on television, at events, and schools, and write about local foods and eateries. I am also a board member of NC Catch. The main message to my audience is always this: EAT LOCAL.

By eating local, we are supporting communities, saving resources involved in transportation and refrigeration, and on top of that, getting the freshest and best ever seafood anywhere in this country. Our three local shrimp species provide us with great tastes from spring into early winter. I pack my freezer full of green tails every fall that last my family until the first sign of shrimp in late spring. I preach to all about how great our NC shrimp taste, especially in contrast to the taste and lack of health regulations with imported, farm-raised shrimp.

But how can we eat local shrimp if commercial fishermen are so very restricted as proposed by the petition set forth by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation? It is so restrictive that it will wipe out any commercial efforts to harvest shrimp in NC waters. The commercial trawlers I have met are as concerned as I am that we keep NC's shrimp and fish population sustainable, because if they don't, they won't have any product to harvest. Give them a chance to further test the devices being developed to reduce bycatch, as the first two years of the state's study has shown a good success.

So as a concerned citizen, I am requesting the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Committee (MFC) to deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation that proposes to designate the internal coastal and near oceanic waters of North Carolina special secondary nursery areas. The rules proposed in the Petition would close the internal coastal waters and near-shore oceanic waters of North Carolina to trawling unless opened by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), establish a shrimp size for shrimp trawling season to open, establish a more restrictive headrope size for shrimp trawls, create a trawl tow time for shrimp trawling, further restrict the taking of shrimp to daylight hours and three days per week, require the use of two DMF certified bycatch reduction devices in shrimp trawls, and create a recreational size limit of 8 inches for spot and 10 inches for croaker.

The Petition should be denied by the MFC because of several substantial and pertinent reasons. First, the Petition should be denied because such comprehensive changes to fisheries should be developed by fishery managements plans (FMP's). The North Carolina General

Assembly, through the Fisheries Reform Act, clearly desired that such comprehensive changes in management measures for important recreational and commercial species in North Carolina be developed through FMP's.

Secondly, the Petition should be denied because these issues were recently discussed and addressed by the 2015 Shrimp FMP after two years of development. Bycatch and habitat protection measures were deliberated by the DMF and MFC Shrimp FMP Advisory Committee through the development of the FMP. Recommendations were reviewed by several other MFC advisory committees. Many public meetings were held where stakeholders provided input.

Thirdly, the Petition should be denied because the cost factors described in the Petition are clearly inadequately described. This omission is significant because the shrimp fishery is North Carolina's most important fishery economically.

The proposals will have a substantial economic impact on many small businesses, have significant negative effects on coastal communities and negatively impact the availability of North Carolina shrimp to consumers, which is why we are recommending that the MFC deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wiegand
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Raleigh NC 27615
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From: [Charlie Schoonmaker](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Comment on Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 5:40:15 PM

To the NCDMF Nancy Fish
The current members of the MFC,
Governor Roy Cooper
Lt. Governor Dan Forest, Senate President
Sen. Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore
Rep. Tim Moore, Speaker of the House
Rep. Jimmy Dixon
Rep. Ted Davis
Rep. John Bell, IV, Majority Leader
Michael Regan, acting Secretary of NCDEQ
Braxton Davis

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Advisory Councils meeting this past week in New Bern on the proposed Wildlife Federation's petition on shrimp trawling and estuary protection showed a new low in the transparency of the NCDMF and its advisory committees mission to protect and enhance our state's public marine resource. I am sure you have all heard of said meetings organizational debacle and failures so I will not comment on that situation.

The combined marine resources of our state are at a 15 year low, Probably more according to the state's scientists at the DMF in Morehead City....Some say a 30 year low and showing a steady trend of decline. Our state's DMF organization is challenged with reporting proper data and science to be used for management of our resources and their well being. The MFC is responsible for acting on that science and data and to act responsibly to insure a properly managed resource.

The MFC is tasked with protecting the resource, not various user groups..... The previous MFC's have failed miserably in their responsibility and this goes back years more than the current MFC administration. Today's MFC must act quickly to reverse these failures, and by doing so enhance the opportunity for our many resources to recover and prosper. We can no longer afford the "bandaid on a cancer" approach to fishery management and marine environmental resources. There have been much needed changes to the DMF organization, but much more work needs to be done, and soon. The condition of the total marine resource is critical and needs help immediately. I hope the NCWF petition will be studied, and it's science and relevance considered in the making of good decisions for our resources.

I have faith in the current N C MFC in using the best available science and reasoning in making firm and much needed decisions to better our resources for every N C citizen. It's all about the resource and it's enhancement, right?

Thanking you all in advance for your efforts, I remain respectfully,

Charles C. Schoonmaker
NC born and bred,
A Proud Pender County Resident
Upper Union Township

Sent from my iPad

From: [Stephen Jilcott](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 6:50:08 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

Stephen jilcott
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From: [Dennis Carter](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 7:32:05 PM

Dennis Carter
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wilson, NC 27896

January 24, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,Dennis Carter
Dennis Carter

From: [Drew](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 7:57:59 PM

I fully support the petition to amend shrimp trawling practices which are seriously damaging the available stock of many in-shore fish. Flounder, red fish, speckled trout and other varieties are not found in the numbers that have been available historically. I believe a major contributing factor to this decline is the in shore trawling practices currently allowed. Trawlers should not be allowed in breeding areas and definitely should be kept outside a 3 mile limit. Thank you.

Drew Danko

From: [Dennis Carter](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NC Wildlife Federation Petition-for banning trawlers in coastal sounds
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 8:27:15 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

We strongly stand behind this petition as a family. We know firsthand the devastation that the trawlers have caused in the NC waters for our precious marine fisheries. We have witnessed a significant decline over the last 12 years. How can the commercial fishermen control such a precious resource without considering the recreational fishermen of all ages? They have ruined these waters for too long. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see what is going on! When will something happen to stop this travesty?! We are concerned about the future of the NC waters for all fishermen!

Thank you for your consideration for the support of this petition.

Sincerely,
Eileen Rodri Carter and
Dennis Ray Carter, Sr.

From: [Thomas Boylan](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 8:34:49 PM

As a part time recreational fisherman I would like to express my views on the petition.

DMF's 1st priority is to sustain and maintain a healthy fishery. and not caving to the ranting and veiled threats from the commercial shrimp industry. As the data presented to you from the experts in the field of marine fisheries, the stocks in coastal North Carolina are in a state of depletion, without change we will see a collapse of the fishery. It is my opinion that the shrimpers could care less about fish stocks as shrimp are little dependent on fish as their food source, shrimp will still have plant particles, plankton, dead creatures (clams, snails) and their own to feed on. As for the recreational fisherman, and I think I can speak for many of them, our harvest has been on the decline because of catch and size limits imposed by DMF as part of your attempt the save the fishery, and the fact that legal size fish just are not there and this is OK we understand.

As for the economic impact, I feel the commercial industry will see less impact if the fishery collapses because as I stated above the shrimp will still be there, maybe fewer but still there.

On the recreational side the impact could be far greater, boat manufacturing and sales, bait and tackle sales, hotel and restaurant business and on and on.

Far worse than the economical impacts we lose a tremendous natural resource that WE and YOU were entrusted with.

Thank You for giving us the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Tom Boylan

From: [Bill Sample](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 8:58:59 PM

Dear Commission:

I read the proposed fishing petition and strongly believe there too many 'grey areas' that could potentially affect the local fish population. As a resident of North Carolina, I believe anything approved should include a one or two year limited time with a complete review of the fish impact after the limited time has expired. Adjustments such as the fishing net gaps could be made.

Please take a trial and error basics in order to fully protect as many fish as possible. It will not be 100 percent, but at least it would be fair and reasonable.

Hopefully you will consider my suggestion as you move forward to protect our oceans, fishing industry, and sport fishing.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to comment.

Bill Sample
3517 Sanderling Drive SE
Southport, NC 28461

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Daniel george](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp trawling petition
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 10:03:21 PM

My name is Dan George and, as a recreational fisherman and active board member of the RFA-NC, I would like to support the petition to limit shrimp trawling in our inshore waters. It is foolish, at best, to kill juvenile finfish in pursuit of sixty count shrimp that have not moved into ocean waters. I understand there are a few different varieties of shrimp in our state waters but the trade off of bycatch waste in pursuit of a substandard product makes no sense to anyone in our state. With finfish numbers in decline, and they ARE in decline, it is time to make decisions based on bringing back our resources to benefit everyone across the board, commercial and recreational. Let's keep our trawlers in the ocean waters and catching mature, large, beautiful North Carolina shrimp.

Thank you, Dan George

From: s.kaplan@knntr.com
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: New contract Feb 2017
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 12:54:04 AM

Dear sir,

Please see the attached new PO for your reference and sign back .

Thanks
Best Regards
Bruce/董天宇

[PO811VIK.pdf 250 KB](#)

[NEW ORDER.pdf 210 KB](#)

From: [Marguerite Silver](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:38:20 AM

Jan 25, 2017

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Office
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Marine Fisheries Commission Office,

I'm writing today to urge the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This research-based and data-driven approach will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn, helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our economically and culturally important coastal fisheries.

In addition, these modifications will bring North Carolina more in line with all other east coast and Gulf states by limiting destructive trawling practices in sensitive and essential habitat areas.

I hope you will act to support the fish, fishermen, fishing industry and economy of NC by supporting the petition for rulemaking filed by the NC Wildlife Federation.

Sincerely,

Ms. Marguerite Silver
1025 Harvey St
Raleigh, NC 27608-2331
mrSilver@aol.com

From: [Kerry Harris](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimping
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 4:29:44 AM

This will totally destroy shrimping in North Carolina. 3 days daylight only is not possible. Certain times of our season you cannot catch a single shrimp in daylight. If this passes it will take millions of \$'s out of NC's economics. I pray this don't pass!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Roger Jones](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp Trawling in North Carolina Estuaries
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 7:13:21 AM

Shrimp trawling in our North Carolina Estuaries has decimated many of our marine fishery stocks due to the bycatch. I support the petition to designate all North Carolina coastal waters as fishery nursery areas and establish clear criteria for opening the shrimp season as well as defining the gear types to be used when trawling. This will go a long way to improving marine fish stocks in our North Carolina waters and is long overdue. All you have to do is look at other states, particularly Virginia and you can see the differences in recreational fishing for a variety of marine fish species. Thanks for taking this important step to improve and protect our fishery resources.

Respectively,

Roger I.Jones
Retired Fishery Biologist and Fisherman

From: fvdaranar@aol.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: comments on the petition
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 7:35:11 AM

Chairman Sammy Corbett
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
Division of Marine Fisheries
Mr. Chairman:

I would like to preface this letter by stating that any comment I make referring to NEAMAP can be validated by the NEAMAP website. <http://www.neamap.net>
All other comments are my own personal observations and opinions.

I am a 3rd generation commercial fisherman with over 53 yrs. experience, 9 yrs. as a North Carolina Mid Atlantic Fisheries Management Council member, And 10 yrs. with the NEAMAP Inshore Trawl Survey. I would like to take this time to voice my opposition against supporting this petition.

I am not a commercial shrimper, and have no financial interest in the fishery. I truly believe that the intent of this petition is wrong.

As a point of clarification, any published paper be it Fisheries or medically related is an opinion statement be it by an individual or a group. The true definition is "A theory waiting to be disproved". In the last 5-10 years there has been a multitude of contradictory papers on things like Red wine and coffee to name but a few.

Exhibits B and E offered in support of the petition lack any credibility as they are referring scientific documents and references that are not scientifically sound. Actually they seem to contradict themselves. "By-catch mortality is to high" (Barbieri), "The impacts of by-catch mortality is uncertain" (Barbieri pg. 15.)

I am confident, that Exhibits B and E, at first glance appear to be well written and researched. However, they are both fatally flawed in that they continually refer to ASMFC Addendum 2, which since 2008 has been invalid. Prior to the NEFSC bringing the Henry B. Bigelow online, (2008) the Albatross time series was established and used. Since 2008, the use of the NEFSC Trawl survey data is unjustifiable do to the fact that the Bigelow no longer surveys the inshore strata of the survey area. In order to maintain the time series the inshore strata data are removed from the time series. The inshore strata are only being sampled by the NEAMAP survey, but at the time Addendum 2 was published, it had not yet met the minimum time series of 10 yrs. (NEAMAP started in fall of 2006). Using the NEFSC time series beyond 2008 for any type of stock evaluation is impossible as the information is no longer available for these inshore species.

The Northeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (NEAMAP) is an co-operative collaborative ,Fishery independent , stratified random design , peer reviewed trawl survey that is widely excepted by both scientist and managers as well has having industry confidence. Recently, Dr. Bill Karp referred to it as "The gold standard trawl survey" using industry vessel and non-government scientist. NEAMAP is the largest source of data for most if not all specie listed within this petition, yet none of the information was reviewed nor used by the authors of the supplication.

Addendum 2 is only viable until 2008 and should not be used beyond that time as the Bigelow does not survey inside 60'. The only survey to sample the inshore segment is NEAMAP which surveys 60' and shoaler. The absence of these data in the Interstate Fisheries Management Plan for Atlantic Croaker creates an circumstance greater than 9 years old. Using 9 year old data on species that live 3-6 yrs. on average is incongruous.

To site the "effects of trawl gear to the sea bed" without also requiring a full and in-depth analysis on the effects of many sand mining (beach replenishment) projects inside of 3 miles up and down the coast is ludicrous. Isn't this a bit of a double standard to say that one that disrupts the benthic layer is more of a concern than one that removes it entirely?

Two to three decades ago the traditional fall / winter fisheries prosecuted off the NC coast consisted of Flounder, Black sea bass, Scup, Atlantic mackerel, and butterfish. During that time frame there was no Blue line tile fishery north of Cape Hatterass. All of the traditional fisheries of that era are now found north and east of Cape May NJ. Is it not reasonable to expect that these three species

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Many fisheries management tactics along the coast and within the state are in numerous ways complete failures. Commercial Fisheries are no longer allowed to achieve or maintain optimal sustainable yield and are the first to be persecuted with regulations, prohibitions and banns. Commercial allocations for certain traditional inshore fisheries have been interdicted in many southern states for some time. Conversely many of these stocks fail perform as predicted with the implementation of said regulations. How can commercial fishing practices have such a heavy impact when in the almost complete absence of it, these stocks have yet to reach rebuilding goals? Any fishery management/ rebuilding plan that does not account for changing ecological and environmental factor will never be able to accomplish its intent.

We owe it to not only our fishing industry, both commercial and recreational but to the entire population of North Carolina to do better.

Sincerely, Capt. James A. Ruhle

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From: [rd](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF petition on trawling
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 8:52:00 AM

I support the petition. As a native of NC having lived in VA for two decades before returning to NC to live out my retirement I can compare the difference regulations can have on the fisheries. VA's fisheries are better than NC because of their regulations. An adequate balance is needed between the waterman's harvest methods and the protection of the resource so that is why I support the petition.

Ray Dorsett
Burlington, NC

From: [Sandra Davidson](#)
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Subject: NC Shrimp
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 9:56:10 AM

Hello,

Sandra Davidson - a Chapel Hill resident and beneficiary of local seafood for going on 28 years. I am one of the 95% of North Carolinian without a recreational fishing license. I've both benefited as a diner and contributed as a buyer to the local seafood economy in North Carolina.

Because of this, and because I like knowing where my seafood comes from just as I like knowing where my vegetables come from, I'm writing to support the Marine Fisheries Commission denying the NCWF petition.

Don't block my access to sustainable, healthy shrimp.

Sandra Davidson
Chapel Hill, NC.

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From: [SHAWN COOK](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:11:07 AM

I support the NC Wildlife Federation petition on shrimp trawling completely.

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Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:20:31 AM

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From: [John Grinnell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Finfish Sanctuary & By Catch Problem
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:21:58 AM

I am in full support of setting up sanctuary for finfish and the reduction of bycatch by the shrimp fishermen. I can fully understand the dilemma the commercial fishermen are in with needing to make a living and feeding their families. But the balance has swayed as I see it.

As our populations have increased in NC over the past 50 years, the demand for seafood has also increased. Probably not an issue when I was young, but now the bycatch situation is a serious problem for our close offshore and inshore fish.

John Grinnell
Wilmington NC

From: [John Grinnell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: RE: Finfish Sanctuary & By Catch Problem
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:28:00 AM

This had to do with the meeting this Thursday. So that is too late.

From: SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition [mailto:NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:22 AM
To: John Grinnell <jgrinnell@grinnellleadership.com>
Subject: Automatic reply: Finfish Sanctuary & By Catch Problem

Thank you for submitting comments on the petition for rulemaking, filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. Your comments will be submitted to the Marine Fisheries Commission prior to its February 15-16 business meeting.

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From: [Will Anders](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Reducing Bycatch in Shrimp Trawling
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:36:34 AM

I have previously written in using a form but today I want to re-iterate my support for the petition Rulemaking to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in NC Coastal Fishing Waters. I know a number commercial fishermen personally and I am wholeheartedly supportive of their way of life and their desire to maintain it, although the behavior of the NC Fisheries Association in response to this petition appears to be disingenuous, selfish, and bullying. After reviewing the science as well as my first hand memories of what the coastal region was like back in the 80's and 90's, it is clear to me that there has been a drastic negative impact from the way that trawlers are currently operating. I struggle to understand why one of our most precious resources that could be available and viable to all current and future citizens should be squandered to prop up a relatively small group of people who are in essence destroying the resource for everyone else. Furthermore, the NCFA arguments that commercial fishing will disappear or that fresh, local seafood will be unavailable to consumers simply don't make sense to me based on the data that I've seen or based on the results that have been observed in other states. Additionally, I have seen first hand over time numerous instances of commercial fishing vessels openly disregarding rules in place which reduces any sympathy I could feel for them around this issue. Why should we allow NC to be an outlier as the only state who permits certain actions that all available science says are clearly detrimental to the ecosystem? Why should we hurt the many for the benefit of the relatively few? Why should we allow only commercial fishing interests the ability to debate this issue?

Will Anders
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From: [Guilford Barnhill](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Petition
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I really think this would be a great time to choose to help those families that rely on our waters for their livelihood. There must be another way to not hurt these families and protect the waters resources.

Sent by [MailWise](#) – Your emails, with style.:)

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Subject: Juvenile finfish slaughter!
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:41:17 AM

Get off your butts and do the right thing for the future of our fisheries. Quit putting politics ahead of a bleak and ongoing bad management practices. We have a new day now for our country so let's have the same for North Carolina. We are the laughing stock of other states, I know because a lot of my money goes into these states because of the idiocrisy of bad management practices in N.C. TIGHTEN UP!!!

From: [Stuart Creighton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: comments
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:41:41 AM
Attachments: [Call to Action.docx](#)

Good afternoon! I am attaching to this email a letter I have composed supporting sweeping changes to how our marine fisheries are managed. I believe it supports well the pending petition on shrimp trawling restrictions. Feel free to use it in any manner that furthers this important cause.

Sincerely,

Stuart Creighton

From: [Arno, Bill](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: bycatch in shrimp trawling
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:46:13 AM

The petition to reduce bycatch in shrimp trawling needs to be passed to help our fisheries. As a recreational fisherman and shrimp lover I strongly support this initiative. Please slow down the commercial shrimp fisherman at least long enough to let our spot and croaker population catch up.

Thanks,
Bill Arno

From: [Flowers, Trey](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition for rulemaking by the NCWF
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:46:59 AM

I am in full support of the petition for rulemaking designating all coastal fishing waters (including the Ocean, out 3 miles) not otherwise designated as nursery areas as special secondary nursery areas; establish clear criteria for the opening of shrimp season; and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used in special secondary nursery areas during shrimp season. I believe a research-based, data-driven approach is the proper way to manage the exploitation of this precious natural resource and am in full support. As an outdoor sportsman who purchases privilege licensing and other legally required access permits, I believe in the conservation of the natural resources for mine, and future generations to enjoy.



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From: [travis C](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NC Shrimp Trawling
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:51:11 AM

Hello,

Please reconsider the findings to allow shrimpers to continue trawling in the estuaries of NC. I still believe the commercial fisherman should be able to make a living, but they can do the same offshore as many other states offer. The bycatch that comes with the meager amounts found is immeasurable and only goes to waste as they throw it overboard. There are better options available and these need to be implemented before the inshore areas are destroyed.

Thank you,
Travis Cane

From: [Len Rosol](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:59:52 AM

Please register my comment 100% for the NCWF petition on rule making.

The time has come to respect the incredible nursery area that our inshore waters are, and to reduce the impact that our current shrimp trawling has had on young fish.

Also, please register my disappointment at the blatant conflict of interest that was reportedly displayed at the advisory committee meeting. Allowing the lobbying group representing commercial fishing interests (NCFA) to have preferred speaking slots and a table to recruit members at the expense of the state of NC does not reflect well on our state.

Len Rosol -
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From: [Phil Bradley](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for the NCWF petition
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 12:02:32 PM

I am writing to you the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my wholehearted support for the petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. This petition would implement rule making to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state. The majority of NC sportsmen, scientists, and conservationist desire rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Thank you for your time,
Phil Bradley

From: [Kenneth Taft](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Limiting Commercial Fishing.
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 12:04:21 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a person who eats and enjoys seafood, but am concerned about the sustainability of current fish populations. I support allowing limitations on catch, or area open to fishing, to ensure the on-going harvest of seafood for generations to come. Let the science be our guide in making these type decisions, not the emotions of those who have financial stakes for the short term.

Best regards,
Ken Taft
Emerald Isle, NC 28594

From: [Dianne Mercer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Areas
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I would like to voice my concern that North Carolina does not protect our waters. The fact that we allow netting in the nursery areas seems very archaic. Why do we want to destroy our fish population to benefit some commercial outfits that seem to be trying to intimidate the commission? If you look at other states that have imposed some sort of controls on netting they have regained their fish population and they make more money on the recreational side which increases revenue for the state. Lets move in to the future with the idea of protecting our state while adding to our revenue. Please do not be intimidated by the bullying tactics. There is a lot of support for you on doing the right thing.

Thank you,

Diane Mercer

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Subject: trawling in NC waters
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A lot of the problem with trawling restrictions are that they are not being enforced !!!

Also we should close all inshore trawling period

Allow offshore trawling (0-3) to continue but with the proposed changes!!

We should do away with Gill Nets all together in NC.....

Do away with the pound nets PERIOD.....!!!!

Or at the least make it a law that you have to stay with the net as long as it remains in use..

The few bad apples have ruined every barrel of apples we have!!!!

The Tar River has suffered the effects of such abuse !!!

Lets salvage what is left of a Great estuary...

MFC has a comment to all of the people to protect our waters for ALL of us!!!

Please do your job or get replaced !!!!

Thanks

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From: [Robert Lorenz](#)
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Subject: NC Wildlife Federation Petition
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Dear Chairman Corbett and MFC Commissioners:

I wish to state support of the subject petition. My support comes from the profound need to address all the 13 inshore fishery stocks that are depleted or of concern in North Carolina. I include the blue crab and exclude the oyster and scallop.

We are the only state in the south to allow inshore otter trawling beyond a very short and highly controlled season and operations. I personally have seen the half-mile plus mud plumes behind trawlers dragging in the Pamlico Sound while on ferries to Ocracoke, as many tourists have. This type of large scale dragging operation, executed over such a wide time frame during the year, definitely affects the inshore benthic ecology from the drag and fish stocks due to approximately 40% of what is landed is fishery by-catch, many juvenile finfish of the species of concern or depleted..

North Carolina's inshore fisheries and accelerates their continued decline. I have watched this all now for 14 years. The state of our inshore fisheries rarely improve except for an occasional species. Mostly it is continued stock degradation that occurs.

The large otter trawlers dragging 2- 4 nets must be eliminated from inshore waters, particularly Pamlico Sound. It is safe for those large boats to ply sandy bottom ocean waters where the ecological damage can be proven to be less significant. There may be some reasonable allowance, by reasonable people, for very small otter trawl boats, perhaps in the 28 to 32 foot category, approximate, to be able to continue operating with a single bottom trawl. For these folks the ocean is likely too far and the inlets too dangerous to utilize their boat in a commercial ocean shrimp trawling operation. There could be some leeway and tolerance considered for these very small, independent operators. In this case, the only allowance would be for the small NC owner/operator vessels in NC's inshore waters.

Remember that bait shrimp are a lucrative business with prices to the fishermen exceeding \$20.00 effective per pound

Last, it is a shame that the call for ecological and fisheries conservation, along with intelligent management for sustainable stocks, always draws down "party" lines. Only the recreational, general citizen, and conservation people of NC look for conservation and saving stocks and the environment. The commercial fishing interests, and fisherman, always net out on supporting "let us fish where we want, the way we want, with any gear we want, anytime we want", regardless of the fishery management problem at hand. Otter trawling for shrimp in the sounds and very inshore waters has a tremendous effect on lowering our stocks of juvenile finfish due to the by-catch. This does not affect just recreational fishing interests, such as myself, but is also affects good, small operation, commercial fisherman. The inshore and nearshore ocean gill net fisherman are horribly affected by the shrimp trawl by-catch problem! It is a shame that nearly all of them will blindly support operations like large, multi-net inshore trawlers, some possibly from outside of NC, that actually reduce the chances of them having viable fish stocks to net. The inshore trawlers are

negatively affecting these hard working and independent commercial fisherman more than any conservation activist/ recreational fisherman such as myself, CCA, RFA, or NCWF could ever do. It is a shame the MFC will likely will not have a commercial seat or two see this and lead so as to support the NC Wildlife Federation petition, – the results if adopted are sure to provide benefit to gill netters. Someone from the commercial sector please become enlightened and lead.

It is so sad! I heard the New Bern public meeting was a disaster due to the biased nature upon which the meeting was lead. That is such a shame! I expected better of you all. I certainly could have done better in managing and facilitating a meeting for ALL stakeholders.

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From: [Randy Riddle](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: petition
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 12:51:58 PM

MFC, I am 62 years old and lived in North Carolina all my life and have fished in the sounds and ocean since I was a boy.

In the last 20 plus years I have witnessed the resource and habitat be seriously impacted. Just this November for three day watched 5 trawlers work

An area maybe 5 square miles right off the beach at Ocracoke. I have seen as many as a dozen trawlers in the sound between Swan quarter and Ocracoke.

Many of the boats are not even from North Carolina and are taking away from our own native boats. I am not trying to say commercial fishing is bad.

On the contrary it is a part of the fabric of our great state and needs to be protected from outsiders.

Our waters and its bounty needs good management

And protection.

Now about the recent actions by the NCFCA to upset and take over the hearing in New Bern should be judged in only negetive light.

All of us North Carolinians need to work together and everyones voice be heard.

Randy T. Riddle

President



From: [Isaac Sandlin Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Srimp Trawing Bycatch Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:02:14 PM

As a coastal recreational fisherman for over 60 years, I've seen the fishing catch deteriorate year after year. I think part of this trend is due to the shrimp trawling bycatch. It doesn't take an expert to come to that conclusion having seen the seagulls/sea birds having a feast behind every shrimp boat culling their catch.

I am for the effort to limit this bycatch through the NCWF Petition.

I would also like to protest and express my dismay at the MFC at the New Bern Hearing for letting the NCFA and commercial interest hijack the hearing. The attempt by the commercial fishing people to intimidate and drown out any pro-resource speakers was not fair and appalling. Despite rules that prohibit it, the commercial interest crowd continually cheered speakers that spoke on behalf of commercial fisherman and jeered the few pro-petition speakers. The whole hearing was geared toward the commercial fishing industry by the actions of the MFC. This should not have happened by a government organization that is supposed to be non biased.

The Marine Fisheries Commission should be more sympathetic to the interest and wishes of the recreational fisherman, not only the commercial fishing interest.

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From: mfoote@ec.rr.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: PASS the Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:04:42 PM

Dear Sir: I am a recreational fisherman on the coast of NC. The reason I want you to PASS the Petition is because we need the fisheries and secondary fisheries to be protected from the reckless and over fishing of our fisheries by commercial shrimpers and commercial fishing vessels. They are eliminating the food chain that our fishing resource requires. Recreational fishermen contribute to the fisheries by purchasing fishing licenses, boat taxes, fuel, and fishing gear. Please PASS THE PETION before you. Thank you, E.L.Foote, Jr.

From: [RANDY LONG](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Subject: Opposing NCWF petition with nearly 7,000 signatures
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:14:09 PM

To the Marine Fisheries Commission,

As a lifelong citizen of the NC coast, I took it upon myself to start an online petition to oppose the NC Wildlife Federation's petition. Signatures have reached nearly 7,000 and the momentum continues to grow. Follow the link below to read comments by citizens from the NC coast, across the state, and throughout the country.

https://www.change.org/p/north-carolina-marine-fisheries-commission-keep-nc-seafood-especially-shrimp-on-our-tables?source_location=minibar

Local businesses, fishing families and coastal communities depend on catches from trawlers - namely shrimp - as a source of economic commerce, as well as locally-grown, organic protein.

More than 90 percent of all shrimp consumed in the country is imported. Importing this highly prized commodity not only puts Americans out of jobs, it jeopardizes our health by marketing a poorly inspected product.

By designating the state's inland waters, as well as ocean waters three miles out as permanent secondary nursery areas, the fishery for trawlers - which harvest blue crab, flounder and mainly shrimp - would be highly compromised. As a result, North Carolina would lose a considerable amount of income to foreign competition and consumers across the country would lose access to this bountiful and highly prized resource. In addition, the rules would surely lead to the demise of a historic profession that has spanned generations of coastal citizens.

Please consider consumers and our coastal economy when

imposing strict rules in our state's waters. Keep our fishermen working and keep seafood on our tables. Do not designate North Carolina waters as permanent secondary nursery areas.

I will provide the Commission with a hard copy of the signatures and comments during the business meeting in February.

Please keep fresh NC seafood on our tables and our fishing industry working.

Thank you.

Megan Spencer, Ocracoke NC

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From: [Jim Ayers](#)
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Subject: Shrimping
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:23:50 PM

Lets get the nets out of the sound like all the other smart states. Fishing here is awful. Jim



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From: [Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ayers](#)
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Cc: [Lin Peterson](#)
Subject: NCWF Shrimp Petition - DENY
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:38:00 PM
Attachments: [Locals Shrimp Petition Comments - Google Docs.pdf](#)

We are submitting our comments regarding the NCWF Shrimp Petition.

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Ryan Speckman
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From: [LARRY BRYAN](#)
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From: fvdaniels@aol.com
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Subject: Comments on NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:50:25 PM

Dear Members of the Marine Fisheries Commission,

I am writing to you on behalf of all commercial fisherman, their families, and their communities. I am 34 years old and have grown up in Wanchese, NC, a village that has a very strong heritage and deep roots in commercial fishing. I have also had the privilege to work in a commercial fishing supply store for the past 12 years, however, throughout my time here, the number of fishermen has steadily declined over those 12 years.

For many men and even women in small communities like ours, fishing is all they know. Their fathers fished, their grandfathers fished and so on. Other fields of employment were not even options for these folks because as soon as they were old enough to work, they went fishing. Many have given their entire lifetime to fishing simply to support their families, not to mention all the time they have spent away from their families.

These men and women truly face tremendous struggles. Even if there was not a single rule or regulation on commercial fishing, there is no guarantee that they will catch anything each time they leave the dock. I'm sure you are familiar with the saying, "It's called fishing, not catching. If you caught something every time you went, it would be called catching." Yet they go! - in the face of storms, cold, wind, rain, blazing heat, all sorts of adverse weather - they go! The way I see it, the fishermen risk their lives each and every time they leave the dock. There is always a chance that they may not make it back home. Would you risk your life to work to support your family???

These are very tough, very hard-working men and women who **WANT** to work, despite having to work under various regulations. Think of all the millions of people in our country who kick back collecting welfare. The majority have no desire to work, and they are content to do nothing and get paid by the government. Please don't restrict honest, hard-working people to the point where they are forced out of work. We all know that if this petition were to pass and limit the shrimpers and all fishermen who work on our waters, it would only be a matter of time before they would all be out of work. It is hard enough for them to make a living now, but these new limitations would put them completely out of business.

We have been blessed with 2016 being one of the most extraordinary shrimp seasons that anyone has ever seen or heard of. But we all know that each season is very different. One can't help but wonder with all the shrimp that have been caught this season, what will next season hold? Will there even be shrimp out there for the taking? I believe that God created all creatures to cycle naturally. That's why you may have an abundance of a certain species one year, and the following year, that same species may be extremely scarce. The fishermen do not need rules and regulations to dictate when and what they catch...God made it so that this would occur naturally. Remember it's fishing, not catching.

It is very disheartening to know that over 90% of American seafood is imported when we have a bounty of fresh healthy seafood right in our back yards. We should all strive towards keeping domestic seafood in America and keeping the imported trash out. Let's keep our fishermen employed while providing jobs for many others. I sincerely believe that any industry that feeds you is an industry worth fighting for!!!

Thank you for your consideration,

Fara Daniels
Wanchese, NC

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From: [Tom Wilson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Expansion of nursery areas
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:53:33 PM

I am writing to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state. I think it's important to have balance between commercial fishing interests and recreational interests, and protecting the spawning grounds will aid both groups. In particular, I'd like to see an end to shrimp trawling in our states sounds and estuaries. No other state allows this, and we should not either.

Sincerely,

Tom Wilson
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From: [LAURA Kilpatrick](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Joe Price](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Need to reduce bycatch
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:00:25 PM

I'm a CRFL holder and support the protection of the sounds and nearshore from large scale trawling. In my opinion, the science supports the need to prohibit killing bycatch of that scale within our inshore waters. If the price of my shrimp go up because of this, so be it. I'll make arrangements within my budget to still purchase fresh NC shrimp, responsibly caught outside our nurseries. Respectfully,

Joe Price
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [LOTT JOHNSON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Ted Bost, Jr.](#)
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Subject: Rule making
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Dear NCWF,

I spent four days beachfront at Holden Beach in November of 2016. Two shrimp trawlers worked just offshore the entire time. Huge crowds of gulls behind the boats the entire time reveals LOTS of finfish bycatch.

Shame on commercial fishermen for being so selfish about a public resource. They can make a decent living and share God-given gifts with recreational fishermen through reasonable regulations.

Regards,

Pastor Ted Bost, Jr.

From: [Robert Ridgeway](#)
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Subject: NCWF Petition to expand nursery areas
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To whom it may concern,

I am strongly in favor of the petition before the Marine fisheries commission to expand the nursery areas protected from shrimping. North Carolina is the only state that allows trawling in these areas and it is evident to me and hundreds of other recreational fishermen that this is detrimental to the coastal ecosystem. The proposed expansion of nursery areas is based on science and common sense. I implore you to act favorably on this petition.

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From: [JAMES EVERETT, LAT, ATC](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [John Wiggs](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:40:10 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

As a native Tarheel, lifetime sportsman and concerned citizen. I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I remember as a child having shrimp trawlers in the Neuse River as far as Dawson Creek reaping shrimp less than 50 yards off our dock. The kill of by catch was staggering. It ruined fishing for months.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Will Anders](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:40:11 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Following the typical bullying and selfish behavior from the commercial fishing lobby (which shouldn't be a surprise to anyone), I am again writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to re-iterate my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas. In fact, if anything, I think that this proposal doesn't go far enough to protect our vital and dwindling resources which is critically necessary for the long-term sustainability of our coastal ecosystem. I am a recreational angler but my views on this go beyond that hobby and really hit at the heart of the overall protections that we need for the region as a whole.

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From: [Scott Gould](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I've written countless letters on to the NC Marine Fisheries regarding this issue. I'm not sure if my opinion will ever make a difference, or be heard, but I also feel obligated to voice my opinion. I am very much for commercial fishing - I eat seafood and appreciate what the commercial folks do to provide it to our local restaurants. I have seen first hand in the Pamlico Sound, on many occasions, the absolute carnage and littering of the surface waters with bycatch by commercial shrimp trawling. I don't see why we would continue this abuse of our resources. If the general public saw these images, the public perception would change dramatically. I'm not against commercial trawling, but why do we want to allow this to continue in our sounds and inshore waters? It's clearly destructive. Would it not be better for both commercial and recreational fishing alike to protect the nursery areas? Wouldn't that create a better and larger harvest of fish/shrimp when they enter the ocean? Let's finally take some steps to do something, anything to help protect our nursery areas. Please support this conservation effort. Thank you for your service and for taking time to read this letter. Sincerely, Scott Gould

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From: [FRED MCKINNEY](#)
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From: [CHRISTOPHER BROWN](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:40:12 PM

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From: [Richard Strowd](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Tim Feifs](#)
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Subject: Stop out of control commercial fishing! Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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We must also make speckled trout, red drum, and striped bass gamefish. We also need to ban all inshore gill netting.

Sincerely,

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From: [Peter Gray](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:40:14 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

There are those who are short sighted and greedy enough to catch EVERYTHING they can and will continue to do so until it's ALL GONE or damaged beyond repair !

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Sincerely,

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From: [Dean McKinney](#)
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Equally important and absolutely mandatory to state is my expressed disappointment and tolerance of the conduct exhibited last week at the public hearing in New Bern by the NCMF and NCFA respectively. The manner in which that hearing was, rather was not, managed is a disgrace to the citizenry as a whole and interested parties to the Petition specifically.

There is absolutely no justification for what went on at that meeting.

You are certainly not bound by the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and trust that you will give full consideration to the views of parties to the Petition. NC is the ONLY STATE ON THE EAST COAST TO ALLOW TRAWLING IN SOUNDS AND ESTUARIES AND WE RISK DEPLETION OF NUMEROUS FISH STOCKS AS A RESULT.

Sincerely,

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From: [Jerry Eatman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Expansion of Secondary Nursery Areas
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:40:15 PM

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While I support the continued taking of shrimp commercially, it must be done within reasonable restrictions to minimize impacts to other species.

Sincerely,

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From: [JOSEPH SIMPSON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:40:16 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Please see my written support below but I also want to say I worked on Shrimp boats in Mississippi as teen and I can assure you that many juvenile fish are killed in the process of hauling a net and sorting the catch in a tray. While I am sympathetic to those that have made a career shrimping, there needs to be a balance to preserve species. I myself have noticed over the last 15 years the decline in catches when I fish the ICC. Do the right thing here and impose reasonable rules to protect our resources.

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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:40:16 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am a non-resident property owner who spends five-six weeks per year at our second home in Ocracoke. Sport fishing is a big part of the Ocracoke experience for me, my family, friends and people who rent the house.

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Thank you for your consideration of this Petition.

Sincerely,

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From: [Sam McLamb, III](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Thank you for your efforts in protecting and balancing our state's marine resources for all citizens, now and future generations.

Sincerely,

Sincerely, Sam McLamb
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From: [ROGER PHILLIPS, Jr.](#)
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As a biologist trained in fisheries sciences, it is difficult to imagine how an organization tasked with overseeing a valuable natural resource can turn a completely deaf ear to professionally critiqued scientific research and recommendations. I urge you to accept the science and not be swayed by an industry who sees only today's pocketbook, not tomorrow's devastated ecosystems.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Tom McCarthy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:50:08 PM

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From: [Ronald Mincey](#)
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From: [Avery Corning, IV](#)
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From: [robert Houser](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:50:18 PM

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From: [David Clites](#)
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Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:50:19 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Keith Price, Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:51:08 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

The recent hearing proceedings on the proposed fisheries rule-making to preserve our state's dwindling finfish population were hijacked from the beginning by the NC Fisheries Association (NCFA), the trade and lobby organization representing commercial fishermen, who filled the room with hundreds of commercial fishermen in an attempt to intimidate and drown out any pro-resource speakers. Despite rules that prohibit it, the crowd continually cheered speakers that spoke on behalf of commercial fishermen and jeered the few speakers that were called to speak in support of the Petition. The NCFA was also allowed to set up a membership table at the entrance to the convention center and they were given an open-ended time slot where three NCFA representatives spoke for at least 30 minutes as an Interested Party. Pro-commercial speakers ignored the debate over the need to reduce bycatch and protect habitat in sensitive nursery areas and instead perpetuated the lie that this was really an attempt by the CCA to end commercial fishing in North Carolina and deny consumers access to fresh, local seafood - which it is most definitely NOT. The Chairman ended the public comment period due to time constraints before any CCA NC representatives, and other pro-resource advocates, were called to speak. Then all five Advisory Committees voted to advise the MFC to deny the Petition.

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Adam Keen](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:00:13 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [JACK HOLLINGSWORTH](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:00:16 PM

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I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

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Sincerely,

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From: [Gerald Hrabica](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:00:18 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Ginger Deason](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Petition to support habitat and finfish conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:01:21 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my support for the petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement rule-making to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state. The rule changes that expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas, are extremely important for conservation.

I also support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Lastly, I support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes.

I hope the Commission will take this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations. These benefits are economic and conservation-related. This petition is a win-win!

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
Ginger Deason
Raleigh, NC

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Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught, will we realize that we cannot eat money.

~ 19th century Cree saying

Hasta que el último árbol sea cortado, hasta que el último río sea contaminado, hasta que el último pescado sea atrapado; solo entonces nos daremos cuenta que el dinero no se puede comer.

~ profecia Indios Cree

From: [Butler Anderson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Trawling in North Carolina
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:01:44 PM

I'm opposed to inshore trawling. I've seen the waste and poor management of our fisheries for years and It's time for it to stop. I pay taxes in North Carolina And its time that trawling is be pushed 3 miles off shore. The fisherman in North Carolina are tired of this senseless waste. Just as it happen in this election it will happen again if things done change.

Thank You for your time,
Butler Anderson
Citizen of Pender County.

From: [DAVID BIGSBY](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:10:10 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [WAYNE LANGSTON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:10:12 PM

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From: [CHARLES LANIER, Jr.](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:10:14 PM

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From: [Fred Jelinek](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Freddy Langston](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:20:11 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jarrett Langston](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Jim Farley, Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:20:22 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [ROBERT ALLEN](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:20:35 PM

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From: [Scott Ingle](#)
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Subject: Shrimping
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:43:43 PM

I would not want to limit any commercial fisherman's right to make a living but when they are pulling in 60-70 count shrimp and all the bi catch This is ridiculous We need nursery areas for game fish. Why not let shrimping start when the shrimp are ready to leave nursery areas in late summer early fall not only will the product(shrimp) be better quality but a lot of the finfish will be left to survive through the summer to mature. I fish in Florida and South Carolina and they laugh at North Carolina because of our commercial fishing practices. These states also have a higher tax base fromrecreational fishermen because they have better practices benefiting the commercial resource and the recreational resource. One last question directed toward Marine fisheries where do all the trout shrimp flounder oysters scallops that come from North Carolina waters where do they go. Because generally I have one or two good fish fries every year from what I catch throughout the summer I never buy commercial fish from fish markets. Are commercial harvest sent out of state or overseas I would like an answer to the question

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: Trawling in North Carolina
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 4:05:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Hamilton, Cindi B
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>; Rawls, Kathy <kathy.rawls@ncdenr.gov>; Davis, Braxton C <Braxton.Davis@NCDENR.Gov>; Lupton, Dee <dee.lupton@ncdenr.gov>; Blum, Catherine <catherine.blum@ncdenr.gov>; Alley, Craig j <Craig.Alley@ncdenr.gov>; Stewart, Chris <chris.stewart@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: FW: Trawling in North Carolina

I received the letter below from Butler Anderson in Pender County - Wilmington area. He is a recreational fisherman writing against shrimp trawling. When I acknowledge his letter, I will ask for a phone number and will pass it along to you. Please forward this e-mail to other staff that you feel need to receive this. Thank you.

Cindi

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Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:25 PM

To: Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>

Subject: Trawling in North Carolina

Good Afternoon,

I'm speak out against Shrimp trawling in inshore waters in North Carolina. I along with thousands of Recreational fisherman are tired and have had enough of the senseless waste that has been going on for years in our States coastal waters. If things aren't done soon, the Recreational tax payers which are far more than the commercial fisherman, will continue to unite together and will put people in office that will help take care of the fisheries of North Carolina. We the people pay taxes not just the few commercial fisherman. And we the people will get something done if it's not changed soon. Sorry that this sounds so strong, but NOTHING is getting done.

Thank You for your time,
Butler Anderson
Citizen of Pender County.

From: [David Alexander](#)
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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Michael Willumitis](#)
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From: [mark.dressler](#)
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Subject: Shimp
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 4:40:31 PM

Please ban inshore shrimp trawling. How can a reasonable person argue with the excessive bycatch?

From: [Hamilton, Cindi B](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Comments from Butler Anderson
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 4:46:25 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

From: Butler Anderson [<mailto:banderson@intrstar.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Trawling in North Carolina

Good Afternoon,

I'm speak out against Shrimp trawling in inshore waters in North Carolina. I along with thousands of Recreational fisherman are tired and have had enough of the senseless waste that has been going on for years in our States coastal waters. If things aren't done soon, the Recreational tax payers which are far more than the commercial fisherman, will continue to unite together and will put people in office that will help take care of the fisheries of North Carolina. We the people pay taxes not just the few commercial fisherman. And we the people will get something done if it's not changed soon. Sorry that this sounds so strong, but NOTHING is getting done.

Thank You for your time,
Butler Anderson
Citizen of Pender County.

(forwarded Mr. Anderson's email to the Petition link)

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From: [Jerry Dilsaver](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: [Hamilton, Cindi B](#); [Rep. John Bell](#); [Rep. Jimmy Dixon](#); [President Pro Tem Phil Berger](#); [Rep. Ted Davis](#); [Rep. Tim Moore](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition on shrimp trawling
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 4:47:51 PM

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From: [Lonnie Foreman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 4:50:12 PM

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From: [Joe Bartlett](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition to restrict inshore trawling
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 5:12:00 PM

I am by no means an expert on North Carolina's coastal ecology and biology. However, as a lifelong recreational fisherman and resident of North Carolina, and an avid inshore fisherman, I am concerned about the potential depletion of our coastal fisheries resources. I have fished in other states along the eastern seaboard and gulf coast and have noticed a significant difference in the abundance of resources in those states as compared to NC. The only common denominator I am aware of is the tighter restrictions or outright prohibition of inshore trawling and netting as compared to NC. It is my fervent belief that we as sportsmen and conservationists should do everything in our power to protect and grow our valuable coastal resources. It is obvious to me that the "bycatch" of inshore trawling can only continue to be detrimental to our coastal resources. . To that end, I support the NCWF's efforts, and any other reasonable actions to limit the unnecessary waste, from whatever activity, of our valuable coastal resources.

Joe Bartlett
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From: [Steve Calhoun](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFpetition](#)
Subject: NC Wildlife Federation Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 5:21:26 PM

I would like to be included in this petition to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to greatly reduce or stop shrimp trawling in the inland waterways of NC in order to restore other fisheries in NC.

Concerned,

Blessings,

Steve Calhoun | Chair

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From: [Anthony Stokes](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition to end Shrimp Trawling in NC Inshore waters.
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 5:29:17 PM

Dear Committee,

I am sending this email urging the DMF, to end all trawling practices in coastal waterways and sounds. This practice is very destructive to our [nurseries](#). The by-catch ,from these shrimp trawls, kills nearly all of our juvenile finfishes. I am an avid fisherman, and do not belong to any of the so called special interest groups. Every other state, on the East Coast and Gulf Coast, has already banned inshore nets and trawling. These states have thriving seafood industries, and recreational fishing industries. NC could be everything that Louisiana is as far these fisheries are concerned. Just, to illustrate my point, the current IGFA World Record Red Drum was caught in NC However, this will not happen if we allow a few individuals dictate what happens in NC.

Sincerely,
Anthony Stokes
Wilmington, NC

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

From: [gerald leeman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Eddie Dixon](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: I say "NO more!" to shrimping by-catch.
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 6:23:54 PM

Shrimpers are reckless and are destroying millions of fish. Thereby causing other industries to suffer. Tourism is down because there are no more fish to catch. Fishing guides have no more fish catch. Commercial fishing boats have all but disappeared.

You must control this wanton destruction they are causing. Please. We used to be able to stock up on Croaker's, spot and mullet. Poor people used to be able to catch a dinner for their children. All of this is being destroyed by the greed of a few.

Please add me to the list of people who want to save our fishes.

Willis Dixon
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From: [Michael Langston](#)
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From: [joefrangiosa](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public comment on petition impacting shrimp trawling
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 6:57:57 PM

AS AN AVID NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT, RECREATIONAL SURF AND OCEAN FISHERMEN AND ON BEHALF OF 200 MEMBERS OF ST JAMES FISHING CLUB HERE IN SOUTHPORT NC, I SUPPORT YOUR PETITION. OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS SHRIMP HAS BEEN HARDER AND HARDER TO FIND AND BUY BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT SHRIMP NURSERY RULES AND MORALITY RATES.

MANY FISHERMAN IN THE WILMINGTON SOUTHPORT AREAS SUPPORT THIS PETITION AND I HAVE ASKED THEM TO SEND IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS PETITION.

Petition for Rulemaking to Amend 15A Admin. Code 3L .0101, 3L .0103, 3M .0522, 3M .0523, 3N .0151, and 3R .0105 to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters

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From: [Paul Prystash](#)
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Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 7:37:59 PM

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Morehead City, NC , and as an avid recreational fisherman, I am strongly in favor of the NCWF petition to ban inshore trawling. I have thought for a long time that the inshore trawling is what is destroying our inshore fisheries. I sincerely you are successful at getting the ban passed.

Paul Prystash

From: [LARRY BLACK](#)
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From: [John Askin](#)
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Subject: SHRIMP NETTING
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 8:08:32 PM

The practice of Shrimp Netting in near shore and ICW waters is removing the available food chain from these nursery areas. This action largely affects the recreational fishing community. Please vote to put an end to it. No other Coastal State allows it.
Thank You
John Askin
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From: [TRENTON BLOUNT](#)
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From: [G Nelson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: shrimping restrictions inland waters
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 9:08:56 PM

I am writing to ask that you please consider restrictions / limitations on inshore shrimping. I had a chance to go to the coast and work on a shrimp boat one weekend in the lower Cape Fear River and was sickened by the bycatch in shrimping. My estimate was 9 lbs of bycatch for every 1 pound of shrimp harvested. There needs to be restrictions on inshore shrimping to stop this from depleting our resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Nelson
Whispering Pines, NC

From: nccy@ec.rr.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: When will Bycatch end?
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 9:14:22 PM

When does North Carolina join the modern world to improve it's fisheries? When do all of us who buy boats, boat slips gas etc. have a voice in the fisheries of this state. The few commercial fisherman control the marine fisheries supposed to be enjoyed by us all. So many have to drive to other states to spend our money. Your loss. Donna Young

From: [Keith Gallaher](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 9:30:09 PM

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From: [Matt Quick](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: By-catch Petition
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 9:59:13 PM

Hello, I am a NC resident and spend time recreational fishing on our coast. I am in favor of the petition to restrict shrimp trawling to reduce the amount of wasted by-catch

Thank you
Matt Wuick

Sent from my iPhone

From: robert@carolinaexplorer.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: [Hamilton, Cindi B](#); [Rep. John Bell](#); [Rep. Jimmy Dixon](#); [President Pro Tem Phil Berger](#); [Rep. Ted Davis](#); [Rep. Tim Moore](#)
Subject: Fisheries Petition and Lack of Recreational Comments Allowed during Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:17:41 PM

January 25, 2017

To Nancy Fish, Braxton Davis and Sammy Corbett,

I am grateful that you are allowing extra time for public comment. It seems that during the meeting that the North Carolina Division of Commercial Fisheries held last week, there was not enough time for everyone to speak on the NCWF petition.

This is not a commercial or recreational fisheries issue. This is about rebuilding our state fish stocks from the brink of collapse. I have been operating a full time inshore charter business out of Carolina Beach, NC for 17 years. This fishing the past 3 years has been difficult at best. I CAN SEE THE WRITING ON THE WALL. I am on the water everyday and I see that my industry is failing, due to lack of fish, and that I am going to have to seek other employment. Poor fishing means, no repeat clients, which means we all lose; hotels, restaurants, charter fishermen, tackle shops and others who depend on the much needed fishermen in the spring and fall. My clients are spending their money in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas. The people who go on vacation to fish are spending their dollars where there are plenty of fish to catch.

The commercial sector is too entrenched to acknowledge there is a problem and can't see the forest for the trees. If something is not done to protect our inshore nursery area's, where the juvenile fish go to grow up, NO ONE WILL HAVE ANYTHING TO CATCH. The State of North Carolina needs to manage its inshore waters based on what is best for the RESOURCE.

I ask anyone who reads this to please help rebuild our inshore fish stocks. This means that tough decisions will have to be made and people will be unhappy. The state of NC needs to get the destructive gear out of the water, rebuild its inshore habitats (oyster reefs, grass beds, and hard bottom areas), and help the full commercial fishermen that are truly affected transition to different methods of fishing our inshore waters.

Thank you for your time and I hope someone reads this email.

Capt. Robert Schoonmaker
910-264-1807

From: [ANTHONY COOK](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [James Turner](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: fish conservation
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:33:03 PM

To who it may concern,

I understand that the commercial fisherman's lobby took over the meeting in New Bern but I hope that you all see through that ploy! I live on the coast in Surf City, NC and have witnessed the decline of quality sport fishing and the tremendous by-catch that washes up on shore. The majority of which is juvenile sport fish. I watched this past season as five trawlers dredged the near shore side by side covering hundreds of feet of net 24 hours a day. I know that the sport fishing dollars outweigh the commercial spend by a long shot. But what aggravates me the most is the abusive way the commercial folks treat anyone who voices a different opinion. I have friends that have been threatened and had tires slashed for voicing their opinion. I also have witnessed first hand gill nets that completely close off creeks while their "tenders" drag chains to chase the Trout and Redfish to their death. I urge you to make these species gamefish and restrict commercial fishing in their estuaries.

Thank you,
James Turner

From: [Leo Johns](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Chris Taft](#)
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Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:00:05 AM

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From: [LEONARD CUMMINGS](#)
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From: [Attila Nemezc](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 5:41:15 AM

Attila Nemezc
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January 26, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support the NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 6:33:42 AM
Attachments: [PAWC 2017 NCWF petition.docx](#)

Dear Chairman Corbett,

I have attached written comments in support of the NCWF petition. Thank you for your consideration.

Attila Nemezc

President,
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:10:05 AM

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From: [John Van Duyn](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Reducing by-catch petition:
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:16:30 AM

Folks: Thanks for your efforts to institute reasonable and effective rules to insure reproduction and survival of juvenile fish stocks in our sounds and estuaries. Almost all states along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts have adopted such rules with astounding success in increasing fish stocks for all parties interested in this natural resource. During my lifetime in NC (since 1971) I have witnessed huge reductions of fish populations in the Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds due to the over exploitation of these resources without counteracting regulations to insure reproduction and survival at adequate levels. This applies to all commercial fishing endeavors no matter what the target of their exploitation (crabs, shrimp, shad, herring, weakfish, flounder, etc., etc.);recreational and commercial exploitation of the species has declined enormously. Due to the short-sighted approach of commercial harvesting, stocks are destroy without reasonable rules of "not destroying so much as to allow adequate reproduction to sustain or increase stocks at favorable levels for all parties". I fully support the proposed rules to reduce by-catch from shrimp trawling and to designate sounds as nursery areas as proposed. Additionally, I am in favor of other actions that will have similar results with other species. Thank you very much.

John Van Duyn, PhD
Edenton, NC

From: [Keith Currie](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Botts, Robert](#)
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Subject: North Carolina fishing
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:49:57 AM

It sounds like there is no fair trade off ,Like cutting all the tree down to make way for the dessert. We have to have these area's to promote growth. We will all win in the end if , we have these nurseries area ,and if we can not share the responsibility and, they want it one sided . We should move to making the entire bay area's a nursery area ,from nets all together like the other states have. Before it"s to late.We need to take a healthy stand and vote at the state level and not just a committee level of just a few ,do I say paid for and one sided . Hard choices are made by real men for the many not for the few .Our children's children's will pay for our failure's . We are not asking stop fishing we asking for a little space to promote growth .Yes we been doing this all our life ,But we out fished what God placed in our hands.

From: [John Robbins](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Comments on the petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:52:49 AM

I am very supportive of the petition to better manage the shrimp trawling in our sounds and in shore waters. No one has the right to take this natural resource with the consequences being suffered today.

There was much comment in New Bern in opposition to the petition, with manipulated data, intimidated speakers, and more. The truth is that no one there made a decent argument against the egregious killing of juvenile fish as a result of trawling.

One commenter stated that the kill actually improves fishing – claimed to have a PhD thesis to support it. I don't think so. There is no way that killing hundreds of millions of fish is not harmful to the population, and declining sport fishing shows it.

The economic impact of sport fishing dwarfs the shrimp industry. And that is dollars coming INTO the state – vs dollars LEAVING the state through the out of state trawlers who come in. This petition calls for only regulation down to 90'. Almost all trawlers are unaffected by this. This regulation and the reduction in days to trawl would inhibit big trawlers from other states coming into our waters and hauling away our NC resource – taking those \$ elsewhere. Instead, we can have better sport fishing – a much more important economic activity, and actually improved shrimp fisheries as well, as has been shown in Louisiana and elsewhere.

It is unfortunate that there was so much obfuscation and intimidation in New Bern – including by panel members. I have never seen anything like it. I balanced, objective, non-emotional meeting would have had a different flavor and recognition of the legitimate science behind the petition, as opposed to the assertions and irrelevant comments by many.

These are my resources too. And they need to be managed.

Other states have shown these measures to be effective. We are not as different and special as we think. We need to look at the science and act as all other states have done – except we are not asking to end this trawling as every other Atlantic coast state has done. We are just asking to manage it, more like what a Louisiana has done. AND when this petition passes, we will STILL be the most lenient state from Maine to Texas on shrimp trawling. That says it all – we need to take this action.

Thank you

John Robbins

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From: [Mark](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: 5 points to consider
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:03:43 AM

TO: NC MFC

Please consider these 5 points when debating the merits of the petition for rule making form NCWF and vote to DENY. Thanks, Mark Hooper, PO Box 186, Smyrna, NC.

- At the presentation in New Bern I assumed that by catch numbers were reported on an annual basis, when I studied further I realized that the numbers were a 4 year total. We have an annual shrimp season and there is by-catch associated with that. I find it disingenuous to use four year totals.
- The by catch numbers are calculated by going from 388 observed trips to 32,388 total reported trips. This is approximately 1% coverage. It is irresponsible to make this calculation without some error calculation. There had to have been variance in the bycatch during the observed trips. This must be included in any overall analysis.
- What type of vessels were the basis for the observed trips? How accurate is it to use these observed trips as a proxy for the entire industry? How big were the nets? How long were the tow times? How robust was the analysis of the question of observed trips as an accurate portrayal of the industry as a whole.
- By catch information was presented for spot, croaker, and weakfish. Only for weakfish was an at-net mortality reported, I believe at 87%. In the Brown et al. study at-net mortality was reported for spot as 23.4% and 66% for croaker. In the presentation, NCWF chose to assume 100% at-net mortality for spot and croaker. Reasons were given, but if you are going to use the Brown study for by catch numbers and they recorded at-net mortalities, you have to use their numbers.
- At net mortality is important and also an area where NCWF could work with the industry. Techniques could be devised to screen fin fish from the culling table, the industry could institute a "first 5 minute" campaign. With this effort once the tail bags are untied, the first 5 minutes would be spent culling live fish from the table.

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From: [Bryant, John](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Add me to your petition to reduce trawler bycatch
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:26:18 AM

Dear NC Marine Fisheries,

I am writing to comment on the NC Marine Fisheries Reform Petition regarding the reduction of North Carolina Shrimp Trawlers bycatch.

I have lived in North Carolina since 1992 and have become an avid salt water fisherman. It is my plan to retire here, possibly buy a place at the coast and fish more often. I am a member of the Raleigh Saltwater Sport Fishing Club and am well versed on the efforts of CCA to bring our state in line with the sensible approach to managing stock as our neighbors to the east and west have done.

I watched the report of the January 17 public hearing on WRAL and felt the report was tremendously one sided. I plan to write a letter to the station chief and my good friend Greg Fishel to let them know they failed to understand and accurately report on the issue.

I also feel the lack of rounded reporting swayed many people to side with the heavily lobbied commercial industry. Members of our club DID attend the hearing and reported back that the commercial fishing lobby so overpowered the meeting that others in favor of the petition could not be heard.

I enjoy surf fishing and participate in the three major (Ocracoke, Nags Head and Cape Hatteras) invitational tournaments. These tournaments bring men and women from all along the East Coast to our state. Unfortunately, these tournaments have been suffering a weaker attendance because fishing in North Carolina has declined so much. I have spent many, many days on the beach watching the trawlers go back and forth while giant flocks of seagulls and other marine birds feast on all the bycatch thrown overboard.

Our country is about managing our resources for generations to come. We embrace ways to do things better using new technology and information. In the last ten years, many industries have adapted to a changing landscape and have ultimately come back stronger, healthier and better positioned to compete in a world that values responsible management of our natural resources. Allowing our state's commercial shrimp industry to continue to operate without regard for the consequences goes against the fabric of who we are.

Please add my name and comments to the petition in support of NCWF efforts to reduce bycatch.

Thank you.

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From: [Jim McQueen](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Deny the NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:28:40 AM

Please deny the NCWF petition and continue to allow shrimping in the inland waters and along the N.C. coast.

Thank you.

James A. McQueen
Kill Devil Hills, N.C.

From: [Liz Rutledge](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:36:54 AM

I write to you today as a conservationist and a concerned citizen of North Carolina. Marine Fisheries play an important role in our great state and should be fully recognized as a natural resource belonging to each and every one of us. Therefore, I am writing to support this petition. Reports within the petition indicate that a number of fish species are not present at levels necessary to support or maintain sustainable harvest. As a citizen of North Carolina, I would like to see enhancement of these fish populations through by-catch reduction and further protection of juvenile fish, specifically of varying age classes. As someone who believes in sound science, data cannot be discounted in this movement toward overall improvement in our fisheries for all groups involved and for future generations. Also, as a life-long consumer of fresh caught North Carolina seafood, I want to purchase and consume seafood harvested in a sustainable manner from sustainable fish populations; therefore, I strongly believe in increased protection of our estuaries for natural production. These factors effect my decision as to when and where I purchase seafood. Please support this natural resource and additional protections for fishery habitat in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Liz

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Dr. Liz Rutledge

Wildlife Specialist

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From: [Brett Anderson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Trawling in nc
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:41:56 AM

Good morning,

I am emailing you with my concern on the shrimp trawling in coastal waters. I do not approve of the trawling. I have seen the fish population decrease over the years. We have enough pressure on the resources from commercial netting and gigging .I would like to see the trawlers moved off shore more to preserve the resources that are already pressured to the max.

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From: [Barry Evans](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Chuck Newcomer](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: supporter of ncwfp petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:01:32 AM

i am a supporter of the NCWFP. it is time to stop the catering to the commercial shrimpers at the expense of long term sustainability and viability of our estuaries for our children and grandchildren. It is their resource and inheritance not short term profit for a few individuals.

From: [Robert W., Speir, Jr.](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [STEPHEN HAMILTON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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From: [Glenda Medford](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Deny the NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:26:21 AM

Please do not let this petition go through! We want to keep eating our NC shrimp and supporting our local watermen. I can't even begin to understand why anyone is wanting to take this away from our state. We love our state, our fishermen out there making a living, and our shrimp!!!

Sincerely,
Glenda Medford
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From: [Hamilton, Cindi B](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: NCWF petition for Braxton Davis Eyes please
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:27:46 AM

Forwarding another letter from Charlie Schoonmaker. I did send a copy to Braxton, Nancy, Dee, Kathy R, Sammy, and Catherine. cbh

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-----Original Message-----

From: charles schoonmaker [<mailto:schoonfish@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 6:20 PM
To: Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: NCWF petition for Braxton Davis Eyes please

To the NCDMF Nancy Fish
The current members of the MFC,
Governor Roy Cooper
Lt. Governor Dan Forest, Senate President Sen. Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore Rep. Tim Moore, Speaker of the House Rep. Jimmy Dixon Rep. Ted Davis Rep. John Bell, IV, Majority Leader Michael Regan, acting Secretary of NCDEQ Braxton Davis

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Advisory Councils meeting this past week in New Bern on the proposed Wildlife Federation's petition on shrimp trawling and estuary protection showed a new low in the transparency of the NCDMF and its advisory committees mission to protect and enhance our state's public marine resource. I am sure you have all heard of said meetings organizational debacle and failures so I will not comment on that situation....otherwise this email request (by Mr. Sammy Corbett, Chairman and moderator of said meeting) for extension of the petition discussion would not have been needed or necessary.

The combined marine resources of our state are at a 15 year low, Probably more according to the state's scientists at

the DMF in Morehead City....Some say a 30 year low and showing a steady trend of decline. Our state's DMF organization is challenged with reporting proper data and science to be used for management of our resources and their well being. The MFC is responsible for acting on that science and data and to act responsibly to insure a properly managed resource.

The MFC is tasked with protecting the resource, not various user groups..... The previous MFC's have failed miserably at their responsibility and this goes back years more than the current MFC administration. Today's MFC must act quickly to reverse these failures, and by doing so enhance the opportunity for our many resources to recover and prosper. We can no longer afford the "bandaid on a cancer" approach to fishery management and marine environmental resources. There have been much needed changes to the DMF organization, but much more work needs to be done, and soon. The condition of the total marine resource is critical and needs help immediately. I hope the NCWF petition will be studied, and it's science and relevance considered in the making of good decisions for our resources.

I have faith in the current N C MFC in using the best available science and reasoning in making firm and much needed decisions to better our resources for every N C citizen, not just a chosen few. It's all about the resource and it's enhancement, right?

Thanking you all in advance for your efforts, I remain respectfully,

Charles C. Schoonmaker
NC born and bred,
A Proud Pender County Resident
Upper Union Township

Sent from my iPad

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From: [Hamilton, Cindi B](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Fisheries Petition and Lack of Recreational Comments Allowed during Public Comment
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:30:07 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

A note of support for the extension from Robert Schoonmaker

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To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#) <NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov>
Cc: Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>; Rep. John Bell <John.Bell@ncleg.net>; Rep. Jimmy Dixon <Jimmy.Dixon@ncleg.net>; President Pro Tem Phil Berger <Phil.Berger@ncleg.net>; Rep. Ted Davis <Ted.Davis@ncleg.net>; Rep. Tim Moore <Tim.Moore@ncleg.net>
Subject: Fisheries Petition and Lack of Recreational Comments Allowed during Public Comment

January 25, 2017

To Nancy Fish, Braxton Davis and Sammy Corbett,

I am grateful that you are allowing extra time for public comment. It seems that during the meeting that the North Carolina Division of Commercial Fisheries held last week, there was not enough time for everyone to speak on the NCWF petition.

This is not a commercial or recreational fisheries issue. This is about rebuilding our state fish stocks from the brink of collapse. I have been operating a full time inshore charter business out of Carolina Beach, NC for 17 years. This fishing the past 3 years has been difficult at best. I CAN SEE THE WRITING ON THE WALL. I am on the water everyday and I see that my industry is failing, due to lack of fish, and that I am going to have to seek other employment. Poor fishing means, no repeat clients, which means we all lose; hotels, restaurants, charter fishermen, tackle shops and others who depend on the much needed fishermen in the spring and fall. My clients are spending their money in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas. The people who go on vacation to fish are spending their dollars where there are plenty of fish to catch.

The commercial sector is too entrenched to acknowledge there is a problem and can't see the forest for the trees. If something is not done to protect our inshore nursery area's, where the juvenile fish go to grow up, NO ONE WILL HAVE ANYTHING TO CATCH. The State of North Carolina needs to manage its inshore waters based on what is best for the RESOURCE.

I ask anyone who reads this to please help rebuild our inshore fish stocks. This means that tough decisions will have to be made and people will be unhappy. The state of NC needs to get the destructive gear out of the water, rebuild its inshore habitats (oyster reefs, grass beds, and hard bottom areas), and help the full commercial fishermen that are truly affected transition to different methods of fishing our inshore waters.

Thank you for your time and I hope someone reads this email.

Capt. Robert Schoonmaker
910-264-1807

From: [John Farber](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Stop the destruction
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:36:59 AM

The shrimping industry is destroying our recreational fish stocks by being allowed to continue inshore shrimping in the estuaries and bays where juvenile fish end up as bycatch before they can reach maturity to reproduce. The declining stocks of spot, sea trout and croaker is alarming. I have seen it myself over the last 25 years of fishing in NC. Please stop the destruction.

John H. Farber
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From: [Mark Narron](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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Sincerely,

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From: [Gary Roberson](#)
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Subject: FW: NCWF PETITION
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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:01 AM
To: Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: NCWF PETITION

Support for the North Carolina Wildlife Federation Petition

Based on my understanding of the NCWF Petition and the presentation given at the public hearing by the NCWF it is clear that our fisheries are in danger. I am new to the coastal area and was excited about fishing in the Intracoastal Waterway but quickly realized that the fish just aren't there. I have spoken with numerous recreational fisherman, boat captains, and fishing guides and they are all in agreement the fish are not there like they use to be. I checked on the daily creel limits of our surrounding coastal states and found that out of 8 of the southeastern coastal states, **our daily creel limits** are by far the worst. NC is 8th out of the 8 Coastal states for the number of Trout you can keep each day. NC is 8th out of the 8 coastal states for the number of Red Drum that you can keep each day. We are 7th out of the 8 coastal states for the number of flounder you can keep. Spot,

Croaker, and Weakfish are almost depleted. We have the largest estuary, about 2.3 millions acres and have some of the worst fishing in any of the coastal states. **It is embarrassing.**

The science is clear, the shrimp trawlers and the gill nets are wiping out our fisheries. The commercial fisherman are very vocal about this issue but can't see that the very practices that they are employing is really eliminating their jobs over time. No other states allow shrimp trawlers (nor gill nets for that matter) in their inland waters. It's not hard to figure out why.

What is most disappointing to me is when I try to get my grandsons to go fishing and they say. "pop's we don't catch any fish." How do you think we will ever get kids interested or involved in recreational fishing when the fish aren't there? If we continue with the shrimp trawlers and gill nets in the inland waters of North Carolina not only will the commercial fisherman go out of business but there will be a drastic reduction in the approximate 1 million recreational fishermen and a drastic reduction in the 1.8 billion in economic impact to the state of NC and a drastic reduction in the 18,000 jobs that recreational fishing creates.

I support the measures proposed in the NCWF Petition.

Dave Sammons

Wilmington NC

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Melissa McLauren](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Barbara Garrity-Blake](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Letter in Opposition to NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:49:05 AM

Please find my letter attached and distribute it to the NCMFC.

Thanks! Barbara

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From: [Dennis Alexander](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [JEFFREY KOEN](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Catherine Jordan Hopkins](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Petition / Spots & Croakers
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:04:26 AM

NCMFC:

As a concerned citizen, I am requesting the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Committee to deny the Petition for Rule making submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation that limit 8 inches on spot and 10 inches on croaker. This will stop the local people from being able to bring home a mess of fish and the need to let the people keep all those hybrid stripers. They are not a natural resource and the shrimpers are a major asset to this area.

Sincerely,

From: [Jbeadle3](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Deny the NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:14:42 AM

I strongly support keeping North Carolina watermen in business and enjoying local seafood in our markets and restaurants.

The bycatch information is misleading at best.

Please resist the push to drive our watermen out of business. I am a recreational fisherman, but gladly give up some recreational catch to have a sustainable commercial fishery.

James Beadle

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sandy Semans Ross](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#); samicorbett3@gmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; sobx11@gmail.com; rds.mfc@gmail.com; janetrosemfc@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; bkoury2@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; [Rep. Tim Moore](#); [President Pro Tem Phil Berger](#)
Subject: Shrimp trawling petition comments
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:26:17 AM
Attachments: [Outer Banks Catch comments.odt](#)

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

Sandy Semans Ross

From: [michael ward](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Don Miller](#)
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From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Marine Fisheries Commission
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:57:08 AM
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From: Davis, Braxton C
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: FW: Marine Fisheries Commission

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From: Jack Kenley [<mailto:3jamesk@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Davis, Braxton C <Braxton.Davis@NCDENR.Gov>
Subject: Marine Fisheries Commission

Director Davis - I am writing you today to encourage your involvement and support of the NC Wildlife Federation's Petition that's currently receiving public comment. The comment period ends tomorrow. I'm concerned with the weight of the Commercial Fishing lobby which is evidenced in the decisions of all five Advisory Committees to not approve the Petition.

Your support will insure that the Vision of the NMF and the Mission of the MFC affects and impacts all North Carolinians.

Thank you for your leadership.

Jack Kenley

Here's the communication from me to all members of the MFC today fyi:

Chairman Corbett - I am writing to you today in support of the NC Wildlife Federation's Petition to reduce bycatch in shrimp trawling through expansion of nursery areas.

As a coastal resident of our great State, I have long been concerned about the impact our regulations have had on recreational fishing. From what I have been able to review, it appears that all other states on the Eastern Seaboard have addressed these issues.

I urge you to stand against the recommendations from all five Advisory Committees and approve the Petition. It appears that the Advisory Committess are dominated by members financially connected to the commercial industry. I hope that you will create the balance needed for all North Carolinians by approving the Petition.

Thank you.



From: [bernie stallings](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:00:18 AM

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From: [Cory Mattson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: coastal waters reform
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:16:32 AM

I am in favor of reducing the destruction large scale commercial netting brings to NC. NC has the best potential for fishing yet as it is I spend all of my time in SC, FL, TX due to the fact those states have much better estuary management. I have witnessed the destruction of juvenile fish stocks many times and have just about written off NC for spending my time and dollars.

Thank You

Cory Mattson

Licensed NC resident outdoorsman

From: [Veldon Reeves, Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Robert Nowell, Jr](#)
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From: [JENNIFER S SKVARLA](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: North Carolina Wildlife Federation Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:32:23 AM

Jennifer Skvarla-Alligood
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I respectfully request that the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission vote in favor for the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Modification to Petition for Rulemaking.

I have lived in the Albemarle and Pamlico region for over thirty years. During the interim, I have witnessed the constant threat to numerous wildlife environments.

Currently, statistics show the state of our by catch fisheries are in a crises situation.

As you know, juvenile fish, shrimp, and crabs all serve as very important food sources for many of the fish species we are trying to rebuild and protect in North Carolina such as speckled trout, weakfish, southern flounder, red drum and many others. When juvenile fishes are killed during shrimp trawl activities, they become unavailable to their natural predators because they are consumed by other species such as Cormorants and sea gulls, dolphins, and sharks. Having more juvenile fish, shrimp, and crabs in the water and available as natural prey items is critical to the ecosystems function of our estuaries and reduces the dependence of species such as sea birds and marine mammals on this unnatural, and unsustainable food source.

I do not support a total ban on shrimp trawling in North Carolina and believe the cultural and historical significance of that fishery needs to be protected. However, I strongly believe that the petition is critical to ensure not only a viable shrimp fishery, but to rebuild fish stocks that were also critical to the history and culture of our coast that are but a fraction of what they were.

Thank you,

Jennifer Skvarla-Alligood

From: [Tim Chalmers](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public trust resources runaround
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:40:05 AM

I was saddened to hear about the manner in which our fisheries management has chosen to allow the commercial fishing industry to dominate our public hearing regarding bycatch and harvest practices in our inshore waters. This bullying is outrageous. As a voting NC resident, I will be closely monitoring the actions of this body.

Tim Chalmers
Raleigh, NC

From: [Phillip Fox](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [John Mckeithan](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimp trawling petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:42:18 AM

I am against Shrimp trawling in North Carolina sounds, fish nurseries, estuaries and the inland waterway.

As a long time visitor and then resident, I have personally seen a major decline in flounder, Atlantic croaker, spot and all other recreational fishing. It is at a point now that you have to go many miles off shore and then fishing is still way down from what it way.

I have heard that Florida had a similar problem, that it was due to close in and in shore shrimping and net fishing close in and in shore netting in general.

I also heard that after Florida banned the close in and inshore netting it only took a few years before fishing stocks really began improving.

At present rate of decline, I fear many recreational fishing species will be wiped out near to and in shore.

I strongly oppose close in and inshore fish and shrimp netting.

John and Kathy Mckeithan
OAK Island NC

From: [Smith, Tricia](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: N.C. Wildlife Federation petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:08:11 PM
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From: Fred Jelinek [mailto:fjeli@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Smith, Tricia <tricia.smith@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: N.C. Wildlife Federation petition

People in SC and other coastal states are still eating fresh caught local shrimp after getting the shrimp trawlers out of the nurseries and estuaries. Their fish populations boomed. The bycatch in NC is about 4 to 6 pounds of juvenile fish to one pound of shrimp. The failure of NC to properly manage its waters and fish population is shameful. Tobacco farmers, IT folks, medical professionals and other occupations have all had to adapt to changing circumstances and conditions. Shrimpers should do so as well. Generate the courage to fix this.

Fred Jelinek

From: aundreaoneal@gmail.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Petition filed by the NC Wildlife Federation
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:08:47 PM

My name is Aundrea O'Neal and I am opposed to the petition that was filed by the NC Wildlife Federation. Five Advisory Committees voted, upon request of the NC MFC, to "Deny" the petition. I am in strong belief that the petition does not have any scientific credibility, which was obvious by the profound number of experts that spoke on that subject at the January 17, 2017 meeting in New Bern, NC.

Aundrea O'Neal
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From: [Bert Owens](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:09:29 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to add my voice to the many stakeholders in favor of the N.C. Wildlife Federations petition for changes in the Shrimp trawl fishery. For too long the by catch in this fishery has been ignored or trivialized. Coastal communities, their economy and anglers are suffering as a result. It is shameful that our people have to go just across the Virginia line to catch an adult Croaker. The Fall Spot fleet in Carteret County has shrunken tremendously due to the lack of fish. The measures proposed by the petition are similar to those taken by states to our South. There catches and value did not fall, but have risen across the board. Any new by catch reduction devices have not been proven and the successful effort to keep observers off the boats testing them makes any claims suspect. Be strong and do the right thing for all of our citizens. Take this step to approve the petition and start our fisheries back to their previous strength. Thank you.

Bert Owens
Beaufort, N.C.

From: [Tim Chalmers](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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From: [Louise Ackerman](#)
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From: [Rusty Wendt](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [John Meskauskas](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition for rulemaking
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:56:06 PM

I am in full support for the NCWF petition. The changes are reasonable and well thought out. We cannot continue to annually kill many millions of pounds of juvenile finfish to the detriment of the environment and recreational anglers.

John Meskauskas
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From: twotoots@aol.com
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition - request to approve
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:05:04 PM

Restricting shrimping, saving finfish, and answering the real question

As a retired engineer, I spent my career separating fact from fiction, and emotion. I reviewed the NCWF petition to limit shrimping to preserve the stocks of Croaker, Spot and Weakfish with that same diligence. Even though my conclusion threatens the livelihood of many of my neighbors and friends, there is one fact very damning of the shrimp industry: **over five pounds of finfish are removed from NC waters by shrimping for every pound harvested by the commercial and recreational fisheries combined.**

This is not the frequently quoted statistic regarding the ratio of shrimp to bycatch (4:1), noting that limits are based on the monitored health of the fishery, it is an indication of the shrimp industries' impact relative to other drivers. Say what you will about the indeterminable effects of water quality, sharks, sea birds, and climate change; a shrimp industry that destroys five times what is allowed to be caught will not play well on the public stage.

The NCWF prepared and presented a thorough proposal of the steps necessary to secure the fishery. They did exactly what was prudent and professional, and would have been remiss not to make the recommendation. Granted, there may be other combinations of methods to preserve our finfish, but NCWF deserves much gratitude for their efforts. Who else is looking after the fishery?

The real question is finfish vs shrimp and striking a better balance. Much has been made of the economic impact of shrimping and of preserving a way of life. Nothing has been said of the economic impact of the demise of the Croaker, Spot and Weakfish stocks and that way of life that has already disappeared - stocks that disappeared in part due to the impacts of shrimping?

There are a reported 200 to 300 "shrimpers" in NC, and a not insignificant but largely part time industry that supports them. There are half a million coastal recreational fishing license holders, including 161,000 nonresidents. They are serviced by businesses including ramps, marinas, bait and tackle dealers, boat repair businesses, boat and trailer manufacturers, hotels and restaurants.

The question is, do you continue to permissively subsidize a shrimping industry which has lost 90% of its market over the last 30 years in spite of the support. Or do you vote for equitability between the fisheries; vote to fuel a diverse and poised economic engine; and most importantly vote to preserve our stocks of Croaker Spot and Weakfish.

Voting for the NCWF petition does not mean that NC Shrimp will decline in numbers. It means shrimping will have less impact on a sister fishery. Not voting for the NCWF proposal will mean the further decline of Croaker, Spot, and Weakfish and the loss of the economic opportunity the fishery represents.

Protecting the fishery 20 years ago would have been proactive and eliminated the need action now.

Your support for the NCWF proposal is appreciated by this old fisherman who hopes to again see those boiling schools of trout under a cloud of birds in Pamlico Sound.

John Spain
Bath NC

From: [James Clark](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#); samicorbett3@gmail.com; captgorgesmfc@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; sobx11@gmail.com; rds.mfc@gmail.com; janetrosemfc@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; bkoury2@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; [Rep. Tim Moore](#); [President Pro Tem Phil Berger](#)
Subject: PLEASE!!
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:19:35 PM

MFC, House & Senate Leaders,

My name is James Clark and I own a seafood market in Chapel Hill and restaurant in Pittsboro and both menus are guided by the fish and shellfish caught by NC Commercial Fisherman.

I beg you to please deny the petition that puts limits on commercial shrimpers and support the men and women that bring the uniqueness and tradition to our coastal towns and economic value that commercial fishing has on North Carolina.

I know you will do the right thing and show your support for the hard working commercial fisherman of North Carolina that you believe in their value and importance to North Carolina Landscape.

James Clark

Hook & Larder
Blue Dogwood Public Market
Chapel Hill NC

James & Marcey Clark
919.302.5522

From: [Postal Fish Co.](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#); [samcorbett3@gmail.com](#); [captgorgesmfc@gmail.com](#); [captjoemfc@yahoo.com](#); [sobx1@gmail.com](#); [rds.mfc@gmail.com](#); [janetrosemfc@gmail.com](#); [amikewicker@gmail.com](#); [bkoury2@gmail.com](#); [awillis.mfc@gmail.com](#); [Rep. Tim Moore](#); [President Pro Tem Phil Berger](#)
Subject: Please !!
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:22:06 PM

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Bill Hartley c: 919.444.3266
Owner

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Owner

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From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Adopt Wildlife Commission recommendations
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:29:49 PM

From: rwlester@frontier.com [mailto:rwlester@frontier.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>; Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Adopt Wildlife Commission recommendations

Marine Fisheries Staff,

My name is Dennis Lester. I am 68 years old and have been a North Carolina citizen all my life, so far. I was taught to fish at a very young age and still continue to enjoy fishing, both fresh water and salt water. Most of my salt-water fishing time has been off our southern coast with an occasional trip to the Hatteras area.

My comments today will be concerning our salt water fisheries.

Over the years, I have seen a tremendous decline in fish that we recreational fishermen catch – flounder, speckled trout, grey trout, spot, croaker, whiting – just to name a few. It has gotten to the point that we must do something to enable our fisheries to recover.

Our fisheries' decline is not so much "over-fishing" as it is "over-killing." I saw this first hand in the 1960's and '70's when I happened to follow trawlers on their way in to dock. I was shocked at the thousands and thousands of dead juvenile fish that covered the water. The men on the trawlers were pushing their "by-catch" out into the water.

I have witnessed this same scene countless numbers of times in the last 40+ years. When I witness tens of thousands of small fish killed by one trawler in one day,, I shudder to think of how many are destroyed every year.

As a fisherman, hook and line, I can keep six flounder, a grey trout, etc. You get the idea. We "hook and liners" are not depleting the fisheries' stock.

In fact, I surmise, our fisheries are being destroyed by "over-killing" more than "over-fishing." This over-killing is a direct result of trawlers and netters. I think it is obvious.

A friend of mine saw in December as many as eleven trawlers at one time within one-half to one mile of the beach, not to mention the netters. It's gotten out of hand and ridiculous. Last week, this same friend witnessed two ships off the coast of Oak Island. There were three trawlers constantly around the ships – and what was the reason?

I strongly urge you to adopt the regulations suggested by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission. North Carolina is the only east coast state that allows trawlers and netting in so close, even in the estuaries. Our fisheries will never recover and will continue to be destroyed as long as this practice is allowed.

On behalf of all recreational fishermen, I ask that you please take steps to protect the future of our fisheries, before it is too late.

Please share this request with other members of the commission. Thank you for your consideration. Dennis Lester

From: [wally overman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: petition for rule making regarding n c sounds
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:40:58 PM

Gentlemen,

i would like to express my position solidly AGAINST this petition for rule making. this is an obvious attempt by multiple special interest groups to completely control the coastal waters of NC and to define how, when, and where anyone can use these resources for commercial or recreational uses.

this petition WILL completely and unfairly decimate the NC shrimping industry for no other reason than to grant ultimate control over to the CCA and others.

carefully clothed in “environmentally and ecologically friendly” sounding narrative, this petition drives a stake into the hearts of EVERYONE in NC who

fish for or enjoy eating FRESH CAUGHT NC seafood. i do not want to be at the mercy of foreign seafood that is raised under questionable and

unhealthy conditions. no one should have to eat this mess if given a choice. the only way to provide that choice is through the efforts of our commercial

fishery. DO NOT DESTROY IT!!

wally overman

vice chairman dare county board of commissioners

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Trawling in North Carolina
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:41:01 PM

From: Butler Anderson [<mailto:banderson@intrstar.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Trawling in North Carolina

Good Afternoon,

I'm speak out against Shrimp trawling in inshore waters in North Carolina. I along with thousands of Recreational fisherman are tired and have had enough of the senseless waste that has been going on for years in our States coastal waters. If things aren't done soon, the Recreational tax payers which are far more than the commercial fisherman, will continue to unite together and will put people in office that will help take care of the fisheries of North Carolina. We the people pay taxes not just the few commercial fisherman. And we the people will get something done if it's not changed soon. Sorry that this sounds so strong, but NOTHING is getting done.

Thank You for your time,
Butler Anderson
Citizen of Pender County.

From: [Bill Gattis](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: [Rep. John Bell](#); [Rep. Ted Davis](#); [Rep. Jimmy Dixon](#); [President Pro Tem Phil Berger](#); [Rep. Tim Moore](#); [Hamilton, Cindi B](#); nancy22221@live.com
Subject: Supporting for NCWF petition on shrimp trawling.
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:03:30 PM

As a North Carolina Recreational Fisherman, this this to voice my support for the NCWF petition on shrimp trawling as well as the elimination of gill nets in inland waters. In the past few years I have found it almost impossible to catch many species of fish such as flounder and black sea bass that were abundant years ago. When I fish in neighboring states along the coast, which restrict the use of nets in their inland coastal waters, fishing is much better. It seems logical to me that the destructive nature of nets to both fish and habitat greatly contribute to the poor recreational fishing along the North Carolina coast. Without action to promote and ensure the viability and sustainability, North Carolina's valuable fisheries resources will be lost.

John W Gattis
Gibsonville and Ocean Isle Beach, NC
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From: [Ben Hough](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:30:18 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

Ben Hough
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bhough1@triad.rr.com

From: [John Rakoci](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Comment
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:31:15 PM

After years of watching the fishery resources that belong to ALL citizens of NC given to a select few for commercial purposes it is great to see the possibility of something being done for the resource! ALL of NC saltwater fisheries are in trouble. Therefore, I support the petition. My only problem with it is it does not go far enough! Other states limit headrope to 50' is just one example. If considering the financial aspect, recreational use brings much more revenue to the state and far more jobs as well. An example of recreational spending; I leave NC to fish 2 – 3 months in Florida and 4 – 6 weeks in Louisiana annually. I would rather spend my money at home supporting my neighbors. The main consideration is the resource, not revenue at this point as the resource is in trouble and nearly completely caused by the commercial industry. Let's finally see something done for the resource and not to line the pockets of a select few.

Sincerely,

John & Patricia Rakoci

Ocean Isle Beach NC 28469

From: [Vukmer Matt](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Petition to protect sound and secondary nurseries
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:46:19 PM

Please vote for

The petition asks the commission to designate all coastal fishing waters (including the ocean out to three miles) not otherwise designated as nursery areas as special secondary nursery areas; establish clear criteria for the opening of shrimp season; and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used in special secondary nursery areas during shrimp season.

NC needs to join other east coast states in disallowing trawling and unlimited commercial harvesting in and around our sounds.

Thanks,
Concerned taxpayer and fisherman

From: [Ronald Stone](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support of NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:52:30 PM

I am writing in support of NCWFpetition to reduce bycatch in shrimp trawling. I am a 70 year old fisherman that has owned a home in Carteret County for 36 years. Its obvious to me and my fishing friends that our resources of finfish has declined over the last 30+ years. We have not forgot how to catch them, but stocks have steady eroded. I have traveled many times across Pamlico Sound on my way to Oregon Inlet and it was depressing to see the water white with juvenile finfish behind the 50+ shrimp boats. Its simple if the shrimp cant get out the small fish cant either and they die. The fish that are being killed are worth many times more than the shrimp.

God gave us these resource to manage and have dominion over so the resource could be perpetual!
The MFC and our legislatures have overlooked the economic value of our resources. A prime example is that all coastal states from here to Texas have banned inshore netting. Their fish are to valuable to net. Florida was the last of the coastal states in the south to ban them 20 years ago when they approved a constitutional amendment by a margin of 72. WOW is N.C. smarter than all these other states or does NCFA have to many members on the advisory committee?
The meeting in New Bern was a joke with NCFA controlling most of the speaking time. Why have a public meeting if both side don't have equal time and if the facilitator or the chairman of the meeting cant or wont maintain control?

From: [Kate Wiegand](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: RE: NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:54:01 PM

Dear North Carolina Marine Fisheries Committee,

As a concerned citizen, I am requesting the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Committee (MFC) to deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation that proposes to designate the internal coastal and near oceanic waters of North Carolina special secondary nursery areas. The rules proposed in the Petition would close the internal coastal waters and near-shore oceanic waters of North Carolina to trawling unless opened by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), establish a shrimp size for shrimp trawling season to open, establish a more restrictive headrope size for shrimp trawls, create a trawl tow time for shrimp trawling, further restrict the taking of shrimp to daylight hours and three days per week, require the use of two DMF certified bycatch reduction devices in shrimp trawls, and create a recreational size limit of 8 inches for spot and 10 inches for croaker.

The Petition should be denied by the MFC because of several substantial and pertinent reasons.

First, the Petition should be denied because such comprehensive changes to fisheries should be developed by fishery managements plans (FMP's). The North Carolina General Assembly, through the Fisheries Reform Act, clearly desired that such comprehensive changes in management measures for important recreational and commercial species in North Carolina be developed through FMP's.

Secondly, the Petition should be denied because these issues were recently discussed and addressed by the 2015 Shrimp FMP after two years of development. Bycatch and habitat protection measures were deliberated by the DMF and MFC Shrimp FMP Advisory Committee through the development of the FMP. Recommendations were reviewed by several other MFC advisory committees. Many public meetings were held where stakeholders provided input.

Thirdly, the Petition should be denied because the cost factors described in the Petition are clearly inadequately described. This omission is significant because the shrimp fishery is North Carolina's most important fishery economically.

Lastly, the Petition will have a substantial economic impact on many small businesses, have significant negative effects on coastal communities and negatively impact the availability of North Carolina shrimp to consumers, which is why I am asking that the MFC deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Wiegand, NCCP
800 Darfield Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27615

From: [Charles Cushman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:55:52 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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I am an attorney in New Bern, NC. The fact that no other state allows the current practices is evidence enough to me that a change is needed.

Thank you,
Charles Cushman

From: [Blakely Hildebrand](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: [samjcorbett3@gmail.com](#); [Fish, Nancy](#); [Davis, Braxton C](#); ["captgorgesmfc@gmail.com"](#); ["sobxl1@gmail.com"](#); ["janetrosemfc@gmail.com"](#); ["captjoemfc@yahoo.com"](#); ["rds.mfc@gmail.com"](#); ["amikewicker@gmail.com"](#); ["awillis.mfc@gmail.com"](#); ["Bkoury2@gmail.com"](#); ["Reynolds, Phillip"](#); ["Tim Gestwicki"](#); ["David Knight"](#); [Derb Carter](#); [Sierra Weaver](#); [Ramona McGee](#)
Subject: Public Comments in Support of NCWF Petition for Rulemaking
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:56:15 PM
Attachments: [2017.01.26 NCWF Public Comments on Petition - LETTERHEAD.PDF](#)

Chairman Corbett,

On behalf of the N.C. Wildlife Federation, I am submitting the attached public comments in support of the Federation's petition for rulemaking submitted on November 2, 2016 and modified on January 12, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Blakely E. Hildebrand
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From: [Tom and Sue](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Costal Nursery Protection
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:58:33 PM

There is no doubt that commercial nets being dragged in our rivers and ocean coasts are depleting our fish population. My family strongly agrees to the position of protecting these special waters. Most costal states have already come to this conclusion and acted already. I do not understand why North Carolina does not support these efforts set forth by so many. The commercial fishermen in those states did not stop fishing or close down, they continue to make a living fishing in a more less harmful way to juvenile fish. Some out of state fishermen come to our state to fish to destroy our waters because it is not in their back yard. Please help NCWF Petition and show support for making family coastal fishing last many more life times to come with minimal limitations due to low population of our area fish.

Thank You,
Tom Jasinski

From: [Doug Privette](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: [Privette AI](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:06:48 PM

I am a false Albacore fly fisherman and I am often out side the Beaufort Inlet in the fall looking for false Albacore to catch and release. I have witnessed the carnage these boats do as they scrape the ocean bottom and dump their by-catch.

The black top sharks are in a feeding frenzy and enjoy the bounty of these small, mostly dead juvenile fish as they follow the shrimp boats around. This is a travesty and I very much object to allowing these boats to be so close to our coastline and kill these juvenile fish.

Please stop this practice and allow our coastal fisheries to recover.

I hope you will consider my request.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. Privette
326 DuPont Circle
Greenville, NC. 27858

Sent from my iPad

From: [Stevenson Weeks](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Cc: [Rep. Pat McElraft](#); [Noman.Sanderson@ncleg.net](#); [Senator Bill Cook](#)
Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:07:26 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[SKM_C45817012614450.pdf](#)

See Attached letter opposing the Petition with attach letter from former Director Louis Daniel which refutes the position he is currently taking as a paid employee of NCWLF.

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From: [Heidi Smith](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#); [samjcorbett3@gmail.com](#); [captgorgesmfc@gmail.com](#); [captjoemfc@yahoo.com](#); [rds.mfc@gmail.com](#); [janetrosemfc@gmail.com](#); [amikewicker@gmail.com](#); [bkoury2@gmail.com](#); [awillis.mfc@gmail.com](#); [Rep. Tim Moore](#); [President Pro Tem Phil Berger](#); [Senator Bill Cook](#); [beverly.boswell@ncleg.net](#)
Subject: Respect the FMP Process/BRD Study/Petition Guidelines and Deny the NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:10:30 PM

Dear Commissioners and Elected Officials,

I am writing as an ordinary seafood consumer with no family ties to the NC seafood industry. No one in my family has ever held a commercial fishing license.

The NC Wildlife Federation has failed to meet the guidelines required for any NCDMF petition in that it fails to meet requirement #6 as stated below from the NCDMF website:

Items that must be included in [the petition](#):

1. Text of the proposed rule(s);
2. Statutory authority for the agency to promulgate the rule(s);
3. Reasons a proposed rule(s) needs to be adopted or an existing rule(s) needs to be changed;
4. Effect on existing rules;
5. Copies of any documents and data supporting the proposed rule(s) or rule(s) change;
6. Statement of the effect of the proposed rule(s) on existing practices in the area involved, including an estimate of cost factors for persons affected by the proposed rule(s);
7. Description of those most likely to be affected by the proposed rule(s); and
8. Your name and address.

The petitioners, when questioned during last week's hearing said they had no way to extrapolate ANY (not even a tiny bit) of the required data. Keep in mind, we are not even talking about an "ordinary citizen" petitioner but a large membership organization and the southeast's most prominent environmental law firm. A law firm that had no problem presenting economic impact data when fighting the proposed Washington County OLF which they successfully defeated based largely on economic impact data.

The public has a right to that data. So let me provide it for you based on NCDMF landing data for years 2011-2015.

May 15- Aug 15 Closure Reduction

If you average the weekly catch over 2011-2015 between weeks 20-32 (May 15-Aug 15), and divide that number by the average of weekly landings for the entire year, it comes out to be a reduction of 50.52%.

- Average of weekly landings 2011-2015 (weeks 20-32) = 2,977,022 lbs.
- Average annual landings 2011-2015 = 5,892,368 lbs.
- 2,977,022 lbs. divided by 5,892,368 lbs. = 0.505233569 x 100 = 50.52%

If you take the total landings of 2011-2015 weeks 20-32 (May 15-Aug 15), and divide that number by the total landings for 2011-2015, it is a reduction of 56.47%.

- Total landings 2011-2015 (weeks 20-32) = 16,635,997 lbs.
- Total annual landings 2011-2015 = 29,461,841.24 lbs.
- 16,635,997 lbs. divided by 29,461,841 lbs. = 0.564662517 x 100 = 56.47%

It seems likely that a closure between these dates would equate to an approximate 50-57%, or between 2,977,022 and 3,327,199 lbs., reduction in annual landings.

This would be expected to leave an average of between 2,565,169 lbs. and 2,915,346 lbs. to be harvested before any other reductions.

Reduction in fishing days from 5 to 3

If looked at as a straight 40% (reduction 3 divided by 5), then the range of additional reduction would be between 1,026,067 lbs. to 1,166,138 lbs.

This would be expected to leave an average of between 1,539,101 lbs. and 1,749,207 lbs. to be harvested before any further reductions.

Restriction to harvest only during daylight hours

The exact definition of the restriction that the petitioners are seeking is unclear: however, sunlight hours listed for Morehead City NC (as a central location) that provide the maximum number of hours (5:23 am to 8:24 pm) = provides a maximum of 15 hours and 1 minute of fishing time.

While estimates of harvest occurring only during non-daylight hours vary, many larger vessels continue until approximately 12 am to 1 pm, although a few depending on many variables may choose to work into the night. In the nearshore fishery, vessels predominately work through the night, choosing to avoid the heat, as well as conflicts with recreational fishermen, and other boaters. Normally this might be expected to provide a reduction of approximately 20%; however, the previous reductions would motivate shrimp harvesters to work much later into the night than normal to make up for lost production. The lost potential to work into the night could potentially be looked at as another 50% reduction.

Using these very rough approximations results in a range of from the highest of reduction 50% to the lowest remaining harvest of 1,539,101 lbs., leaving approximately 769,550 lbs., and the lowest reduction of 20% to the highest level of remaining harvest of 1,749,207 lbs. to harvest, leaving approximately 1,399,366 lbs. to harvest.

Although approximate, this 20%-50 % reduction would range from 307,820 lbs. to 874,603

lbs., and leave between 769,550 lbs. and 1,399,366 lbs. to harvest.

Reduction from a 45-minute trawl limit

For this reduction, we will assume the gear is fishing efficiently once in close proximity of the bottom. Take into account that the time it takes between contact with the water and this close proximity will vary, but could average 3 minutes: and the time it takes to haul back and break the surface of the water, which could also vary, but may 7 minutes. This allows for approximately 35 minutes of effective fishing time per tow.

Considering the previous reductions, but with an unrestricted tow time and are returning the gear to the water as soon as the catch is released to cull and there are no problems or interruptions, you have a 15-hour working day, using an average tow time of two hours plus gear drop/haul, you might be expected to make a maximum of 7 tows with 14 hours of effective fishing time.

Assuming you have a 15-hour working day, and are under a 45-minute tow time limit, using the average tow time of 35 minutes plus gear drop/haul from above, you might be expected to make a maximum of 20 tows with 11.67 hours of effective fishing time.

This reduction could provide an approximate 16.80% reduction. With a range of 769,550 lbs. and 1,399,366 lbs. available, this reduction could be expected to further reduce landings between 129,284 lbs. and 235,093 lbs., leaving between 640,266 lbs. and 1,164,272 lbs.

Reduction from a 60/ct per pound limitation

I cannot find sufficient literature to make an estimation. Some things to consider, are the salad and bait shrimp markets.

Note:

Using the figures above, and keeping mind some of the gross assumptions on reductions, and also assumptions of continual ideal conditions, these reductions have the potential to reduce shrimp harvest by a total of 89.13%.

1. (640,226 lbs. remaining, divided by the average annual harvest of 5,892,368 lbs. = $0.108660215 \times 100 = 10.87$)

So with NO gear changes (which are also included in the NCWF petition) we are potentially at an 89.13% reduction of annual shrimp harvest in NC.

The petition should not and cannot be deemed complete and therefore should be denied.

Heidi Jernigan Smith
101 Finwick Drive
Bath, NC 27808

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [Frank Sieka](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:13:51 PM

I support the petition to save our fisheries.

From: [Heather Hahn](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:23:41 PM

Heather Hahn
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Apex, NC 27502

January 26, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation and encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish, other marine wildlife, and birds. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,
Heather Hahn

From: [ALVIN PAUL](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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Subject: NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:58:16 PM

I went to the Marine Fisheries Advisories Committee meeting in New Bern on 01/17/2017. I sat and listened to the speakers as they talked about the information on the pretty slides that they had brought. I sat and listened to members on the board ask one pertinent question, and then drop into various statements, discrediting the information or talk about how they are the protectors of the fishing industry in North Carolina, and what works in other states won't work in North Carolina. Then the presenter, a learned man of letters, was asked a simple question, "Why are the fish in our nursery areas, the same size as the fish in the surrounding state's fish nurseries, if they don't allow nets in the surrounding state's nurseries? I audience kind of perked up to listen to the response, and the good doctor had no clear answer. I was sitting there, and suddenly I realized that the good doctor could not think on his feet, and should not be there in front of 1000 or more people, presenting a petition based on statistics gathered over decades, that show the steady decline of fish stock in our North Carolina waters.

The simple answer to the question that was put forth to the good doctor, is contained within the question it's self. It's a nursery. What sized humans would you expect to see in a human nursery, regardless of what state you're in, they should all be about the same size. The same is true of fish nurseries, young fish stay together in nurseries to keep away from the larger predator fish; the difference would be the number of fish in our nursery as opposed to the other states that have eliminated netting in their fish nurseries, not the size.

North Carolina's Mullet species catch has dropped from 21.1 million pounds in the 1980's (when Mullet hair styles were popular), to a dismal 1.8 million pounds in 2015. 90% of the catch in 2015 was juveniles, which had not reached the spawning age. North Carolina had 22% of the Atlantic Coast's total catch of Mullet in 1990, by 2015 that percentage had dropped to 4%.

In the 1980's North Carolina had 50% of the total Atlantic Coast Spot species catch, which dropped to 12% in 2015. Our fishing industry is fishing its self out of existence, and eliminating a natural resource that is owned by all of the United States. If we do not allow the fish in our waters to reach their spawning size, that fish will essentially become extinct.

The bycatch from netting is now 400 percent of the size of the catch. Sound fish management has found that once the bycatch has reached 100 percent of the size of the catch, it is no longer prudent to fish for that fish species, without devastating effect to the rest of the fishery.

When you see the decrease of our state's fishery over time, it's clear to see how it's being managed, is not working. The commercial fishermen point to water quality, that the buildup of the shore communities is killing off the fish. If that's a true statement, why has North Carolina's share of the total Atlantic Coast fish harvest dropped so drastically compared to other Atlantic Coast states, when they all have had to deal with the increased size of shore communities?

On behalf of all of the residents of Carolina, please do what you can to move these nets offshore and out of our sounds.

"Any man who thinks he can be happy and prosperous by letting the Government take care of him, better take a closer look at the American Indian!" - Henry Ford

From: [Mr. & Mrs. Jason Dali](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:10:15 PM

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Cc: [Fish, Nancy](#)
Subject: Coastal Conservation Association of NC Public Comments on Shrimp Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:18:28 PM
Attachments: [NCWF PetitionCCA NC Comment.doc](#)

Please find attached our comments.

Thanks for your service,

Chris

From: [David Griffith](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Breck Honeycutt](#)
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From: [Bennett Wynne](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: I fish a little, enjoy a plate of fried shrimp on occasion, and have a background in biology (state of NC, retired). In my view, a fishery in decline most often has experienced a loss of resilience in the stock. That loss of resilience may stem from en...
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:35:09 PM

From: [Michele Aydlett](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Public Comment in Support of Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:36:11 PM
Attachments: [I love shrimp and enjoy eating North Carolina shrimp.docx](#)

Please find my attached comments in support of the NCWF petition.

Michele E. Aydlett

From: [Michele Aydlett](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support of Petition Comments from T. Aydlett
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:39:44 PM
Attachments: [hearing.docx](#)

please see attached comments in support of the NCWF petition From Tim Aydlett.

From: [Ryan Kurtz](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [James Reilly](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:42:16 PM

To the Chairman and members of the NC Marine Fisheries Commission,

Ladies and gentlemen, first off, I would like to thank you for the time and effort all of you put into the work that you do on behalf of the resources and the people of North Carolina. I know it is an unappreciated position and one that places significant demands on you and your families. As someone who wasn't born in North Carolina, but was lucky enough to be sent here by the Marine Corps 20 years ago, I have developed a deep and heartfelt love for this state which offers such a vast diversity of habitats and species. I am grateful to be able to call it home and share in this bounty. I am an avid angler and outdoorsman, who grew up on the waters and in the woods of my home state of Maine, another state with a deep rooted coastal fishing heritage. On that note, it is truly disturbing to me that so many of our public trust resources are being pillaged and plundered by a commercial industry that has the potential to grow beyond its present size, yet seems content to continue employing practices that are destructive to our inshore waters and working non-selective gear because it is the cheaper and easier way. The theory and intent of the subject petition, as submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, has my wholehearted support. I firmly believe, that based upon the data reported by our Division of Marine Fisheries scientists and other professionals, along with the additional information presented at the public comment meeting in New Bern, that the need for change is urgent and the time to act is now.

I do not think every single item asked for in their petition need be enacted exactly as it has been requested, but I do believe it is a strong foundation to build on and would have significant positive impacts on the dangerously depleted fin fish stocks we are trying to preserve. I do not think the Special Secondary Nursery Area status needs to be granted to State waters in the ocean at this time, especially without further research on the potential effects of said status. I am totally in support of reducing head rope lengths and tow times (as set down in the petition) to reduce by catch, as well as limiting trawling effort to daylight hours. (more specifically, one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, as an appropriate window to increase the effectiveness of enforcement and decrease effort.) I believe, based upon the available research, that two Bycatch Reduction Devices be mandated on all trawls to further reduce bycatch. In regards to when the season should be open for harvest, I am quite sure that the nine of you, and all the DMF staff you work with are quite capable of determining a best option and it need not necessarily be set as requested in the petition. While it may not seem to pertain to the problem addressed by the petition, I think they were wise in including a size and creel limit on both croaker and spot to help prevent over harvest of either species by recreational anglers from a species that is already depleted. I can honestly say that I can count on my hands the number of croaker I have caught over 10" in the last decade, so clearly, something needs to be done.

I know you all have a lot of information to process, and difficult decisions to make that will affect many North Carolina citizens in different ways, but I am hopeful that your decisions will be based off what is best for the public trust resources you accepted the responsibility to protect. While change is rarely easy, or widely accepted initially, it is necessary for growth. We as a state

owe it to the future generations of North Carolinians to do a better job taking care of the things placed in our hands. So please, use your best judgement, do not be influenced by special interests whose major concern is financial, and move us in the right direction of healthier fisheries. Thank you again for your time and effort, the responsibilities you carry are a heavy load, but one that cannot be lightly set aside.

Sincerely,

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From: [Hamilton, Cindi B](#)
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Subject: FW: Comment
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:44:17 PM
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Subject: Comment

Good afternoon Mr. Davis,

After years of watching the fishery resources that belong to ALL citizens of NC given to a select few for commercial purposes it is great to see the possibility of something being done for the resource! ALL of NC saltwater fisheries are in trouble. Therefore, I support the petition. My only problem with it is it does not go far enough! Other states limit headrope to 50' is just one example. If considering the financial aspect, recreational use brings much more revenue to the state and far more

jobs as well. An example of recreational spending; I leave NC to fish 2 – 3 months in Florida and 4 – 6 weeks in Louisiana annually. I would rather spend my money at home supporting my neighbors. The main consideration is the resource, not revenue at this point as the resource is in trouble and nearly completely caused by the commercial industry. Let's finally see something done for the resource and not to line the pockets of a select few.

Sincerely,

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From: [Hamilton, Cindi B](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Supporting for NCWF petition on shrimp trawling.
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:47:02 PM
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Cc: Rep. John Bell <John.Bell@ncleg.net>; Rep. Ted Davis <Ted.Davis@ncleg.net>; Rep. Jimmy Dixon <Jimmy.Dixon@ncleg.net>; President Pro Tem Phil Berger <Phil.Berger@ncleg.net>; Rep. Tim Moore <Tim.Moore@ncleg.net>; Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>; nancy22221@live.com
Subject: Supporting for NCWF petition on shrimp trawling.

As a North Carolina Recreational Fisherman, this this to voice my support for the NCWF petition on shrimp trawling as well as the elimination of gill nets in inland waters. In the past few years I have found it almost impossible to catch many species of fish such as flounder and black sea bass that were abundant years ago. When I fish in neighboring states along the coast, which restrict the use of nets in their inland coastal waters, fishing is much better. It seems logical to me that the destructive nature of nets to both fish and habitat greatly contribute to the poor recreational fishing along the North Carolina coast. Without action to promote and ensure the viability and

sustainability, North Carolina's valuable fisheries resources will be lost.

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From: [Hamilton, Cindi B](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Adopt Wildlife Commission recommendations
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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>; Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Adopt Wildlife Commission recommendations

Marine Fisheries Staff,

My name is Dennis Lester. I am 68 years old and have been a North Carolina citizen all my life, so far. I was taught to fish at a very young age and still continue to enjoy fishing, both fresh water and salt water. Most of my salt-water fishing time has been off our southern coast with an occasional trip to the Hatteras area.

My comments today will be concerning our salt water fisheries.

Over the years, I have seen a tremendous decline in fish that we recreational fishermen catch – flounder, speckled trout, grey trout, spot, croaker, whiting – just to name a few. It has gotten to the point that we must do something to enable our fisheries to recover.

Our fisheries' decline is not so much "over-fishing" as it is "over-killing." I saw this

first hand in the 1960's and '70's when I happened to follow trawlers on their way in to dock. I was shocked at the thousands and thousands of dead juvenile fish that covered the water. The men on the trawlers were pushing their "by-catch" out into the water.

I have witnessed this same scene countless numbers of times in the last 40+ years. When I witness tens of thousands of small fish killed by one trawler in one day,, I shudder to think of how many are destroyed every year.

As a fisherman, hook and line, I can keep six flounder, a grey trout, etc. You get the idea. We "hook and liners" are not depleting the fisheries' stock.

In fact, I surmise, our fisheries are being destroyed by "over-killing" more than "over-fishing." This over-killing is a direct result of trawlers and netters. I think it is obvious.

A friend of mine saw in December as many as eleven trawlers at one time within one-half to one mile of the beach, not to mention the netters. It's gotten out of hand and ridiculous. Last week, this same friend witnessed two ships off the coast of Oak Island. There were three trawlers constantly around the ships – and what was the reason?

I strongly urge you to adopt the regulations suggested by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission. North Carolina is the only east coast state that allows trawlers and netting in so close, even in the estuaries. Our fisheries will never recover and will continue to be destroyed as long as this practice is allowed.

On behalf of all recreational fishermen, I ask that you please take steps to protect the future of our fisheries, before it is too late.

Please share this request with other members of the commission. Thank you for your consideration. Dennis Lester

From: [Al Privette](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: N.C. Wildlife Federation petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:48:21 PM

To whom it may concern:

As a life-long citizen of coastal NC, and one who has surfed, fished, and recreated on the waters from the ocean to the sounds, rivers, and creeks of this beautiful state, I would like to voice my position of support of the environmental petition to STOP commercial-fishing operations on/near *any* of our coastal waters, be they sounds, rivers, and ocean. I have often fished the shores of Cape Lookout, north & south of the lighthouse, when the trawlers were "working" no, **raping** those waters of anything & everything that happens to get caught in their nets. I've watched in horror to see the tons of wasted "by catch" that is discarded to be eaten by crazed sharks and hoarding seabirds ! It's enough to make you sick to your stomach and is totally gross, a total disregard for our resources here in this part of our state. If there is anything else I could do to speak louder and harder about these terrible practices, I would like to hear about it.

I live in the small "fishing-village" of Oriental, where many of those trawlers call home, and while I can emphasize with those "fisher-people's" loss of their historic livelihood, may I remind them that things like whaling, or baby-seal hunting, or even wholesale fishing-out the populations of red-fish (red-drum) were ended because of the negative impact of their (commercial fishermen) "harvesting" . Not many people these days get to choose a career (perhaps with the exception of highly-trained professionals), so to have this group of people stop what they're doing and pick up another trade is in no way unique to them. BTW, I know several owners of "fish-houses", and both are probably the wealthiest individuals I know certainly our county. I say this only to debunk the argument (I've heard) about the poor people who do this for a living some are doing quite well!

All those points aside, I am adamant about stoping our resources here in Eastern NC being "scraped" into history. I don't think that we as citizens, and stewards of what we (temporarily manage) have been entrusted to preserve for future generations have any right destroy. And "destroy" is not too strong a connotation to label what one witness' when they see what the "fishermen" do out there. We must curtail, if not completely abandon, these poor "management" practices it's not sustainable, morally or ethically right to continue this!

I thank you for your time today, as well as your positive consideration of my request!

Most Sincerely,
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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From: [Steve Crook](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Gregg McLawhorn](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Petition to ban trawlers in inshore waters...
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:53:04 PM

Gentlemen: Please include me as in favor of the NC Wildlife Federations petition of banning trawlers in inshore waters. In recent years fishing along the coast has been abysmal, due in large part to the by catch of shrimp trawlers operating in inshore waters. Large revenues are collected each year by recreational saltwater fisherman. If the poor fishing conditions continue, I, for one, will stop renewing my recreational fishing license each year. I'm sure that there are many, many others that feel the same way. It is all but impossible to catch a flounder out of the surf or sound above the 15 inch size limit. This applies to other species of fish as well. Many of these fish are being caught up in the nets used by the shrimp trawlers. So please find me in favor of supporting the ban to trawl in inshore waters. Thank you.

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From: [Joanne Cornell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for Petition
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:54:03 PM

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January 26, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

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Sincerely,
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From: [James Cornell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:54:05 PM

James Cornell
2541 Park Ridge Drive
Southport, NC 28461

January 26, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,
James Cornell

From: [Kevin Harrell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:56:45 PM

Being an avid saltwater angler for the past 20 years of my life, I have seen drastic decline in the numbers of fish in the coastal waters of North Carolina. I support the petition.

Thanks, Kevin

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Resolution
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 5:01:29 PM
Attachments: [20170126153923.pdf](#)

From: Penny Owens [mailto:pennyowens@tyrrellcounty.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Resolution

Please see the attached resolution that was adopted by the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners on January 17, 2017. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

From: [john kennedy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 6:50:13 PM

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From: [John Barwick, Jr](#)
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From: [Martha Stovall](#)
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From: [Barbara Merritt](#)
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From: richard.gaddis_sr
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From: [VINCENT GRAHAM](#)
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From: [Dwight Vinson](#)
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From: [Richard Brady](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [Don Edmondson Jr](#)
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Subject: I love my NC shrimp
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:46:10 AM

Let the boys fish. Also put some regulations on imports to be sure they are healthy and don't contain any jell or other unnatural ingredients.

From: [TROY BRANHAM](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Bring back the Spot
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:09 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Please support this petition to reduce the by catch from the shrimp trawls. I hope my 80 year old father can experience at least 1 more decent spot run in his life. And my 9 year old grandson to have many. I think we have had enough studies ,never looking at the obvious! I was at the meeting in New Bern the numbers presented where staggering! Please make the hard choices and end this carnage.

Sincerely,

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From: [Ernest Anderson, Jr](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:09 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I was born at Camp Lejuene in 1956. I fished with my father until the age of 12. With a family of seven and the only income was an enlisted salary we fished and shrimped in the inland waters. We ate well very well. We then moved to Paris Island and continued to fish and shrimp and we also ate very well. I moved back to NC ten years ago and an avid recreational fisherman. My father is now 94 years old and we fished some of our old fishing holes. He was disappointed to see how much the recreational fishing had deteriorated. We said that we might not have eaten so well as children in todays environment.

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As a recreational fisherman, I believe that the long term effects of heavy commercial fishing, especially in the juvenile nursery waters, has had a serious effect on the fisheries of Nor Carolina, not only for recreational fishermen but for commercial endeavors as well. These proposed limitations will allow our stocks to replenish themselves, and if denied there will be no more fish available for anyone!

Sincerely,

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Unfortunately, the Public Hearing conducted in New Bern on Jan 17, 2017 did not afford an opportunity for meaningful discussion on rule changes sought to reduce by catch and wasteful destruction of fin fish. No single group, including the NCFA, should be enabled to knowingly engage in fishery practices that waste our State's Public Trust resources.

Implimentation in these ruls changes will be a step in the right direction. In addition to reducing bycatch, it is likely that rule to prohibit harvest until counts reach 60 will actuall improve overall harvest numbers, by reducing the destruction of the small shrimp.

Sadly, if the NC MFC is unwilling to implement these important but difficult changes, both the MFC and the NCFA may become organizations without a future, since shrimp and other marine resources will become non-sustainable.

Remember the definition of "Insanity", it's doing the same thing over and over, and expecting a different outcome. Well so far, here we are. This time, I hope the members of the NC MRC can make the tough call and support these important rule changes.

Sincerely,

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From: [Richard Bowen, III](#)
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And lastly, I seek your support in getting the MFC to at least consider hearing and listening to commentary from the CCA and other conservation agencies in public forums. One-sided (i.e., wholly NCFA) discussions are not representative of educated, democratic, or developed societies.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ferrell](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:11 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I live on the North River in Bettie, Carteret County. In over fifty years of recreational fishing there I have seen more and more aggressive trawling which has been regulated further downriver because of habitat and species destruction. While fishing at the North River Bridge one day my partner and I caught 21 different species of fish. Three weeks later trawling began barely downriver. STOP!!! I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

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From: [DAVID BREEZE, RPh](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:12 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Changes are needed to reduce the damage to juvenile fish stocks caused by shrimping in our sounds and estuaries. Current shrimping practices are hurting long term viability of commercial fishing as well as the overall health of our coastal marine systems.

I want the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to know I support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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From: [John Olin](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:12 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

This is probably the best thing you can do for NC fish and the people of NC in your lifetime. I still remember bringing home a bucket of spot when I was a child but now that just does not happen. Please implement these changes for the good of all the citizens of NC.

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From: [Randall Smith](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:12 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Good chance you will not read this but I want to tell you the effect of not having a viable recreational fishing body of water on the Neuse River.

I always wanted to retire on a body of water where I could go fishing. I choose Oriental NC because I thought it would give that to me.

After 2.5 years of trying to catch on a regular basis at least one keeper fish I give up. I am putting my house on the market and will be moving from North Carolina. This area will now miss my expenditures not only for what I bought to maintain my boat and fishing equipment but also the taxes I pay to the state and local government.

I guess you think that only the commercial fisherman bring in your money. Please think again and help out the future recreational fisherman.

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From: [STEVEN SHUMATE](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FAIRLY & HONESTLY Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:13 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I hope you will support a FAIR AND OPEN PROGRAM! Do what is right! am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

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From: ken.oppenheim
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:14 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

The DMF needs to be merged with wildlife. The show in new Bern was a outrage. Some people need to be fired

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From: [Edmund Stanevicius](#)
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The unbridled decimation of our state's natural resources cannot be allowed to continue unchecked.

Sincerely,

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From: [James Fish, Jr.](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
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From: [HUGH HORTON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:17 AM

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I HAVE LIVED IN NC MY ENTIRE LIFE. I AM 61 YEARS OLD. THE COASTAL HABITAT AND ESTUARIES HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF MY LIFE. I HAVE WATCHED THESE AREAS SLOWLY DECLINE IN MARINE LIFE. IN TIMES PAST I COULD TAKE MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TO THE COAST AND ENJOY THE BOUNTIES OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. THE LAST SEVEN OR SO YEARS I HAVE NOTICED DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE FINFISH RESOURCE. I HAVE ALWAYS FELT TRAWLING HAD TO HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THESE FISHERIES. THE MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF JUVENILE FISH BEING KILLED AS BY CATCH SURELY IS A MAJOR PART OF THE PROBLEM....AND ONE WE CAN CONTROL THAT WILL IMPACT VERY FEW IN RELATION TO THE IMPACT UPON OTHERS. MY CHILDREN LIVE IN CHARLESTON AND THEY ALLOW NO INSHORE TRAWLING YET STILL HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF SHRIMP AND A ROBUST RECREATIONAL FISHERY.....COINCIDENCE??? I THINK NOT.

I AM 100% BEHIND A CHANGE IN NC APPROACH TO TRAWLING. TAKE THE TRAWLERS OUTSIDE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AND SEE WHAT THE RESULTS WILL BE. IF IT IS POSITIVE FOR THE FISHERY THE CHANGE WILL HAVE PROVED ITS WORTH. IF NOTHING CHANGES IN THE FISHERY WE CAN SEE THAT TRAWLING IS NOT THE CAUSE AND WE COULD THEN ALLOW THEM TO TRAWL INSIDE AGAIN

IN A NUTSHELL IT IS TIME TO PUT EMOTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE TOTUM POLE AND PUT THE SCIENCE AND THE RESOURCE AT THE TOP

Sincerely,

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From: [Steven Anderman](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:17 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Please you must do something do improve the fishery in this state. Recreational Fishing is big business. Much more of an economic impact that the commerical fishing industry. Lets make NC a great fishing destination again.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Randy Cox](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:18 AM

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From: [hubert WALKER](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support The North Carolina Wildlife Federation Petition
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:20 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I respectfully request the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to implement the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation Now is the time to stop the madness. Shrimp trawling is a major reason we are losing our important finfish. I am writing for my grandchildren. If we wait much longer we will only be able to tell them about fishing, there will not be any left for them to catch. The current practice of using destructive commercial practices is killing jobs. It is a well documented fact that recreational fishing contributes several times more to the economy and jobs in North Carolina than commercial fishing. And this is with a dismal fishery. Imagine what economical and jobs increases would occur if we had abundant fisheries. Also states that have eliminated inshore trawling have improved and grown their commercial fishing economy. I know it takes courage to vote for these changes but you are our hope and I support you fully. Please stand up for our resource.

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From: [Malcolm Quay](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Shrimping
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:20 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

Please do something about how shrimping is being done. there is too much waste under the present rules.

Sincerely,

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From: [Luke Kilroy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:35 AM

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From: [Howard Hink](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:42 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I took my family to Florida. And our boat. Not just for the weather but for the fishing. Lots of bait and lots of fish. Why can't we copy their programs? More

And more tourists \$ will be spent elsewhere because of the ignorance concerning the importance recreational fishing. I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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From: [Tom Wedegaertner](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:43 AM

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In addition, because farm raised shrimp is now widely available at a competitive price there is now an alternative to wild caught shrimp. Wild caught shrimp needs to be phased out as farm raised shrimp becomes more available. This action will help increase the price of shrimp which will in turn encourage the aquaculture industry to grow and become more efficient at producing sustainable shrimp. Farm raised shrimp is already much more sustainable and less damaging to the coastal ecosystem compared to wild caught shrimp. This action must be done to reduce the damage to the coastal ecosystem caused by shrimp trawlers. This needs to be done to help revive and grow the recreational fishing industry which puts more revenue into the local economy compared to the shrimp trawlers. This action is only a start. The next action needs to go much further - to protect the NC coastal marine ecosystem.

Sincerely,

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From: [Carl Exner](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:30:45 AM

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I would also like to see trawling within the Pamlico Sound banned. It is destroying our estuary! No other states allow it. Why are we so brilliant??

Sincerely,

Carl Exner
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From: [Michael Fenton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
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I would also like to question the board on what information do they have supporting this activity that the other states on the eastern seaboard do not have and how much of this "fresh" seafood actually stays in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

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From: [Daniel Benfield](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:31:08 AM

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I have been a professional biologist for over 30 years and now retired back in my home State of NC. I worked for the NCWRC and the USFWS in NC and other states. Just think about the "good ole days" when you surf or pier fished with your dad and caught nice size spots, croakers, etc. And compare to now! I implore you to protect our valuable coastal resources and accept this petition.

Sincerely,

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From: [James Oppenheim](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:31:14 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

The meeting on January 17 in New Bern is a classic example of how a small militant special interest group can try to force a decision counter to good conservation or the interest of the majority of the citizens of North Carolina. The failure of the Marine Fisheries Commission to manage the meeting in a balanced manner is disturbing. Those that wanted to speak in support of the resource were not allowed to do so and that suggests bias on the part of the Marine Fisheries Commission that is not good government.

I strongly support the North Carolina Wildlife Federation's Petition for Rulemaking to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters

Sincerely,

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From: [Mr. & Mrs. MICHAEL REED](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:31:19 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

My whole life my family has traveled from central NC to the coast to fish. I remember as a boy going pier and surf fishing and catching large numbers of fish as would all anglers around us. The amount of fish in the water was amazing. Sadly through my life I have watched these numbers and daily catches drop off tremendously. I like seeing what has been put in place as far as size limits and creel limits to fishermen. I believe this will help in time. However if the same style rules are not put into place and enforced to all fisherman no matter how they fish (line hook, boat, net, trawling etc.) everything will be in vain. Just as I was a little boy and loved to fish and had amazing opportunities to catch fish we have a little girl that loves to fish. The future for my child and all children to enjoy creation is in your hands. Don't let our great fisheries be a thing of the past and just a story we tell them. Let it be SOMETHING THEY CAN EXPERIENCE. I plead with you to stop the huge waist of our resources and to implement rules and changes that are needed desperately more know than ever. Again the FATE or the REJUVENATION of our declining fisheries is in YOUR HANDS. Please don't let money or political pressure make your decision but let your conscience and doing what is right lead you in your decision.

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Daniel Little](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:32:41 AM

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It is my understanding that current practices have caused significant damage to several species in our waters, and that North Carolina is alone in allowing such damaging practices in its inshore waters and estuaries. I don't advocate the end of commercial fishing in our state, but am hopeful that more sustainable methods can be encouraged so that fewer resources are lost as by-catch, and damage to nurseries can be reduced.

Sincerely,

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From: [Stuart Davis](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 3:00:12 PM

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Sincerely,

Stuart Davis
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From: [Angela Taylor](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 3:30:09 PM

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I feel that this issue is nothing more than common sense. We must preserve our natural resources for all residences of our state and not allow a few individuals to destroy our inland resources. The fact are clear. It has an obvious solution. Why are we the only South Atlantic State to still allow such destruction to occur?

Sincerely,

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From: [John McMains](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Stop the nets
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 3:30:19 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Scott Humphries](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 4:30:16 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jean Walker](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 11:10:05 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [John G Hardison](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Nursery Area protections
Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:33:28 AM

John G Hardison
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Arapahoe, NC 28510

January 28, 2017

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I support the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation encourage the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it. The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This is a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition.

Sincerely,
john hardison

From: [MARK GORDON](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:50:07 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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Sincerely,

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From: [THOMAS RACKOVAN](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:00:44 PM

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From: don.callahah_rtd
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:10:07 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Donna Boykin](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support for NCWF Petition
Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:49:21 PM

Jan 29, 2017

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Office
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Marine Fisheries Commission Office,

I'm writing today to urge the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of the petition for rulemaking filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

The management strategies outlined in the petition will protect critical nursery habitats for fish and other marine wildlife. This research-based and data-driven approach will ensure that more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn, helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our economically and culturally important coastal fisheries.

In addition, these modifications will bring North Carolina more in line with all other east coast and Gulf states by limiting destructive trawling practices in sensitive and essential habitat areas.

Sincerely,

Ms. Donna Boykin
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From: [Robert Hamilton, C](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 3:20:09 PM

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From: [Dwain Elmore](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 7:10:06 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [James Pinner](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 8:30:16 AM

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Sincerely,

James Pinner
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From: [J. E. Phillips](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 8:40:04 AM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

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From: [BRENT HEROUX](#)
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Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
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From: ditchgray@bellsouth.net
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: shrimp-trawling petition
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:58:11 AM

Please give fair consideration to the shrimp trawling petition filed by the N.C. Wildlife Federation. I spend every fall on the coast of NC watching by-catch being thrown overboard by the ton from Shrimp trawlers. I have long wanted to see a ban on trawling in the NC sounds, this is obviously a nursery area and those fish and shrimp should be giving a chance to grow up before harvest. I wonder if commercial fishermen wouldn't make more money by catching larger fish if that was ever tried.

I propose some of the recreational fishing license fees go to pay those fishermen to try that for just 3 years and then decide.

Anyway please grant this petition.

Thank you,
Dick Gray
Candler, NC

From: [Jeff Jackson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 12:00:17 PM

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Sincerely,

Bradley Gallaher
226 Magnolia Ave
Charlotte, NC 28203
gallaher@gmail.com

From: [Art Noyes](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: shrimp ban
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:23:46 PM

I am writing to ask you to keep our sounds open for shrimping and fishing. The folks that do this for a living provide us with clean safe seafood that we can not get from overseas. These people have a tough enough time now with short seasons, and bad weather. Thank you for your consideration. Arthur Noyes, Atlantic, NC

From: [Martin Davidson](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 6:20:14 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

Martin Davidson
3401 Seward Pl
Charlotte, NC 28211
smdjr@msn.com

From: [Traci Hamilton](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support petition to protect NC's marine fisheries
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:14:17 PM

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Petition,

I endorse the North Carolina Wildlife Federation's petition for rulemaking, and I am asking the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it.

The NC Wildlife Federation's petition calls for a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn, helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

This petition was necessary because commercially and recreationally valuable fish, including Atlantic croaker, spot, and weakfish, are in trouble on our coast. The amount of juvenile fish caught and wasted in the shrimp trawl fishery is unsustainably high in North Carolina's sounds and important habitat areas. North Carolina is the only state on the east coast to allow shrimp trawling in its sounds, fish nurseries, and estuaries. Shrimp trawling effort is highest in North Carolina sounds, which destroys fragile habitat areas and devastates large quantities of juvenile fish.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Thanks to the Commission for moving forward to reduce bycatch in shrimp trawling through expansion of nursery areas.

Sincerely,
Traci Hamilton
6138 Candlewood Dr
Charlotte, NC 28210-4504

From: [Clark Barlowe](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#); samicorbett3@gmail.com; captgorgesmfcc@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; sobx1@gmail.com; rds.mfc@gmail.com; janetrosemfc@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; bkoury2@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com
Subject: NC Shrimp
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:44:45 AM

Hello,

First let me say thank you for taking the time to look over this email. My name is Clark Barlowe and I am the chef and owner of Heirloom Restaurant in Charlotte, NC.

At Heirloom our mission is to create a menu based entirely on NC ingredients. Which is why I have been so disheartened to see the steps being taken to regulate NC shrimping.

While I am also an environmentalist and don't want to see anything done to negatively affect NC fish populations; I am also a realist and understand that the steps being taken would have a drastic affect on the shrimp fisherman that call NC home.

Over the three years that Heirloom has been in business I have met many of these fisherman and understand the difficulties their business presents them with. I would urge you all to not look at this as simply an environmental issue, but one that also will affect individuals and families up and down the coast. Please take the time to reconsider the path we have started down, and if you feel you need any more information from me, please don't hesitate to reach out, my personal cell is 828.783.0773.

Thank you again and have a great rest of the week.

Best Regards,

Chef Clark Barlowe
Heirloom Restaurant | 8470 Bellhaven Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28216
704-595-7710

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Please support the Petition for Rule Making
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 2:40:36 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: DREW MAULTSBY [<mailto:DMAULTSBY@EARTHLINK.NET>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Please support the Petition for Rule Making

DREW MAULTSBY
PO BOX 17059
CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

Dear Ms. Fish:

I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker 8 and 10 inches respectively to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes.

Sincerely,
Drew Maulsby

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 2:42:25 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Gould [<mailto:sgould@capefearperio.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Support for Petition

Scott Gould
109 Parmele Blvd
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

January 3, 2017

Dear Nancy Fish,

Dear Ms. Fish:

Thank you for taking a moment to read this letter and I truly appreciate your service. I am writing to the Marine Fisheries Commission to support the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

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Sincerely,
Dr. Scott Gould

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Adopt Wildlife Commission recommendations
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 2:52:44 PM

From: rwlester@frontier.com [mailto:rwlester@frontier.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>; Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Adopt Wildlife Commission recommendations

Marine Fisheries Staff,

My name is Dennis Lester. I am 68 years old and have been a North Carolina citizen all my life, so far. I was taught to fish at a very young age and still continue to enjoy fishing, both fresh water and salt water. Most of my salt-water fishing time has been off our southern coast with an occasional trip to the Hatteras area.

My comments today will be concerning our salt water fisheries.

Over the years, I have seen a tremendous decline in fish that we recreational fishermen catch – flounder, speckled trout, grey trout, spot, croaker, whiting – just to name a few. It has gotten to the point that we must do something to enable our fisheries to recover.

Our fisheries' decline is not so much "over-fishing" as it is "over-killing." I saw this first hand in the 1960's and '70's when I happened to follow trawlers on their way in to dock. I was shocked at the thousands and thousands of dead juvenile fish that covered the water. The men on the trawlers were pushing their "by-catch" out into the water.

I have witnessed this same scene countless numbers of times in the last 40+ years. When I witness tens of thousands of small fish killed by one trawler in one day,, I shudder to think of how many are destroyed every year.

As a fisherman, hook and line, I can keep six flounder, a grey trout, etc. You get the idea. We "hook and liners" are not depleting the fisheries' stock.

In fact, I surmise, our fisheries are being destroyed by "over-killing" more than "over-fishing." This over-killing is a direct result of trawlers and netters. I think it is obvious.

A friend of mine saw in December as many as eleven trawlers at one time within one-half to one mile of the beach, not to mention the netters. It's gotten out of hand and ridiculous. Last week, this same friend witnessed two ships off the coast of Oak Island. There were three trawlers constantly around the ships – and what was the reason?

I strongly urge you to adopt the regulations suggested by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission. North Carolina is the only east coast state that allows trawlers and netting in so close, even in the estuaries. Our fisheries will never recover and will continue to be destroyed as long as this practice is allowed.

On behalf of all recreational fishermen, I ask that you please take steps to protect the future of our fisheries, before it is too late.

Please share this request with other members of the commission. Thank you for your consideration. Dennis Lester

I have been attending MFC meetings for the past 2 years.

What I have witnessed is complacency by fishermen that have given up on this state's ability to manage our saltwater resource. Our saltwater resource is for all NC residents. It is a public trust resource.

This Wildlife Federation Petition is the first bold action that I have seen that puts the RESOURCE first, and MANAGING THE CATCH second.

Why are we the only state that cannot manage this public trust resource. Every other Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf state manages the resource with bold actions that insures a health fishery for future generations. Both Commercial and Recreational fishermen benefit when the resource is managed for Growth, not Catch. Why not North Carolina?

It's time to put the fish first and our personal agenda second.

It's time to face the truth about what we and past fishermen have destroyed.

It's time to stop saying "Just let me fish the way I want. God will take care of the fish."

It's time to change the way we fish not stop fishing before we find the trip is not worth the bother and cost.

I am not giving up. I want to work together, with commercial and recreational fishermen working to make this state the roll model in public trust resource management.

I am here for the fish!

Please vote yes for the Wildlife Federation Petition!!!

Thank You.

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:02:43 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Hergenrader [<mailto:twherg@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:31 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Petition

Ms. Fish, please forward to the MFC.

I was one of those who sat through the New Bern meeting for nearly seven hours only to be disappointed at time running out.

For the sake of brevity I will be that - brief.

I urge you to accept the petition for rule change at your meeting in Wilmington next month. It is the first step necessary to begin restoring our inshore fisheries to some semblance of what it once was.

The scientific facts are there in the petition for all to see. I urge you to not be distracted by the wealth of hyperbole and misinformation being hurled your way. Please keep your eyes on the prize - a healthier ecosystem.

The bottom line - 22 million pounds of sea life annually perishes in our inshore waters, of this there is no doubt.

Reduction of this terrible toll will result in MORE FISH. Recreational anglers and commercial fishermen alike will have more fish to catch.

I cannot remember in my relatively short time of dealing with fisheries issues where the MFC has had the opportunity to vote for something from which both sides will derive benefit!

Thank you for your service and your acceptance of the petition.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Our Struggling In-Shore Fishery
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:02:56 PM

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Our Struggling In-Shore Fishery

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From: **Don Stanger** <donstanger@aol.com>
Date: Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 8:56 AM
Subject: Our Struggling In-Shore Fishery
To: samjcorbett3@gmail.com, captgorgesmfc@gmail.com, sobxl1@gmail.com,
janetrosemfc@gmail.com, bkoury2@gmail.com, captjoemfc@yahoo.com,
rds.mfc@gmail.com, amikewicker@gmail.com, awillis.mfc@gmail.com

Dear Commissioners:

I am a frequent in-shore NC fisherman and occasional in-shore fishermen in our bordering states. When I compare the quantity and quality of targeted species (principally red drum, sea trout and flounder) in NC with the other states, the deficiencies in our local fish stocks are stark.

What is the difference between the respective state fisheries? Level of fishing pressure? Bag limits? Habitat? Other factors? It is none of these! It is the fact that NC, like the other states, DOES NOT HAVE A PROHIBITION ON INSHORE NETTING. These states clearly 'broke the code' long ago and the empirical results are self evident.

I have a proposal: implement the same laws as our neighboring states for a meaningful period of time and see how quickly our fishery begins to resemble the fishery quality of our neighboring states! What are we waiting for?!?

Goodness knows, all recreational anglers, including those like me who do not live on the coast, but spend a good deal of time (and money!) fishing there, should be given a voice on this subject at least as strong as the commercial fishing interests that seem to be currently calling the shots. Given the recreational fishery that we could become, recreational angler economic impact should easily dwarf that of commercial economic impact. So what are we waiting for?!?

Let's take action now to realize the great potential of our NC in-shore fishery!

Respectfully,

C. Donald Stanger

3940 Dover Road
Durham, NC 27707

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: NCWF Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:03:14 PM

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NCWF Petition

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From: <mrbearhunt@netscape.net>
Date: Thu, Jan 19, 2017 at 8:48 PM
Subject: NCWF Petition
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Dear Commissioners

I attended the meeting in New Bern on Tuesday and was very disappointed not to be able to give public comment. I used a valuable vacation day to attend and traveled from wake county. I have seen the drastic decline in our fish stocks, anyone that has spent their life fishing on our coast can see it. It seems that all we do is another 3 year study another 1 year study, kick the can down the road. Lets do 1 more study. Get the trawlers out of the inshore areas and see if the stocks rebound! Perhaps you are afraid of the results of such a study!

Tuesday the 800lb gorilla was sitting in the room and every body seemed to be blind to it. The figures given by the NCWF where staggering. To deny that the removal of that many juvenile fish would not impact a fish stock is hard to believe. The folks here in Wake and Durham Counties are paying more attention to your actions than ever before. I hope that you will make the hard choice and support this petition and give my 80 year old father 1 more good Spot run.

Thank you for letting me rant.

And Thank You for serving on the commission

Troy Branham

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From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: NCWF Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:03:43 PM

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NCWF Petition

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From: **Cope Mahagan** <adrenalzen@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 7:57 AM
Subject: NCWF Petition
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janetrosemfc@gmail.com, bkoury2@gmail.com, captjoemfc@yahoo.com,
rds.mfc@gmail.com, amikewicker@gmail.com, awillis.mfc@gmail.com

Dear Commissioners,

I wanted to let you know that I was extremely disappointed to hear the outcome of the meeting in New Bern on Tuesday, January 17. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend. Several of my friends and fellow fishermen did attend and I was certain that they would echo my opinions on the trawlers utilization of inshore areas. However, their voices were not heard because they were not allowed to speak, so in turn my voice was not heard. Let me provide my voice now.

The negative environmental and economic, yes economic, impacts on the aquatic life and the people of this great state is staggering. The senseless destruction of delicate ecosystems and the great impacts on those that struggle to make their living by serving recreational fishermen and fisherwomen must end. It is time for North Carolina to follow other states in providing regulations that promote a healthy, sustainable fishery that will benefit all creatures big and small. Consider the information provided to you that clearly shows that protecting the nurseries found inshore will boost the economic development of our entire state. A better economy in our coastal communities means more jobs for the people that live there. Do the right thing, get the trawlers out of the inshore areas and see if the stocks rebound!

Thank you for listening,

Jeff Mahagan, Durham, NC

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Comment for meeting
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:04:04 PM
Attachments: [Letter - public comment for fisheries meeting Jan 17 2017.docx](#)
[Comment for meeting.msg](#)

From: Chuck Laughridge [mailto:sobxl1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Comment for meeting

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From: <chl3@ec.rr.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 11:21 AM
Subject: Fwd: Comment for meeting
To: sobxl1@gmail.com

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From: John Canup <jcanup@suddenlink.net>
To: <chl3@ec.rr.com>
Cc:
Date: Fri, 20 Jan 2017 10:20:42 -0500
Subject: Comment for meeting

Chuck, I did not get to see you Tuesday at the meeting until after the meeting started. I wanted to COMMENT but had another meeting to attend later Tuesday. I left my written comment at the head table but was not sure it would find its way to the the right place. Attached is my comment if you think it is worth sharing or discard at your digression.

Thanks for your service on the MFC. I am sure you have had numerous long meetings like Tuesday and I don't see how you tolerate them. Thanks for looking out for the rest of us!

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Current Petition Concerns
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:04:19 PM

From: Zack Davis [mailto:zack.davis@carteretk12.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:31 PM
To: samjcorbett@gmail.com; captgorgesmfmc@gmail.com; captjoemfc@yahoo.com; sobxl1@gmail.com; rds.mfc@gmail.com; janetrosemfc@gmail.com; amikewicker@gmail.com; Bkoury2@gmail.com; awillis.mfc@gmail.com; Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>; Hamilton, Cindi B <Cindi.Hamilton@ncdenr.gov>; Bianchi, Alan <alan.bianchi@ncdenr.gov>; Moore, Tina <tina.moore@ncdenr.gov>; Lee, Laura <laura.lee@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Current Petition Concerns

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Zack Davis. For those of you who were able to attend the meeting held in New Bern on Jan 17th, I want to sincerely thank you. I understand that all members, whether in attendance or not, are dedicated to their task at hand and have difficult decisions in the days ahead.

I would like to express my extreme concern about the current fisheries issue at hand pertaining to the shrimp petition set forth by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. This petition has the potential to end the commercial fishing industry in North Carolina. Historically and presently, this industry has provided and sustains a viable job opportunity for residents in coastal North Carolina. Job opportunities that are not present in other careers in many of our rural communities.

Furthermore, the statistical data used in the petition does not take into account the fishing effort reduction while looking at landings for many fish species. Stock assessments cannot fully be measured by looking at solely the amount of fish commercially caught in a given year as many vessels and captains seek the highest value product available, often bypassing ample amounts of lower valued aquatic life.

Ultimately this petition goes against the Fishery Management Plans set forth by the Division of Marine Fisheries. Those plans have sought to improve gear using scientific data and strive to reduce by-catch while still providing a valuable commodity to the public citizens of North Carolina. This petition only mentions changing by-catch reduction devices in one aspect. That particular point of the petition (require two BRD's for fin fish) has been in law in North Carolina for two years. This petition does not seek to reduce by-catch out of the shrimp trawls, but the shrimp trawls out of the water.

These are only a few points of question out of many that could not be answered by the people bringing forth this petition. I believe that any member of this commission could see that the underlying push of this petition is to terminally restrict trawling and small mesh gill nets in North Carolina. This alone shows that the petition should not be carried forward by the Fisheries Commission due to the lack of justification of such draconian regulations.

It is my hope that commission members would follow the recommendations of the advisory committees and fully deny this petition. Any other action would show the citizens of North Carolina that the Marine Fisheries Commission has failed to be a true representative of the vested interest of public resources with the best science available.

Thank you,
Zachary Davis

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From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Written comments on NC Wildlife Fed petition
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:05:01 PM
Attachments: [NCWildlife Fed Petition Griffith Written Comments.docx](#)
[1-s2.0-S030438001400129X-main.pdf](#)

From: Griffith, David Craig [mailto:GRIFFITHD@ecu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Written comments on NC Wildlife Fed petition

Dear Nancy: Please convey my comments to the Commission, along with the attached article. If I need to send them elsewhere, please let me know. Thank you.

Best, David

Dr. David Griffith, Interim Director
Institute for Coastal Science and Policy
Flanagan Building, Suite 250
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Greenville, NC 27858-4353
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<http://www.ecu.edu/icsp>

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: January 2017 Shrimping Petition Public Comments
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:05:14 PM

From: Chris McCaffity [mailto:freefish7@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Senator Norman Sanderson <Norman.Sanderson@ncleg.net>; Rep. Pat McElraft <Pat.McElraft@ncleg.net>; Rep. Michael Speciale <Michael.Speciale@ncleg.net>; Rep. Bob Steinburg <Bob.Steinburg@ncleg.net>; HouseE-mail@ncleg.net; SenateE-mail@ncleg.net
Cc: Duval, Michelle <michelle.duval@ncdenr.gov>; Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: January 2017 Shrimping Petition Public Comments

January 2017 Shrimping Petition Public Comments

I am Chris McCaffity, an independent commercial fisherman and fisheries advocate who also enjoys eating North Carolina wild-caught shrimp. Please keep an open heart and mind as you consider these public comments.

I am opposed to this petition's attempt to destroy NC's shrimping businesses and deny consumers access to local wild-caught shrimp. This is just the latest in a long list of attacks on NC's commercial fishermen and seafood consumers. The constant harassment is costing our state millions of dollars holding hearings and in lost productivity from citizens who must repeatedly miss work to make public comments defending their jobs. Perhaps those filing these frivolous petitions would not be so eager if they had to reimburse taxpayers for the cost associated with denied petitions.

The Iroquois Indians had a philosophy that important decisions should be thought through to the seventh generation. Securing a sustainable food supply for future generations is one of the many reasons to deny this petty petition. That does not mean nothing should be done to improve the way our fisheries are managed. It means we should think about a different management philosophy that focuses more on enhancing our fisheries and food supply than restricting the public's freedom to access them. Hatcheries and habitat enhancement can be the perfect blend of aquaculture and wild-caught seafood that lives free and self-sufficient until harvested. These proven solutions can create more seafood and recreational opportunity while generating more revenue. This could be funded with our fishing license fees and a redirection of management priorities. Now is the time to think about how seven generations can responsibly harvest sustainable stocks of wild seafood while preserving NC citizen's freedom to access our public resources forever.

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

Thank you for thinking about this alternative to approving the petition.

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Resolution from Hyde County Chamber of Commerce
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:05:14 PM
Attachments: [Trawl Ban Resolution.pdf](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: Averi Simmons [<mailto:hydecocc@embarqmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Resolution from Hyde County Chamber of Commerce

Good Afternoon Ms. Fish,

Please see the attached resolution adopted by the Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce in Opposition to Petition for Rulemaking to Amend 15A Admin. Code 3L .0101, 3L .0103, 3M .0522, 3M .0523, 3N .0151 and 3R .0105 to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters as Presented by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

Thank you,

Averi Simmons, Executive Director
Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce
20791 U.S. Hwy 264
Swan Quarter, NC 27885
252-926-9171

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Petition
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:05:17 PM

From: Donnie Thorne [mailto:det1350@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Petition

I am a retired recreational fishing license holder in North Carolina and I support the petition to limit netting in the sounds and inshore areas. This is necessary to restore the depleted fishes in North Carolina.

Thanks

Donnie Thorne

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: NCWF Petition on Trawling
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:05:27 PM
Attachments: [MFC Hearing on Jan. 17, 2017.docx](#)
[Commercial Fishing numbers versus by-catch \(2012\).xlsx](#)

From: Kim Tavasso [mailto:kimtavasso@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 6:10 AM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: NCWF Petition on Trawling

Dear Ms. Fish,

I attended the hearing yesterday that addressed the NCWF's petition on shrimp trawling. After sitting and listening for several hours, I didn't have an opportunity to voice my thoughts on the subject. Overall, the hearing was a very disappointing process to me. Therefore I have attached a copy of my thoughts on this subject and would appreciate it if the MFC had a chance to hear them before voting on the petition. A small supporting worksheet is also attached.

Just as information, I am 65 years old, have lived in North Carolina my entire life and have fished our coastal waters since I was a child.

Respectfully yours,

Kim Tavasso

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Shrimp trawl meeting 1/17/17
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:05:44 PM

From: Roberts, Philip [mailto:philip.roberts@lambertcable.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Shrimp trawl meeting 1/17/17

To whom it may concern,

I am taking time out of my work day to write this letter, as I am unable to go in person to the meeting today in New Bern due to work conflicts. I have owned property at our beaches most of my adult life and have been fishing internal waters as long as I can remember. Over the past 20 years or so, there has definitely been a decline in fish numbers. I believe this to be a combination of in-shore trawling by oceanic vessels and gill nets.

Our internal waters cannot support the scale of trawlers that currently operate in our estuaries. Opening weekend of trawling season, I was on the water and counted 28 vessels from the Sneads Ferry bridge towards the Inter-coastal Waterway to the point I could see. If you are familiar with this area, you know that's a lot of boats in not a lot of area, and many of them were large ocean going vessels. Science proves that the by-catch ratio is 4lbs "by-catch" to 1lb of shrimp harvested. It does not take a scientist to know that that is unsustainable, and detrimental to the estuary environment.

Please accept my comment **FOR THE RESTRICTING OF TRAWL VESSELS IN IN-SHORE WATERS**

Thanks!!!

Philip Roberts,

BSW Manager, RDU Google

Mobile: (919)-971-5302

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Trawling Changing
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:05:56 PM

From: R Spencer [mailto:romsandy@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:02 AM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Trawling Changing

Nancy,

I have been a resident of Hyde County all of my life except for four year attending college. I have always tried to do my part to improve the quality of life of the people of Engelhard and to meet the needs of its citizens. R. S. Spencer True Value and Furniture is a store now run by the third generation of my family. My father R. S. Spencer, Sr. opened the store on 15 September of 1900. After his death in 1973, I ran the store for forty years before passing the responsibility to my son R.S. (Tony) Spencer and his wife Jo Ann. The main industry in our village is the seafood industry and especially the shrimping part of it. Our store is very dependent on the shrimping industry. The boats go out, get their catch, and return to the docks. The boat crews often come to our store to shop. The people who head the shrimp gets their checks and come to shop with us. The boat captains and crews come and get supplies for their trips. Without the support of the shrimping industry here, it would be very difficult to stay in business. I very much oppose any additional regulations and limitations that might be put on our shrimping industry. Often the voice of the people most affected are not heard, but this is one time that it is vital that they be heard and have

influence toward no new regulations. Please listen to the voices which are numerous against all of the proposed regulations and restrictions.

R. S. Spencer, Jr.

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: NCWF Proposal to Limit Shrimping, bycatch compared to commercial/recreational catch
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:06:11 PM

From: John Spain [mailto:john.m.spain@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:37 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: NCWF Proposal to Limit Shrimping, bycatch compared to commercial/recreational catch

A quick review of "catch" data from the DMF web site indicates that for the period 2011 through 2015 the shrimp harvest was just under 30 million pounds suggesting a bycatch of over 120 million pounds of immature fish.

For the same period the combined recreational and commercial "catch" for mature Croaker, Spot and Weakfish (2011-2015) was just over 21 million pounds, or about 1/6th the bycatch from commercial shrimping.

Granted, how the 120 million pounds relates to the overall fish stocks, and how those stocks relate to the recreational and commercial catches is a real wildcard, but from this layman's perspective the bycatch is a likely driver in the poor health of the croaker/spot/weakfish fisheries.

While I urge the adoption of the restrictions proposed by the NCWF, I also appreciate the dynamics in the populations and the need for ongoing monitoring.

Your attention is appreciated,

John M. Spain
Box 1010
Bath, NC 27808

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Trawl ban
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:06:29 PM

From: MARTELLE'S REST & CATERIN [mailto:martelles@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 5:02 PM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Cc: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Trawl ban

My name is Martelle Marshall. My wife, our sons, and myself own and operate Martelle's Feed House Restaurant, located in the Engelhard community of Hyde County, North Carolina. I am 66 years old and a previous farmer, and until we opened our restaurant in 1997 I never really realized the economic impact that the fishing industry had on our community and county. I would imagine that the yearly shrimp season puts more money in our local economy than any other factor.

I am totally in favor of sustainability of our resources. Talking to local fishermen, and others associated with the industry, I feel that the present operating regulations are fulfilling the preservation of our natural resources in and around Pamlico Sound. We are aware of programs like Outer Banks Catch, Got To Be NC, Freshness from NC Waters, and the Wild American Shrimp that promote our local shrimp industry. These programs are operated and funded by NC governmental agencies, owned by the people of NC. We proudly serve local seafood products, mainly shrimp, and our customers know it and appreciate it.

Thank you for your consideration in keeping our shrimping industry a vital part of our Eastern North Carolina way of life.

Sincerely: Martelle Marshall

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: FW: Fight the Trawl Ban!!!!
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:06:54 PM
Attachments: [Fisheries Petition.docx](#)

From: Jo Ann Spencer [mailto:jasrstst@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 1:37 PM
To: SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition <NCWFPetition@ncdenr.gov>; Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: Fight the Trawl Ban!!!!

All,

Thank you for taking the time to review my attached letter. I am unable to attend the Public Comment on January 17 in New Bern, but wanted to ensure you were aware of how regulations could affect small fishing communities, especially those that are struggling to survive. Unemployment is already up in Hyde County. Tougher regulations on our fishermen would just place us in double digits, further killing our community.

Thank you.

Jo Ann Spencer
252-588-0508

From: [Fish, Nancy](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFpetition](#)
Subject: FW: NCWU Opposition to shrimp Trawl Ban Letter
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:08:06 PM
Attachments: [2016 Opposition to Shrimp Trawl Ban.docx](#)
[NCWU Opposition to Reclassification of Coastal Areas.doc](#)

From: Melba Milak [mailto:melba.ncwu@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 11:22 AM
To: Fish, Nancy <nancy.fish@ncdenr.gov>
Subject: NCWU Opposition to shrimp Trawl Ban Letter

Nancy,

I've attached an NCWU Letter to MFC Chairman Corbett in Opposition to the 2016 Shrimp Trawl Ban. I've also attached a copy of our Opposition Letter regarding the same issue in 2013.

I appreciate you getting copies to Chairman Corbett and all MFC Members and the 5 MFC Advisory Committees for the Briefing Books that will be at the January 17, 2017 Meeting in New Bern.

I sent copies to Dr Braxton Davis and Governor-Elect Roy Cooper.

Thank you very much. Merry Christmas!

Melba

From: [MARK THRIFT](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 4:30:17 PM

Dear MFC Liaison Fish,

I am writing to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to offer my support for the Petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of our state through Rule changes to expand Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters, and to apply special rules to govern shrimp trawling in these areas.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Specifically these restrictions are:

1. limit headrope length on trawls to 90 feet;
2. open shrimp season only when the count per pound reaches 60;
3. limit trawling to three days per week and only during daylight hours;
4. limit tow times to 45 minutes; and
5. require two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

I further support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker, 8 and 10 inches respectively, to ensure that these declining fish have a chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This is necessary to begin recovery of these two important fishes. I hope the Commission will seize this opportunity to promote the conservation of our state's public trust resources for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

MARK THRIFT
106 Old River Acres Ext
Burgaw, NC 28425
jackaroe@ec.rr.com

From: [Steve S](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF_NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support petition to protect NC's marine fisheries
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 5:48:24 PM

Dear N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Petition,

I endorse the North Carolina Wildlife Federation's petition for rulemaking, and I am asking the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to vote in support of it.

The NC Wildlife Federation's petition calls for a research-based and data-driven approach that will ensure more juvenile fish survive to adulthood and spawn, helping to support a thriving marine ecosystem and restore sustainable fish stocks for our valued coastal fisheries.

This petition was necessary because commercially and recreationally valuable fish, including Atlantic croaker, spot, and weakfish, are in trouble on our coast. The amount of juvenile fish caught and wasted in the shrimp trawl fishery is unsustainably high in North Carolina's sounds and important habitat areas. North Carolina is the only state on the east coast to allow shrimp trawling in its sounds, fish nurseries, and estuaries. Shrimp trawling effort is highest in North Carolina sounds, which destroys fragile habitat areas and devastates large quantities of juvenile fish.

I support the expansion of special secondary nursery areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three mile limit and the restrictions on shrimp trawling contained in the petition. Thanks to the Commission for moving forward to reduce bycatch in shrimp trawling through expansion of nursery areas.

Sincerely,
Steve S
CONSTITUTION Ave
Washington, DC 20560-0001

From: [JACK BOSTROM](#)
To: [SVC_DENR.DMF.NCWFPetition](#)
Subject: Support Habitat and Finfish Conservation
Date: Sunday, February 05, 2017 2:40:04 PM

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Sincerely,

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January 26, 2017

Via E-mail and U.S. Mail
Sammy Corbett, Chairman
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Re: Wildlife Resources Petition

Dear Chairman Corbett:

First for the record I would like to interpose an objection to the proceedings of January 17, 2017 regarding the petition of the Wildlife Resources Federation based upon the Amendment of the Petition for Rule Making which occurred on January 13, 2017. This untimely amendment denies the persons affected by this amended petition of due process by providing inadequate notice and the opportunity to properly address said amendment.

The petition should not be deemed complete as it does not properly and adequately address 15A North Carolina Administrative Code 03P.0301(6) which requires a statement of the effect of the proposal rule(s) on existing practices in the area involved, including an estimate of cost factors for persons affected by the proposal rules. The petition states: "Without an economic analysis that considers the specific proposals contained in this Petition, any prediction of costs is purely speculative."

The petition does not address the negative economic impacts that will occur to the shrimp fishermen. A cursory examination of the records of the Division of Marine Fisheries indicates that historically over 50% of the shrimp caught in North Carolina are caught during the period that a Special Secondary nursery area does not allow trawling. There is no description of the negative economic impacts that will occur in the coastal communities, the impacts on retail markets, grocery stores, restaurants or consumers. There is no estimate of the cost to the taxpayers of the State of North Carolina for the required sampling of finfish and shrimp. There is no estimate of costs for the additional vessels, equipment and personnel to do the sampling and

enforcement. In short the petition fails to address the statutory requirements and should be rejected as incomplete.

Pursuant to NCGS §150B-19.1 in developing rules for adoption the agency should consider the cumulative effort of all rules adopted related to the specific purpose for which the rule is proposed. The agency shall not adopt a rule that is unnecessary or redundant. The rules shall be based on sound, reasonably available scientific, technical, economic and other relevant information.

The petition is lacking in socio-economic analysis, and scientific credibility. In addition to scientific information provided by Dr. Alynn Powell, Dr. Joel Fodrie, and others to these advisory committees, one of the technical reviewers of this petition, Louis Daniel, while he was Director of North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, by letter to Mr. Joe Albea of the Coastal Fisheries Reform Group, dated October 2, 2012, refuted the basis of this petition, citing appropriate and applicable scientific literature. A copy of this letter is attached hereto.

An agency shall not adopt a rule that is unnecessary or redundant. N.C. Gen. Stat. §50B-19.1(4). This petition is disturbing in that it attempts to circumvent Fishery Management Plans, which are developed through a rigorous process, using flawed data and assumptions. This document lacks scientific evidence that attributes shrimp bycatch to a perceived decline in Atlantic croaker, spot, weakfish and other species. The petition and supporting memorandum attempts to determine the status of the stocks of Atlantic croaker, spot and weakfish using catch data which is not an acceptable scientific method for determining stock status. This petition should be denied as it perverts the Fisheries Reform Act adopted by our legislature and each and every management plan adopted pursuant thereto.

This rule is adopted will overlap with the policies and programs of other agencies including but not limited to the Coastal Resources Commission and the Coastal Area Management Act and will result in unnecessary, unduly burdensome and inconsistent rules.

For the foregoing reasons, among others, the petition of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation should be denied.

Sincerely yours,



Stevenson L. Weeks

SLW: dgl



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Division of Marine Fisheries

Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III
Director

Dee Freeman
Secretary

Oct. 2, 2012

Mr. Joe Albea
Coastal Fisheries Reform Group
1739 Haddock Road
Winterville, N.C. 28590

Dear Joe,

On behalf of the Division of Marine Fisheries, I would like to respond to information the Coastal Fisheries Reform Group (CFRG) has distributed on its website and in letters to the N.C. General Assembly regarding shrimp management in North Carolina.

As you know, the division is required by law to review each fishery management plan (FMP) every five years and determine if changes in rules or management strategies are needed. If changes in management strategies or rules are needed, the division pursues a FMP amendment, where division staff and an advisory committee develop positions on specific issues that need to be addressed. If no changes in management strategies are required, the division proceeds with a revision, which is a more abbreviated process that involves updating data, research needs and fishery information contained in the FMP.

After initial review of Shrimp FMP, the division determined no rules or management changes were needed at this time in the shrimp fishery and began pursuing a revision. At its August 2012 meeting, the Marine Fisheries Commission voted to send the revised FMP out for public and advisory committee review. After receiving this review, the Marine Fisheries Commission will decide at its November 2012 meeting whether to proceed with the revision or switch to an amendment process to explore changes in management strategies.

I'd like to clarify that the division acknowledges finfish bycatch in the commercial shrimp trawl fishery is an issue. The division has conducted studies to characterize bycatch in shrimp trawls and the draft revision to Shrimp FMP recommends that more research is needed on shrimp trawl bycatch. Unfortunately, the information the CRFG has distributed mischaracterizes these studies.

The CFRG states that division shrimp characterization studies (Brown 2009, 2010) show approximately 78 percent of shrimp trawl catch is bycatch "that will die before being shoveled overboard." While the studies show 77 percent and 79 percent bycatch by weight, respectively, for Pamlico Sound and the near shore ocean commercial shrimp trawl fishery, these studies did not gather any information on mortality. This is an important distinction due to the potentially significant effect discard mortality could have on the biological impact of the bycatch. The division acknowledges that a large number of juvenile finfish die in the shrimp trawl fishery, but we do not have data as to the amount. We are currently conducting a two-year statewide

study to gather information on at-net mortality. We have additional proposals submitted that, if funded, would continue and expand these studies.

The CFRG also implies the studies show “the annual bycatch from N.C. shrimp trawlers consists of over 500 million individual small fish.” These numbers did not come directly from the division studies and were an extrapolation done by CFRG. The division agrees that large numbers of juvenile finfish are taken as bycatch in the shrimp trawl fishery, but we do not agree with the methodology or resulting figures produced by CFRG. CFRG’s extrapolations were based on a six month study conducted in the inshore waters of North Carolina (specifically Pamlico Sound and its tributaries). The CFRG’s extrapolated figures were based on the study’s species composition tables for the specific time and place of the study, but then applied that data statewide and did not account for shrimp taken in different areas (including those caught in South Carolina and landed in North Carolina) or landed by different gear (skimmer trawls). Further, the division believes that extrapolating numbers long term from a study that is limited both temporally and spatially is problematic. This does not mean that the division is ignoring the study or similar ones, just that there are many confounding factors effecting shrimp trawl bycatch. The composition of bycatch in the shrimp trawl fishery can vary greatly from year to year, season to season, hour to hour, area to area, tow to tow, as well as by gear type. It is this high variability that makes it difficult to use data from a limited study in time and space to extrapolate beyond that time and space. It is not reasonable to assume the bycatch rates in a neighboring area can give an accurate approximation of an un-sampled area. This is why the division continues to seek funding for long-term studies that address this issue.

While there is a large amount of bycatch associated with this fishery, the biological effects of this bycatch are not known. The majority of the finfish taken as bycatch in the shrimp trawl fishery are juvenile fish, which have a high natural mortality. While the short term studies give us a snapshot of the fishery in specific times and areas, the need for long-term, statewide studies cannot be understated. These long-term studies help mitigate any seasonality and annual fluctuations (variations in target and bycatch abundance, weather effects, etc).

Also, the CRFG letter implies that other states which have banned inshore trawling have built “thriving fisheries” on species such as weakfish, spot and croakers. The decline in the stocks of these fisheries is in fact coast wide, and not just a N.C. phenomenon. Along the mid-Atlantic coast in the areas where weakfish production is highest, the abundance and landings of weakfish have decreased precipitously since the late 1990s. This decline has been most apparent in states where inshore trawling is not allowed and where recreational landings have historically been the highest (Virginia to New York). While N.C. landings have decreased, they have decreased at a lower rate than these more northern states and North Carolina currently has the largest recreational landings of any state along the Atlantic coast at a time when all states are limited to a one-fish recreational bag limit. North Carolina is also ranked first or second in the number of weakfish releases over the last few years. Scientists along the Atlantic coast have concluded that it is likely natural mortality, not fishing mortality (harvest or discards), that is the driving factor in the current weakfish decline (ASMFC 2011).

CFRG states the division has “chosen to ignore the issue” of shrimp trawl bycatch. That is simply not the case. North Carolina is a national leader in developing innovative ways to minimize bycatch and protect

Joe Albea
Oct. 2, 2012
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stocks of juvenile fish, shrimp, shellfish and crabs in our sounds, estuaries and ocean and our state heavily regulates estuarine shrimp trawling. Management strategies provided in the 2006 Shrimp FMP and contained in the draft 2012 Shrimp FMP revision include seasonal and area closures, gear restrictions, and management by shrimp size (DMF 2006, 2012).

Additionally, 45 percent (around 1 million acres) of N. C.'s estuarine and internal coastal waters are closed to shrimp trawling. Waters deemed as special secondary nurseries are also opened and closed by proclamation based on shrimp size and count. Furthermore, North Carolina was the first state to require bycatch reduction devices (BRDs) and the first state to designate primary nursery areas, not allowing bottom disturbing gears like trawls in our most productive areas to protect juvenile species. The division has also conducted research on the effectiveness of various BRDs, tailbag modifications and alternative gears, such as shrimp pots.

The CFRG has questioned why North Carolina allows trawling in internal waters at all, when some other states do not - especially our sister states Virginia and South Carolina. First of all, each state differs in the way it chooses to manage its fisheries. In North Carolina, our goal is to have sustainable fisheries that can be enjoyed by all user groups – recreational, commercial and consumers. The Marine Fisheries Commission has chosen to allow trawling under the highly regulated conditions discussed above.

Also, while Virginia and South Carolina border North Carolina, they differ greatly in the amounts of estuarine waters under their jurisdiction and the types of species found in those waters. North Carolina has much more estuarine water than these two states combined.

Estuarine Waters:

North Carolina - 2,220,161 acres

Virginia – 999,600 acres

South Carolina – 168,700 acres

Our large bodies of estuarine waters better lend themselves to trawling than the smaller water bodies in other states. Additionally, the ocean shrimp fishery is not nearly as lucrative off the North Carolina coast, as that of South Carolina and Georgia, due to the fact that our ocean bottom drops off very suddenly, while states to our south have a more sloping, gradually-declining ocean floor, making it easier to catch shrimp. And lastly, North Carolina is at the northern-most range of species of shrimp we harvest; while the Chesapeake Bay is a large water body, it does not produce shrimp in commercial quantities.

I hope I have been able to clarify some of the issues your organization has brought forward regarding shrimp management and I look forward to working with you and the CFRG about this and other fisheries-related issues. For your convenience, I have attached a list of the literature cited in this letter.

Sincerely,

Louis B. Daniel III, Director
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries

Literature Cited

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January 23 2016

NC Fisheries Commission,

I was unable to attend New Bern meeting on NCW Petition issue and would like to provide my insight.

I have lived and fished the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound approximately 40 years. Spots, croakers, grey trout and other species were readily available for any angler that wanted a mess of good fish to eat. Pictures and history shows that as fact. Now these are a non-available target for anyone. Are trawlers only reason – ask the Lord above as he is only one knowledgeable. But we all know that the numbers of shrimpers and especially huge off shore boats have taken over these waters. By catch can never be stop under this practice. We are a huge nursery area that is unable to grow. Let's bring our fisheries back. All other states have huge shrimp industry ocean trawling, why can't we? Channel nets are a perfect solution for inshore shrimping. I know firsthand that they're by catch is minimal except jelly! Please do what's needed and go against the recommendations of the other committees who must have blinders on.

I want to add that we must do something about our drum and trout soon. We are getting cleaned out. A quote from one local dealer was that his buyer was moving 10,000 lbs. a day of trout out of this area this month. Divide that by 75 fish at 2lb each – about 66 netters are getting there limit a day! No way. The trout are being trucked out either un ticketed or numbers divided erroneously on other fisherman's tickets.

Please help bring our fisheries back to where they were for our kids.


Dave Stewart
252 670-2841

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County Manager
Tommy R. Burns

Clerk to the Board
Rachel B. Hammer

January 25, 2017

The Honorable Governor Roy Cooper
Office of the Governor
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Governor Cooper:

The Carteret County Board of Commissioners, while sitting in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2017, adopted the enclosed Resolution in opposition of the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

As noted in the Resolution, the Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that immediate action be taken to deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel B. Hammer".

Rachel B. Hammer
Clerk to the Board

/rbh

Enclosure

copy: Senator Norman W. Sanderson
Representative Pat McElraft
Mr. Sammy Corbett, NCMFC Chairman
Dr. Braxton Davis, NCDMF Director

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**CARTERET COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE
PETITION FOR RULEMAKING
SUBMITTED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION**

WHEREAS, the Carteret County Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee has recommended that the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Committee ("MFC") deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, the Carteret County Board of Commissioners support the position of the Carteret County Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the rules proposed in the Petition would close the internal coastal waters and near-shore oceanic waters of North Carolina to trawling unless opened by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly, through the Fisheries Reform Act, clearly desired that such comprehensive changes in management measures for important recreational and commercial species in North Carolina be developed through Fisheries Management Plans ("FMP's"); and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries and North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission just completed in 2015 an amendment to the North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan that addressed finfish bycatch and prohibiting additional trawling areas; and

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WHEREAS, the shrimp fishery is North Carolina's most important fishery economically; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that immediate action be taken to deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

Adopted this the 23rd day of January, 2017.

ATTEST:

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Clerk to the Board

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I love my native state, and enjoy eating from the bounty of its waters. Give me a green tail shrimp harvested from NC's waters, sauted, boiled, or fried, and I'd consider that one of the best delicacies ever. As the author of *THE OUTER BANKS COOKBOOK: Recipes and Traditions of NC's Barrier Islands*, I speak to many interested foodies, do cooking demonstrations on television, at events, and schools, and write about local foods and eateries. I am also a board member of NC Catch. The main message to my audience is always this: EAT LOCAL.

By eating local, we are supporting communities, saving resources involved in transportation and refrigeration, and on top of that, getting the freshest and best ever seafood anywhere in this country. Our three local shrimp species provide us with great tastes from spring into early winter. I pack my freezer full of green tails every fall that last my family until the first sign of shrimp in late spring. I preach to all about how great our NC shrimp taste, especially in contrast to the taste and lack of health regulations with imported, farm-raised shrimp.

But how can we eat local shrimp if commercial fishermen are so very restricted as proposed by the petition set forth by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation? It is so restrictive that it will wipe out any commercial efforts to harvest shrimp in NC waters. The commercial trawlers I have met are as concerned as I am that we keep NC's shrimp and fish population sustainable, because if they don't, they won't have any product to harvest. Give them a chance to further test the devices being developed to reduce bycatch, as the first two years of the state's study has shown a good success.

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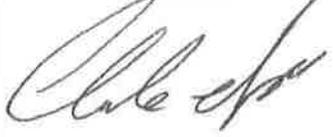
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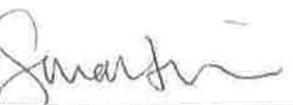
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RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO AMEND 15A ADMIN. CODE 3L .0101, 3L .0103, 3M .0522, 3M .0523, 3N .0151, AND 3R .0105 TO DESIGNATE SPECIAL SECONDARY NURSERY AREAS AND REDUCE BYCATCH MORTALITY IN NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL FISHING WATERS AS PRESENTED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Wildlife Federation has filed a Petition for Rulemaking to amend 15A Admin. Code 3L .0101, 3L .0103, 3M .0522, 3M .0523, 3N .0151, and 3R .0105 to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters.

WHEREAS, Pamlico County strives to promote and ensure the viability and sustainability of North Carolina's valuable fisheries resources for all citizens including consumers demanding fresh North Carolina seafood.

WHEREAS, Pamlico County strongly supports this resolution against rulemaking that proposes reclassifying internal coastal waters as secondary nursery areas.

WHEREAS, Pamlico County has long history of commercial fishing in Pamlico Sound and relies greatly on commercial fishing as one of the largest industries supporting the Pamlico County economy.

WHEREAS, hundreds of people in Pamlico County rely on shrimp trawling to support their families, surrounding businesses, communities and the local economy. Pamlico County's shrimp fishermen are small, family-owned, independent businesses that sell to seafood dealers that seasonally employ hundreds more and whose expenditures spread through the communities in Pamlico County.

WHEREAS, trawl effects greatly depend on the design of the gear, intensity of use and location used. The largest proportion of the bottom of the Pamlico Sound is soft, muddy bottom or soft, sandy bottom, where shrimp trawls and their doors have not been found to be highly destructive.

WHEREAS, D. Corbett et al. 2004, found that shrimp trawl effects on the bottom found in most of the Pamlico Sound have been described by scientists as similar to harsh winter storms with short term impacts.

WHEREAS, R.A. Deehr 2012, found that scientists have found that trawling disturbance can stimulate an increase in population numbers of bottom invertebrates and that predators of those invertebrates were more common in areas not open to trawling.

WHEREAS, trawls are designed to be selective for target species by modifying the mesh size, modifying the design, and speed of tow and shrimp trawls in North Carolina are required to use finfish excluders to allow small fish to escape.

WHEREAS, according to Harrington, D.L. and R.A. Vendetti in 1996, as much as 70% of the juvenile finfish are excluded with finfish excluders and North Carolina was the first state to require finfish excluders in shrimp trawls in its internal waters.

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WHEREAS, the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound, which is the largest brackish water body in any one state in the United States of America, is unique in its characteristics and cannot be compared to water bodies in other states.

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WHEREAS, 124,000 acres of estuarine areas are classified as primary or secondary nursery areas. An additional 47,000 acres of brackish waters are classified as special secondary nursery areas. These areas are closed to trawling, but may be opened when the majority of juvenile fish have migrated from the areas. In 2006 almost 92,000 acres in the Pamlico, Pungo, and Neuse Rivers were closed to shrimp trawling as part of the North Carolina Shrimp Fisheries Management Plan. In total almost 1,000,000 acres of internal coastal waters are closed to trawling in North Carolina representing approximately 48% of the total.

WHEREAS, North Carolina has not allowed trawling in Albemarle Sound since 1987. North Carolina closed extensive areas of submerged aquatic vegetation located on the eastern shore of the Outer Banks from Oregon Inlet to the mouth of Core Sound to shrimp trawling in 1994. These areas serve as nurseries for juvenile fish and shrimp.

WHEREAS, shrimp trawl fishermen try to fish in areas that maximize shrimp catch and minimize finfish bycatch. High amounts of finfish bycatch increase fuel costs and labor costs in addition to decreasing the economic quality of the shrimp caught. Shrimp trawl fishermen currently avoid high amounts of bycatch at every opportunity.

WHEREAS, characterizing bycatch in the North Carolina shrimp trawl fishery is difficult due to factors including but not limited to distribution of the bycatch species, variation in fishing effort, variations in gear, the seasonality of the fishery, and mortality of the bycatch species. The Director of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries recognized in August of 2013 that 4.5 lbs. of fish per lb. of shrimp is "not a good estimate" and is "not the appropriate way to characterize bycatch."

WHEREAS, the variation of the amount of finfish to shrimp in a shrimp trawl is tremendous. Scientists studying bycatch in North Carolina have cautioned that finfish/shrimp ratios tend to overestimate bycatch.

WHEREAS, survival rates of discarded finfish from the shrimp trawl catches are also difficult to accurately calculate. Survival rates are greatly influenced by trawl tow times, water temperatures, catch volumes, and the time it takes to cull the fish. Studies have shown that creatures of the ecosystem where the shrimp are caught do consume large quantities of the discarded finfish that die. Blue Crabs and other benthic invertebrates, birds and bottlenose dolphins all consume discarded finfish.

WHEREAS, North Carolina is recognized by other states and the federal government as having one of the best fisheries data collection programs in the country. Since 1978, North Carolina has been collecting detailed biological data on spot, Atlantic croaker, and gray trout; species most common in shrimp trawl bycatch. Data collected by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries is used to assess population levels and to identify sources of fishing mortality.

WHEREAS, the 2010 Atlantic Croaker Stock Assessment Report for Peer Review, prepared by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, states that in a 2010 stock assessment of Atlantic croaker, that while there was too much uncertainty in the models to precisely determine if the population was overfished, scientists state it is unlikely the stock is overfished based on other population data.

WHEREAS, spot are not classified as overfished but are classified as concerned by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, primarily based on landings. However, scientists recognize it is very difficult to determine population status from landings data.

WHEREAS, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission found in their Weakfish Stock Assessment Report in 2009 that there is little evidence that overfishing is occurring on weakfish and they believe other factors besides fishing are causing the weakfish stock decline.

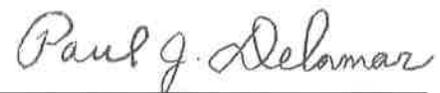
WHEREAS, federal scientists in the 2005 South Atlantic Shrimp FMP found that while reviewing the stock status of weakfish, spot and Atlantic croaker, they could find no evidence to indicate that the mortality of shrimp trawls with TEDs was having a significant adverse effect on those populations.

WHEREAS, North Carolina has produced a fishery management plan for shrimp and other species. In addition, the federal government has developed a FMP for shrimp in the south Atlantic, with numerous amendments. None of these plans, amendments, or addendums has recommended a ban on inside shrimp trawling in North Carolina to ensure sustainability of these fisheries resources.

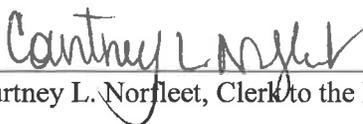
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that rulemaking reclassifying most internal coastal waters as special secondary nursery areas is not needed to improve fisheries management. The proposed reclassification will have a devastating impact on commercial fishing families and coastal fishing communities. The proposed reclassification will eliminate the availability to consumers of North Carolina harvested shrimp; a public resource to North Carolina residents, tourists, restaurants, and seafood retail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on behalf of the citizens of Pamlico County, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners strongly urge the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to reject the proposed rule petition. Copies of this resolution in opposition to rule making that proposes reclassifying most internal coastal waters as secondary nursery areas will be forwarded to the Honorable Roy Cooper, NC Governor, Nancy Fish, NCDMF Commission Liaison, the Pamlico County Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly and each county in the great state of North Carolina.

Adopted this the 17th day of January, 2017, in Pamlico County, North Carolina.



Paul J. Delamar, Chairman



Courtney L. Norfleet, Clerk to the Board



Jan. 9, 2017

To: NCFMC Commissioners, NCDMF Director, Nancy Fish and AC members

Subject: Comments not supporting NCWF Shrimp Petition

The Ocracoke Working Watermen's Association (OWWA) and Ocracoke seafood company are writing you regarding the NCWF's petition to change/expand nursery areas designation, reduction to 3 days that shrimpers can harvest shrimp and changes to gear specifications.

OWWA fishermen believe significant changes to nursery designation and changes to the shrimp harvest should be implemented by using the FMP process outlined in the Fishery Reform Act. The petition attempts to impose sweeping changes to NC fishery regulations (not just shrimping) by sidestepping the FMP process that allows all stake holders multiple layers and opportunities to give input. Furthermore, NCDMF should be allowed time to analyze impacts to all potential fisheries and quantify economic ramifications. Like the Southern Flounder Supplement, a majority voting block of NCMFC Commissioners who have no academic or field experience managing shrimp will likely try to impose significant economic hardship on this fishery. Also, the NCMFC proposes to act before NCDMF can complete the ongoing finfish bycatch reduction research and offer its science based recommendations to the Crustacean Committee were it can be discussed by all stakeholders.

OWWA fishermen are also concerned that this is a disguised attempt to impose changes to the gillnet and crabbing industry. While the petition does not come out and recommend changes to gillnet or crabbing regulations, it is our belief that changing the nursery designation to NC's sounds and near shore ocean waters will have impacts on our fisheries regulations.

Ocracoke Seafood Company depends on shrimpers visiting our fish house to pack out fresh shrimp which is sold in our seafood retail or packed out for wholesale. Ocracoke Seafood Company's seafood retail has a reputation with Ocracoke residents and tourists for carrying only NC Catch shrimp. Fresh NC shrimp are the backbone of our retail sales which has significant effects on Ocracoke Seafood Company's ability to stay profitable. Having shrimp boats pack out on Ocracoke on a regular basis provides a very fresh product that is highly valued by our customers. A three-day work week will prevent multiple deliveries through the week from vessels transiting Pamlico Sound. Ocracoke Seafood Company and Hyde County can ill afford to lose any economic activity, jobs and revenue associated with the shrimping fishery.

OWWA fishermen do not agree with the petitions premise that NC's sounds and ocean waters should have their current nursery designation changed. If you look hard enough, a juvenile fish can be found in any environment. Non-Governmental Organizations continue to make the argument that NC commercial fisheries are the primary cause for problems with stocks. Issues like pollution (turbidity from rivers, pesticides, herbicides, high nitrogen levels), loss of habitat and development (housing and marinas) rarely get the attention they deserve. While most NC commercial fisheries show a decline in fishermen recruitment and effort, recreational fisheries continue to grow and its impacts on stocks is still poorly quantified.

We appreciate the opportunity to send in our comments.

Thank you,
Hardy Plyler

Hardy Plyler
Vince O'Neal
Bill Evans
Farris O'Neal
David Hilton
Ernest Dosier
Erick O'Neal
Rex O'Neal
James B. Gaskill
Morty Gaskill
Wade Austin
Steve Wilson
Jesse Spencer
Danny Worsley
Andy O'Neal
John Ferrara
Jerry Lukefahr
Gene Ballance
Fletcher O'Neal
David O'Neal
Lewis O'Neal
Earl Gaskins
Kenneth Tillet
John Paul
Monroe Gaskill
Robbie Lewis
Arlene Burleigh
Jimmy O'Neal
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Good Afternoon

My name is Tom Pahl. I am the Ocracoke representative on the Hyde County Board of Commissioners. I am here today to speak in opposition to the proposed changes in the regulations affecting shrimp trawlers.

People have asked me why I would take a whole day away from my regular work as a building contractor to come here to testify in support of the shrimpers, since there are no shrimp boats home-based in Ocracoke.

Three reasons, and each speaks to the issue before this committee.

First, anything that hurts one commercial fishing family hurts all commercial fishing families whether it is a storm or a change in the environment or an ill-considered regulation. And though Ocracoke is not home base to shrimp trawlers, we are home to watermen (and women) and fishing families whose livelihoods grow increasingly fragile with every passing day and every new regulation. Hyde County's commercial fishing families represent the best among us. They are fathers and mothers who struggle every day against the natural elements to do what they know and love, though there is no fortune to be had, but to simply provide for their families and to be productive members of their communities.

Understood, your job is to regulate the effects of fishing to assure that critical species thrive and populate. And no one thinks that's a bad idea. But when you face a choice between the needs of the commercial fishing community against the desires of the sport fishing interests, then it is no longer about the fish, but about the fishermen. I invite you to come to Ocracoke. Spend a weekend or better yet, bring your families and spend a week. Get to know our village and our people. There are somewhere between 20 and 30 families on Ocracoke that make some or all of their living from fishing. I am here to ask you to get to know them as people before you make a choice that would take away their livelihood, their worth, their history.

Second: Tourism. Follow me on this for just a minute. Hyde County is not a county of great wealth, but it is a county of great pride. We provide for ourselves, we have a long history of watching out for each other. Ocracoke Island is critical to Hyde County's economic base, and tourism is critical to Ocracoke's economy. People come to Ocracoke every day; some are day-trippers, coming from Kitty Hawk or KDH, making a round trip of almost 200 miles. Other come from Virginia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, hundreds of miles. And we hear from them over and over: They say, "We love Ocracoke. We don't know what it is, but there is just something about the place that keeps us coming back."

This is where you all come in, I'm going to let you in on the secret: What keeps them coming back, what keeps Ocracoke's economy cooking, what keeps Hyde County vital, is commercial fishing. You walk our streets, sit at a harborside restaurant, go into a shop and talk with the person behind the counter and you will be experiencing the life of a fishing village. This only exists because commercial fishing is alive here and real. If we don't protect commercial fishing, if we wait until there is only one commercial fisherman

left and then get all sentimental about what ever happened to the commercial fisherman, then it will be too late. Then Ocracoke Island will no longer be the special place that it is now. It will lose it's magnetism, it will lose it's tourism appeal because nothing will distinguish it from other places and they will quit coming. So, you see, commercial fishing is not just important to the fishermen and their families, but it is critical to Ocracoke as a whole and by extension to all of Hyde County.

Third: You have other options. Bycatch reduction is the issue here. And it is a legitimate concern. Again, no one thinks this is a bad idea. But don't destroy a whole division of the North Carolina commercial fishing business when there are viable options yet to be implemented.

I noticed that on January 9, in this same building we are in right now, NC Marine Fisheries held a workshop on bycatch reduction technologies. The second of two objectives of that workshop was to "prioritize new gears or broad technological solutions that should be field tested in 2017 **to achieve significant bycatch reduction over existing levels...**"

I highlight those words, "**to achieve significant bycatch reduction over existing levels...**" This is work going on currently, as we speak. Why would you consider making such a drastic change as is proposed here today when there is already an effort underway to "**achieve significant bycatch reduction**" by other means?

For the sake of the fishing families in Hyde County and for the sake of Ocracoke and Hyde County as a whole, at least see your own efforts through. Complete your work on bycatch reduction methods. I ask you to reject this petition.

Thank you for you time,
Tom Pahl
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Recipient: North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission and Sammy Corbett, Chairman,
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Letter: Greetings,

Keep NC seafood (especially SHRIMP) on our tables

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Thomas Powell	Raleigh, NC	2016-12-07	I love the coast I grew up on! Commercial fishing is a way of life. CCA is trying to destroy that way of life. The science supports the commercial fishermen.
Michael Sadler	Fairfield, NC	2016-12-07	My livelihood depends on it
Megan Moore	Belhaven, NC	2016-12-07	This is our livelihood!
Macy Williams	Swan Quarter, NC	2016-12-07	This is how my family survives, and how we have always made our living. It matters to us.
Jim Young	Richmond, VA	2016-12-07	Most farmed shrimp are dangerous to eat. ESPECIALLY FROM CHINA.
Karen Roberson	Williamston, NC	2016-12-07	it provides jobs that are much needed in this area
Mary Bennett	Longwood, NC	2016-12-07	I love fresh seafood and the shrimping industry is the only way to get it. Please quit taking away the only thing that is safe to eat.
Kim Lirette	Chauvin, LA	2016-12-07	helping out to save our future this is my way of living
eldean mitchell	Washington, NC	2016-12-07	I love shrimp and it will create jobs in the areait is our waters we should have the right to work it !!
John Alexander	Newport, NC	2016-12-07	I understand the importance to the local economy and I also have no desire to ingest imported shrimp from cesspool farms.
Walter Mason	Brunswick, GA	2016-12-07	My job
Michelle Peabody	Newport News, VA	2016-12-07	Being a commercial fisherman is a wonderful profession. Let our fishermen feed our citizens. Only 2 percent of seafood that is imported into this county is tested by the FDA. I do not want to feed my family that junk.
Debbie Bynum	Maysville, NC	2016-12-07	We need to keep our fishermen working and keep fresh seafood in our homes and markets.
William Gordon	Brunswick, GA	2016-12-07	I am a frequent visitor to NC and still maintain a home there as well. Georgia maybe my home but NC is my heart. LETS us LIVE and let us WORK!!! Less government means more the people. Didn't this election teach our politicians your job isn't safe anymore!!! Regulation means unemployment
Robin Harrison	Tilghman, MD	2016-12-07	Local seafood is the best and safest seafood around!
David Lee	Manteo, NC	2016-12-07	The commercial shrimping industry supports so many jobs on the east coast. From the crew of the boats to the people who offload the shrimp, to the 50-70 headers, to the packagers the truck drivers the people in the offices to the maintenance workers. That's just one fish house out of the dozens of fish houses along our coast. Not to mention this is how it has been for about 100 years.
pete miller	marshallberg, NC	2016-12-07	Why not stop the ongoing man made pollution that continually adds more estuarine acreage to "closed" areas before making the entire coastal waters a secondary nursery. What good is a nursery if it is constantly and increasingly polluted. Put some real laws in place to protect the much needed estuaries from nitrogen and heavy metal pollution from upland polluters - hog farming, farming (fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides), city sewer overflows and malfunctions allowing hormones and prescription drugs to enter sensitive water systems.
Leonard Whiting	Livingston, TX	2016-12-07	Commercial fisherman support their families and provide a service to their communities and are not on welfare
Randy Allen	Williamston, NC	2016-12-07	I totally support our local fishermen and the people that consume this seafood deserve local and inspected seafood!

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Brian Cadle	NC, NC	2016-12-07	Because I am full time commercial fisherman and we need to protect ourselves and the future, not just for myself but children and grandchildren
Ronnie lee Jarvis	Hatteras, NC	2016-12-07	Because i hate that were getting fucked on daily basis on seafood we catch in our back yards!!
Richard Voliva	Belhaven, NC	2016-12-07	I am a commercial fisherman
Dawn Taylor	Avon, NC	2016-12-07	We need to support our commercial fishermen. Not imported junk from overseas I
Randy Caroon	Lowland, NC	2016-12-07	I'm signing because I love eating local caught seafood.
timothy sobotka	Nags Head, NC	2016-12-07	Laws are stealing our heritage time for the working man to stand up!
Larri Flynt	Wanchese, NC	2016-12-07	Save the Commercial Fishermen,Support it, Don't Import It!!
norwood walker	Greenville, NC	2016-12-07	N C tradition, many families depend on shrimp for an income and I don't eat imported shrimp .
Nancy Jones	Atlantic Beach, FL	2016-12-07	Commercial shrimping shouldn't be closed anywhere.
Carlton Nunemaker	Nags Head, NC	2016-12-07	My family was in the seafood business for 41 years in Nags Head. I believe we need to take the politics and hysteria out of this process. Commercial fishermen and their families are suffering undue hardships and until science provides evidence, we need to stop guessing when we make decisions. The answer to the question should not be it may, but clearly it will.
Princess Grissett	Supply, NC	2016-12-07	Princess Grissett
James Brill	Manteo, NC	2016-12-07	I am a retired fisherman and I know many who work very hard to put food on everyone's table from a angry ocean and a pile of regulations that everyday is making it harder and harder to make a living for these folks. So I stand and say keep it local and fresh for those who work on the water and those who do not anymore. Keep in local
pamela white	beaufort, NC	2016-12-07	We were raised on local Seafood all our lives and we DO NOT WANT IMPORTED SEAFOOD...
RUBY POPPERWILL	LOWLAND, NC	2016-12-07	I LOVE SEAFOOD ALL OF IT. I GROWED UP IN A SEAFOOD FAMILY MY DAD WORK ON BOATS SO DID MY HUSBAND.THE BEST MEAT YOU COLD EAT.I PRAY WE CAN ALWAYS HAVE IT.
Jeff oden	hatteras, NC	2016-12-07	As both a fisherman and a ocean front motel owner on Hatteras Island, fresh local seafood is part of the draw to our coast. Secondly, the initiative to compromise this godsend originates from clueless individuals within a MFC that circumvented the true intent of the Fisheries Reform Act. Simply put, why do those that supply us with such culinary joy always have such and uphill struggle???
Kevin Boyle	Leland, NC	2016-12-07	Poor science is at work here
Bruce Morris	Bayboro, NC	2016-12-07	Two thirds of the sound and inland waters are not trawled by boats because of the design of the sound with shoals and closed areas now a better educated public needs to understand one of the reasons our sounds are so productive is because trawler till the bottom just like farmers
Lisa Pittman	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-07	I work on the water I am just trying to make a living to keep a roof over my head and pay my bills...
Laura Boning	Wanchese, NC	2016-12-07	I live in a fishing community. Traditions have been handed down for generations to the families that bring you safe, fresh seafood. It is a life style not fun and games.
Hunter Swain	Columbia, NC	2016-12-07	I want to keep commerical fishing open and on the table

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Pat McKeithan	Belvidere, TN	2016-12-07	I am the daughter of a commercial Hyde Co. fisherman and believe me it's a hard, back braking, poor way to make a living. Forget about making a decent living and hope you can break even. It always seems there is some rule. law, or ordnance to hold back our fishermen. Help save the fishermen and their families.
Samantha Robbins	Vanceboro, NC	2016-12-07	I have family that commercial fish! God Bless all commercial fisherman!
Jesse Taylor	Atlantic, NC	2016-12-07	Enough is enough how much more can they take from us and this is how I feed and house and clothe my child and family
marshall bennett	farmville, NC	2016-12-07	because There isn't a petition yet to have the new Governor blow that Body up and reappoint the lot of them. Every single one. Rogue.
Jeannette Moore	Manteo, NC	2016-12-07	I believe in our local fisherman
Fred Herring	Hubert, NC	2016-12-07	Because I love fresh shrimp and will not eat imported seafood
Tommie Jarman	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-07	Thousands of jobs depend on commercial fishing in these areas.
laura rackley	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-07	me and my husband are commercial fisherman and our family and friends prefer fresh local shrimp
jeff gray	Avon, NC	2016-12-08	Very upset over skewed data payed be those trying to ruin commercial fisherman
edward oneal	va beach, VA	2016-12-08	I support commercial fishing of all types to many regulations on bad data
John Craig	Swan Quarter, NC	2016-12-08	Me and my family depend on comercial fishing to support our household
Wayne Robey	Emerald Isle, NC	2016-12-08	I detest foreign seafood being forced on us.
Angela Walker	New Bern, NC	2016-12-08	Imported seafood is poison. As a two time cancer survivor I will not eat it. I rely on our local NC fishermen for my shrimp, fish, etc.
Stephen Freeman	Morehead City, NC	2016-12-08	I want my seafood fresh and clean and local.
Danny Strickland	Grimesland, NC	2016-12-08	We need to keep commercial fishing alive in the state of North Carolina!
Daniel Laroche	Wadmalaw Island, SC	2016-12-08	My families Primary income is from shrimping.
Jane Hannah	Washington, NC	2016-12-08	SUPPORT THE LOCAL BUSINESS....AND FRESH SEAFOOD IS ALWAYS THE BEST
James Witherspoon	York, SC	2016-12-08	I Visit this are frequently and purchase locally caught shrimp.
Stevie Morrison	Savannah, GA	2016-12-08	I want to see this industry stay a float!
patrick grandy	beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	i sign because alot op ppl depend on this fishery and local seafood it much better than that import shit
Willie Etheridge	Wanchese, NC	2016-12-08	Cause I don't eat imported shit.
Chelsea Smith	Ocracoke, NC	2016-12-08	I am a commercial fisherman of multiple generations
Charles Peele	Frisco, NC	2016-12-08	I enjoy fresh shrimp from Pamlico Sound in NC, USA
Gayle Kent	Raleigh, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing this petition because I want to keep our local watermen working and the local seafood is the best!
CATHY FILIPCIC	PGH, PA	2016-12-08	I do not want to eat shrimp from Vietnam or any Asian Country. I want fresh shrimp from the USA.
Jean Mabe	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	Our fisher men need our seafood for their lively hood.
Sheryl Adams	New Bern, NC	2016-12-08	Do not shut down our shrimping industry and our commercial fishing working families. I do not buy imported shrimp.
Patricia Leonard	Shallotte, NC	2016-12-08	We need it. Things are out of hand...

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Sandi West	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	I love the fresh local seafood available to me and I like knowing where it comes from.
Len Banks	Lowland, NC	2016-12-08	I signed because I'm a native Tarheel that is against outside untrustworthy non factual unproven anti-commercial elitist and love eating fried shrimps hard crabs oysters soft crabs fishes and dragging a trawl too! It's not your salt water to take it's ours! us and we! not you and the hell with me!
Melissa Hill	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	This is how most of our locals make a living. This would be taking their way of living away from them.
David Turner	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	Jobs, local seafood, preserving local fisherman
charles foreman	washington, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing because I support our local fishermen and families and want to keep our men and women catching fresh seafood for us to eat and a way for them to continue to be able to take care of there families
Sarah Wright	Supply, NC	2016-12-08	My son is a commercial fisherman and his family depends on his income.
Lorene Moores	Belhaven, NC	2016-12-08	I support our local fishermen
Chris Edwards	Manteo, NC	2016-12-08	No imported seafood!!!!
Tonie Marshall	Swan Quarter, NC	2016-12-08	Commercial fishing supports families, as well as, provides fresh, QUALITY seafood.
Travis Gibbs	Engelhard, NC	2016-12-08	What I do
Zachary Hardison	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-08	I SUPPORT ALL COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN THEY FEED AMERICA
Glenwood Montgomery	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	Because I know the difference between fresh local shrimp and that crap that is raised in some 3 rd world country septic pond.
Andrew Ray	Rocky Mount, NC	2016-12-08	I know the importance, and believe in keeping the heritage alive and strong.
Mark Hewett	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	I am a commercial fisherman, and fresh local seafood should be available to everyone!
andy schuck	midland, TX	2016-12-08	we need to help local fisherman and keep them employed and take care of our coast
Elaine Crittenton	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	It is the right of NC citizens to have access to NC resources. This is sport/recreational fishermen VS commercial fishermen. It is simply ridiculous and is not founded on sound science. We all know this and resent the privileged class bullying the people who honorably make their living off the water. They try to compare NC and SC when there are more differences than likenesses!!! SUPPORT OUR FISHERMEN AND WILD CAUGHT SEAFOOD!!!!!!!
Chet Purves	West Palm Beach, FL	2016-12-08	Support all local fishermen
norma Harris	Knightdale, NC	2016-12-08	I support local business and shrimpers.
Joyce Ingraham	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	Been in the shrimping business for 40+ years.
Scott Makey	Newton Grove, NC	2016-12-08	Oppose over regulation; in favor of a more common sense approach.
Cathie Styron	Cedar udsnd, NC	2016-12-08	My family are commercial fishermen and who wants to eat imported seafood
Joanne McCook	Wanchese, NC	2016-12-08	We need local seafood!
Benjamin Peterson	Jacksonville, NC	2016-12-08	I don't believe in taking so many people's jobs and fresh local shrimp off the table for the benefit of special interest groups.
Steve House	Elk Grove, CA	2016-12-08	As a Dare County Commissioner I will stand with the families and their generations to protect a WAY OF LIFE that is vital to all coastal communities.
Charles Rice	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	As a person who's family lived off the seafood business for generations. I fully support those that make a living fishing. It is a staple in the NC economy.

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debbie child	Ieland, NC	2016-12-08	#necessity for our fishermen ...OUR local guys
Cecil Guthrie	Morehead City, NC	2016-12-08	Family
russell burwell	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	Keep it local
Fletcher O'Neal	Ocracoke, NC	2016-12-08	I support fresh loacal seafood
Skylar Saunders	Hatteras, NC	2016-12-08	I believe in keeping local fishing jobs/seafood alive.
Gale Earley	Jacksonville, NC	2016-12-08	Need nurseries
Denise Schrader	Carrollton, OH	2016-12-08	my favorite place to get my seafood, please save the coastal families....
Amy Johnson	Oak Island, NC	2016-12-08	Our fisherman need to work! Fresh is best!
april waters	Washington, NC	2016-12-08	Because I know alot of people who make a living out on these boats bringing seafood into our area. My family also buys and eats alot of seafood.
Pam Morris	Smyrna, NC	2016-12-08	The idea of declaring all NC waters secondary nursery areas is preposterous. There is no merit here, only a ploy against consumers to deny them access to an important seafood comedy by an extremist group.
Dylan Tripp	Chocowinity, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing because my Uncle is a commercial fisherman.
Shannon Blackmon	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	I refuse to eat farm raised seafood!
David Hewett	Supply, NC	2016-12-08	I like shrimp and to protect the commercial fishermen
Deborah Brun	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	Why should we payfor seafood brought in from other countries Waters. when we have a fishing industry here that brings in locally caught Seafood. Keeps our dollars in our own back yards and not in other countries. Let's keep our fisherman fishing and shrimping!!!!
Rebecca Reed	Mount Airy, NC	2016-12-08	I sed to live in Beaufort and Morehead City and appreciate the fishing families and community of fisherman who make their living there.
Barbara Trull	Oriental, NC	2016-12-08	I ONLY EAT WILD CAUGHT LOCAL SHRIMP!!!
Donald Ballard	Goldsboro, NC	2016-12-08	Keep it local and safe
steve herring	Hubert, NC	2016-12-08	fresh is best , keep NC in business
Ricki Stewart	Kitty Hawk, NC	2016-12-08	I love honest, fresh, real, local seafood
Scott Lascalette	Greenville, NC	2016-12-08	I'm hoping we can keep the NC seafood industry viable and dependable.
Aaron Ambrose	Hertford, NC	2016-12-08	I'm for fresh local seafood
Tom Pahl	Ocracoke, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing because I'm a Hyde County Commissioner and I recognize that commercial fishing is not just critically important to the lives of fishing families, but it is critically important to the whole economy of our coastal counties. It creates the sense of place, the feel of history and it is the fish on the menu that the tourism economy depends on.
Troy Dees	Atlantic Beach, NC	2016-12-08	wrong....we live here...
Chrissy Fulcher	Oriental, NC	2016-12-08	Wild Caught, Domestic Seafood is the only way to eat. Nothing like Carolina Shrimp. Please help support
Michelle Stenberg	Grovertown, IN	2016-12-08	I'm signing because I know how important this way of life is for the locals and their families. The history of it all and the hopes for the generations to come. This is a way of life and if you have ever lived down east, been part of the communities there is no doubt this is life.....
Christie Miller	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-08	My family is all commercial fishermen including our wives and children. This is our life! SAFE FISHING!!
Carol Dixon	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	Fresh local seafood, especially shrimp, is not only better tasting, better for you and less expensive than imported seafood it helps to sustain the coastal economy and provides employment for many locals and their families!!

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Shellie Moseley	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	I support our commercial fisherman of North Carolina, which was the first industry of our state. Also I'd like to know that the shrimp is fresh and had no additives !!!
Donnie Boltz	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	This is not only about the jobs and the economic benefit for the state, it is also about providing our wonderful resource of great seafood for all citizens of the state and elsewhere, not just for those that have a boat. Self-serving interests are just that and do not care about the general public. Such a small percentage of people should not have control over the majority of our citizens. To give this economic commerce to foreign imports and force these imports on our citizens would be shameful.
derek guthrie	Manteo, NC	2016-12-08	I support commercial fishing.
Troy Hodges	Engelhard, NC	2016-12-08	Because commercial fishing is my life, its what put the food on my kids table and the roof over there head. No commercial fishing then no food or roof for my kids.
Natalie Schwab	Denver, CO	2016-12-08	My step dad is a schrimper in nc
Sharen Groene	Winter Haven, FL	2016-12-08	I'm a freshwater commercial fisherwoman, my dad started to sale of wild caught talipia, n farm n other countries makes our living harder n our products cheaper!
Marie Willis	Sealevel, NC	2016-12-08	There is many reasons why we need to keep MC commercial fishing alive!!! We are a commercial fishing family and this is our life. Keeping these waters clean by dragging and keeping the pollution out of our waters. Also, providing fresh seafood to our state. These waters are a large area and the amount of commercial fishing that is done by shrimp boats dragging or a single marsh net is not going to deplete our waters.
Dalton Mejia	Manns Harbor, NC	2016-12-08	For the future of my community and my future
lisa hayes	Wanchese, NC	2016-12-08	Its insane not to support locals & its even crazier to eat anything accept local catches & harvests.
David Bush	New Bern, NC	2016-12-08	As a fisheries biologist who studied NC fisheries in college, and continues working with this state's fisheries, the petition to make all state waters secondary nursery areas, and subsequently limit commercial fishing operations is a ploy by selfish interests to further control NC's public trust resources. The state has developed and refined nursery area designations for decades which has led to designating half of all internal waters as nursery areas already. It is working and is sufficient for those public servants who have made a career in protecting our resources, and that should be sufficient for everyone else, regardless of who all they can pay off.
Tara Lucas	Sanford, NC	2016-12-08	I grew up on the coast of NC, and the seafood there is better than you can find anywhere else!
amy ford	Bayboro, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing because this is how my family puts food on our table, and on yours.
Susan Darden	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	Fishing oystering and shrimping has been my husband main occupation for the past 30 years. current rules and regulations are already overly restrictive.
Kayla Maxin	Lacey, WA	2016-12-08	I was raised on the west coast in a fishing family. We need to preserve this right
Tom Pahl	Ocracoke, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing because I'm a Hyde County Commissioner and I recognize that commercial fishing is not just critically important to the lives of fishing families, but it is critically important to the whole economy of our coastal counties. It creates the sense of place, the feel of history and it is the fish on the menu that the tourism economy depends on.

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Heather Styron	Gloucester, NC	2016-12-08	Save the Commercial Fisherman
william berry	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing because I come from a heritage where fishing was everything to us, not just a fun past time but a way of life, a way of surviving and thriving. Fishing is the biggest business on the Outer Banks.
Nathan Roughton	Chocowinity, NC	2016-12-08	I know this to be true and from a commercial fishing family know how tough it is
Annie Williams	Scranton, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing this petition
Richard Murgo	Holly Ridge, NC	2016-12-08	I would lose my job managing a seafood market. People don't realize the effect this will have on our local community.
Jared McKay	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	It's outrageous to think that there will be no great NC seafood. It's an obvious move to start offshore drilling and is unnecessary. Keep the tradition of the NC people priority number 1
Lisa Lewis	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	I support NC Commercial Fisherman and their families. Being raised by a commercial fisherman and working along side him throughout my young adult life me taught many life lessons. It supported my family growing up and helped pay for my college. Most of our time was spent trawling the inland waters of Core Sound and Pamlico Sound. Times were tough, but we made it through without any help from public assistance. This was our source of income. Imported seafood is not healthy and tainted with chemicals. Why would you import such items that are vastly available for catch and consumption locally? Support your Local Commercial Fisherman and the Local Economy.
Norma Guthrie	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing because even though our shrimp boats are too small to trawl with the big steel trawlers, we have to stand together. Big and small united.
Keith Padgett	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	I am signing because fishing communities depend on it, family traditions, and I know that the shrimp caught here are wild caught. Don't know where imported shrimp come from and what toxins may be in them.
dale russell	Ocracoke, NC	2016-12-08	I support local fishermen!
Derwood Lupton	Hobucken, NC	2016-12-08	Commercial fishing is a way of life its put a roof over my head for my family win it's in blood it never comes out fresh local seafood the only way to go □ □
MARSHA TAYLOR	Carolina Beach, ND	2016-12-08	Only way to get the freshest. least processed shrimp with much less health risks.....
Jim ODaniell	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	I support local fishermen.
Tina Pittman	Scranton, NC	2016-12-08	To save my family heritage and so many ways of life! Simply because I enjoy fresh local seafood and feel the folks that love their work should be allowed to do so
Lori Swindell-Creque	Engelhard, NC	2016-12-08	I am signing.. because its the RIGHT THING TO DO!!.. don't take the lively hood away from commercial fishing families.. it is their way of life that provides for them .. most times passed from generation to generation.. I signed .. as a member of this community of the fisheries families! My Father.. Captain George Swindell..Worked on the water all is life..I
Gloria Campbell	Morehead City, NC	2016-12-08	I enjoy buying local shrimp by hard working fishermen in my area.
Rebecca Wells	Atlantic, NC	2016-12-08	Keeping fresh seafood and jobs in our area.
Daniel Tanner	Asheboro, NC	2016-12-08	Keep Americans working.
Chris Yeomans	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing to support the hard working commercial fishermen of North Carolina.

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woody hewett	Deltona, FL	2016-12-08	I don't support any place that sells imported seafood. I was a commercial fisherman myself many years ago
bill hitchcock	Morehead City, NC	2016-12-08	The effort to push our commercial fishing shrimping families out of the sounds and 3 miles offshore has been going for 30 years if not more. It is not based on science but rather emotion and fear. Take away our fresh, locally produced shrimp then you leave nothing but the foreign imports. These "shrimp" go mainly go uninspected and for the most part, do not follow health and sanitation standards. Why ban what North Carolina is proud of? Why not promote it? We produce a world class product, the envy of all other states and you are trying to ban it and allow foreign imports to dominate the market place. Shame on you!
Bernie Williford	Burgaw, NC	2016-12-08	I want good safe seafood from local businessmen!
Tyler Jackson	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	Got to be n. Shrimp
Bonnie Brady	Montauk, NY	2016-12-08	Love NC shrimp. If it's imported, it's either slave caught and slave processed, or raised with toxins and antibiotic laden.
Jason Blake	Scranton, NC	2016-12-08	I am a Fisherman
Darlene Scarborough	Virginia Beach, VA	2016-12-08	Have commercial fishing families Who depend on it for there living
Carl Craft	Currie, NC	2016-12-08	Commercial fishing is our way of life we have put our all in following every law so everyone can enjoy n.c. seafood without worry bout eat bad imported shrimp from other countries. Commercial shrimping is our heritage this would destroy a lot of small business that we have put all our life in to building. Keep n.c. inshore shrimping.
David Taylor	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	Cleaner estuaries mean better, healthier seafood. I much prefer local seafood over imports.
Sharon Hunt	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	I'm sick and tired of government regulations keeping our local fisherman from making a living
Susan Bohlen	Morehead City, NC	2016-12-08	support
Kevin Brown	Charlotte, NC	2016-12-08	I like to eat my local fish at my local restaurants
Stan Krieger	Stella, NC	2016-12-08	Keeping our sea food we eat local. and our own people working.
Susan Nouhan	Hamilton, OH	2016-12-08	To maintain jobs for our fishing families and to maintain the quality we can depend on.
crystal maqueda	Manns Harbor, NC	2016-12-08	I grew up in commercial fishing and it is how my family paid our bills and had food on our table. Not to mention the fish in the sea are Gods creation and he did not create them to be look at even Jesus fed the hungry with fish!
Jennifer Manuel	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	I support local fishermen!
Suzanne Ward	Grantsboro, NC	2016-12-08	SAVE LOCAL SEAFOOD!
Bonnie Daniels	Clayton, NC	2016-12-08	I want to keep our local people employed and buy seafood from locals
Kelsey Sawyer	Oriental, NC	2016-12-08	I'm singing because fresh caught seafood is the only way we should have seafood. If Imports are a loud then our families and local seafood markets will be put out of jobs and business. I come from a long line of commercial fisherman and without this industry my family wouldn't of survived.
Byron Oneal	Blount creek, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing because I catch them for my family, and they're better for you then that overseas BULLSHIT
Brandon Smith	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	I'm a commercial fisherman
lorraine harkey	stacy, NC	2016-12-08	i don't eat imports!

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Paula Ireland	Arapahoe, NC	2016-12-08	Because I want to continue to be able to purchase local fresh seafood. Imported seafood is not safe to consume.
James Phillips	Maysville, NC	2016-12-08	It's my livelihood
NEAL LEWIS	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	locally harvested wild-caught seafood is good for our health. Farm-raised imported seafood is not healthy.
Mike Kight	Como, NC	2016-12-08	I love to eat seafood and I want to local
Stephanie Harkness-Moxley	Okatie, SC	2016-12-08	Our community depends on Commercial fishermen. Please don't ruin their lives!!
Noah Smith	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	Im from a commercial fishing family over many generations. This is how people support there family's and would be a disgrace to take it from them
Chris Ballance	Lowland, NC	2016-12-08	I don't think the money bag sports fisherman should ruin all the families who depend on the sound to make a living.!!!!
Joseph Abadie	Philadelphia, PA	2016-12-08	It's what fishermen do We support each other
J.D. Kennedy	Salisbury, NC	2016-12-08	I enjoy local shrimp, and dislike cronyism.
rebecca birch	Mappsville, VA	2016-12-08	This is very important to me personally. All my family are from the outer Banks and they all were fisherman. This is a life style that a lot of folks depend on.
Leon Peppers	Stacy, NC	2016-12-08	NC seafood is the best and economic valve... Support for local fishermen and their families.
James Sadler	Moore, SC	2016-12-08	The government needs to back off.
andrew cranford	Emerald Isle, NC	2016-12-08	Commercial fish is something that should NEVER vanish on the Carolina coast.
Ted Midgett	Wanchese, NC	2016-12-08	Because it's common sense.....at least to us, that we KEEP OUR WATERMEN working!
Jack K Nelson	Morehead City, NC	2016-12-08	NO MORE IMPORTED SEAFOOD FROM CHINA
David Jankowski	Swansboro, NC	2016-12-08	Keep it local.
Sharon Cranford	Swansboro, NC	2016-12-08	I never want to loose our North Carolina fresh seafood please save our local seafood
Maryjo Yoders	Glen Easton, WV	2016-12-08	I recently purchased a shrimp boat and this would hurt my family
Steve Ritter	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	I support our local fishermen.
william foster	Washington, NC	2016-12-08	Are sounds and rivers don't compare to nothing else around it's the biggest ones around period !! People want to bash an limit the commercial fishermen !! But what about the mining company in blounts creek pumping 12 million gal of waste water everyday ! It's gona put all that fresh water in pushing all salt water fish crabs shrimp etc !!! As the f there not lol limited enough as it is !! Stop messing with peoples life !! An stop worrying about some ones hobby
MICHAEL B FULCHER	Stacy, NC	2016-12-08	THE WATERS OF N C ARE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER STATES. THE FISHERMEN SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES.
Priscilla Morris	Raleigh, NC	2016-12-08	Commercial fishing is a vital industry in our nation. It is important to sustaining many families in rural coastal regions. It is also a historical way of life and shouldn't be lost to big industries outside of our country.
Tiffany Randalls	Scranton, NC	2016-12-08	This is me and my family's lively hood!!!
Doug Carawan	Sinton, TX	2016-12-08	I'm signing because I've seen first-hand what government regulations have done to the shrimping industry in south Texas.

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Stacey Stotesberry	Swan Quarter, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing because my grandfather, late father, and fiancé were or still are commercial fisherman. This is how I was raised. To stop commercial fishing and the need of seafood is not an option. This is how we feed ourselves and pay our bills. This is how we supply food not only for ourselves but our families as well.
lois blanks	Engelhard, NC	2016-12-08	This my husband and my lively hood. All he knows and grew up around
Marcia Bryant	Manteo, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing this because the push to close this is not based on science or statistics but on a misinformed push from special interest groups that have selfish motives. We need to know our seafood is fresh and where it comes from. We also need to preserve the jobs and the way of life of coastal Carolina fishermen.
Kelly Pellegrino	Engelhard, NC	2016-12-08	I am a commercial watersman and my family depends on our income to keep us going. We are not a big company. We are not an OCEAN TRAWLER! It is a 24' Carolina skiff. We hardly survive but we are happy and proud!
Deborah Lee	Manteo, NC	2016-12-08	75% of the people I am personally acquainted with, fish for a living. Without that income, these men and women won't be able to provide for their families. Our Counties depend on local seafood for sustenance, our food industry demands, and over all economic health. It is detrimental to the fishermen in our area, to be able to utilize our ocean waters to meet the needs of all. Please join us in signing this petition against more restrictions being imposed upon our fishermen, in our open waters.
belinda padrick	Midway Park, NC	2016-12-08	Because I feel too many of the American people have lost their jobs because they have been sent over seas. And i feel like the local seafood would be healthier. Plus keep our American people that do this as a living to keep jobs for our local fisherman.
Amanda Wells	Barco, NC	2016-12-08	I'm signing because I support local fisherman and local businesses!
Diane Ferebee	Moyock, NC	2016-12-08	NC Watermen are essential for fresh local seafood. The industry needs some serious expedited deregulation for it to continue to be a business watermen can make a living for their family. I realize there are legislators that are unsympathetic with the delima. These changes need to be a priority.
Kay Haskins	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	I want to protect the fishermen of the state of North Carolina, by controlling the waters off of our shore. Our fishermen and the folks who make their living from the water needed to be protected from those who would deplete their resources and take away their income.
Misty McSorley	Trenton, NC	2016-12-08	I love my little brother who is a commercial fisherman!
Victoria White	New Bern, NC	2016-12-08	28562
Jeff Hildebrand	Nags Head, NC	2016-12-08	It's hard enough to make a living fishing these days
Sandra Williams	Norfolk, VA	2016-12-08	This is how commical fishmen make theirs living. I loves fresh seafood.
Lisa Doxey	COINJOCK, NC	2016-12-08	I believe that the State of NC should recognize commercial fishing as a valuable commerce. Commercial fishermen should receive the same benefits as farmers. Restricting harvest is also restricting a valuable tax base and promotes unemployment.
Holly Dennis	Barco, NC	2016-12-08	My family is involved in commercial fishing in NC and although I go out of my way to buy local a lot of people do not have that choice. I think it is ridiculous we even purchase seafood from other countries when we can eat out of our own backyard and be healthier and safer consuming local
Larry Simmons	Moyock, NC	2016-12-08	THERE ARE TO MANY RULES ON COMMERCIAL AND LOCAL FISHERMEN. THIS IS HOW THEY MAKE THEIR LIVING. BACK OFF OF THEM.

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Lori Malmgren	Grandy, NC	2016-12-08	It
Neal Verret	Jacksonville, FL	2016-12-08	The industry employs many people not just shrimpers
randy wade	Harkers Island, NC	2016-12-08	I am a shrimper
John Pascoe	Brick, NJ	2016-12-08	Fishing families do their best . This supports a lot of people
Earl Sadler	Lowland, NC	2016-12-08	I care about this portion of our economy.
Nikki Raynor	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	My husband is a hard working commercial fisherman. This is our livelihood.
toni carrick	Chocowinity, NC	2016-12-08	I support our local economy and watermen
David Davenport	Emerald Isle, NC	2016-12-08	I know lots of commercial fisherman that thus will impact.
Pearl Smith	Aurora, NC	2016-12-08	I have family's that do this for a living and I support them. And we shrimp to fill our freezer so it saves us money for a low income family this would hurt us badly. This is how we keep food in our freezer to feed our family's . But the ones that do this for a living you would be taking there lively hood away. Thank you concerned citizen.
Mandy Pugh	Manteo, NC	2016-12-08	I love our local seafood!!!! Keep it coming
Penny Ford	Oriental, NC	2016-12-08	In support of local and small fisherman feeding their families and putting food on the table without penalized for doing so.
Star Sawyer	Scranton, NC	2016-12-08	My husband and father are both commerical fisherman. That's how we make a living
Katelin Bryan	Cameron, WV	2016-12-08	I'm signing because my boyfriends family just bought a Shrimp boat. I'd hate for them to not be able to use it anymore.
John Rice	Edgewater, FL	2016-12-08	Because fishermen's lives matter.
jacqueline johnson	harrison, TN	2016-12-08	I am moving to NC soon, one reason is to have access to the fresh seafood.
Laura Williams	Brunswick, GA	2016-12-08	God bless the commercial fisherman and their families..this is their livelihood!!!
e jones	rochester, NH	2016-12-08	Its time to protect and nurture the commercial fishermen that provide the owners of the resource, the citizenry. Commercial fishermen harvest their seafood for them. The recreational industry that continues the assault on every coast serve themselves, not the consumers. SAVE LOCAL SEAFOOD.
Holly Briggs	Morehead City, NC	2016-12-08	I do not believe in importing food from off. This is important to our county and country. Local and fresh are better
Myron Smith	Raleigh, NC	2016-12-08	Loss of Seafood for your plate to eat, Great reduction in Income for Commercial Fishing Industries with declaring All Inland Waters and Ocean Waters three miles out = Permanent Secondary Nursery Areas. Only Imported Seafood Raised in Pooh and Treated with Chemicals will be on the Market to eat. Economic Commerce \$\$\$ = 000, 000.
Ed Gruca	Emerald Isle, NC	2016-12-08	I love NC shrimp and do not trust the imported stuff
Nancy Flynt	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	I want our restaurants to serve local
Gail Hodges	Lowland, NC	2016-12-08	There is nothing like Home Grown Seafood, Born and Raised on it.
Theresa Summerlin	Belhaven, NC	2016-12-08	My family are commercial fisherman.
Barbara Morris	New Bern, NC	2016-12-08	to keep from putting more of our fishermen from losing their jobs , their way of life & to keep us in healthy seafood , unlike those importing a poorly inspected product .
Jimmy Dixon	New Bern, NC	2016-12-08	I'm a commercial fisherman captain!!!!

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Joseph Stabley	Newport, NC	2016-12-08	NC shrimping needs to be preserved. It's a part of our heritage & tradition that it's being destroyed. Pond raised & imported do not taste as good and, in my experience, do not keep in a refrigerated state as long...or maybe that's because they've already been refrigerated/frozen so long before they reach the consumer.
David Wilder	Aurora, NC	2016-12-08	I have worked on the water and local seafood is important to our community
Evelynn Smith	Aurora, NC	2016-12-08	Our coastal economy need protection
Mildred Harrison	New Bern, NC	2016-12-08	My children are involved with the seafood business. Why would anyone want imported seafood when they can have fresh seafood. Support your local fishermen and buy locally.
Aaron Houston	Grifton, NC	2016-12-08	I stand for the availability of fresh, local seafood.....
Barry Stripp	Malibu, CA	2016-12-08	Fishing is a mainstay of the communities in the outer banks and adjacent areas that is an integral part of their cultural identity.
linda mcintosh	Nanjemoy, MD	2016-12-08	Trawling shrimpers have generations of families depending on this form of income. We also need this source of shrimp and crab for our citizens readily available to consumers.This country is full of shrimp and other seafood supplied outside this country with questionable fishing methods that may be unsafe for consumers!!
Austin Goodwin	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	This is a part of my life and my families life for many many years and it isn't right for it to be taken from us. It's our income and how we feed and provide for our family.
wally poole	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-08	N C Seafood # 1
Adrienna Kelley	Chokoloskee, FL	2016-12-08	My family lives in NC and it is their livelihood
June Packard	New Bern, NC	2016-12-08	We need these jobs for our local fishermen. Nothing better than local fresh seafood.
Clyde Kirk	Belhaven, NC	2016-12-08	I'm a fisherman..
Betty Jo Rodgers	Oriental, NC	2016-12-08	I live in a fishing village and grew up eating local seafood all of my life.
louis croom	wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	because my life depends on it.
Kathleen Evans	Greenville, NC	2016-12-08	I don't trust the foreign seafood market. Argentine shrimp are tasteless.
Ann Joyner	Atlantic, NC	2016-12-08	Because I love shrimp fresh NC shrimp, my husband has his commercial license and many of our friends and relatives depend on shrinking as a livelihood

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Cecil Chancey	Aurora, NC	2016-12-08	Please allow fisherman to continue. No other industry in NC is as over regulated as our fishery. Imposing this secondary nursery area will in effect be comparable to shutting down PCS, Weyerhaeuser, and its NC affiliations to other businesses. Waters that were shutdown two decades ago to trawling have no data that show if it was beneficial or not. Give the fisherman the resources to fine tune the fishery not ban it. Money goes to fund all these studies to regulated or ban an industry that's more than sustainable if the funds were diverted to those who know how to keep it that way if and improve it. That resource itself is the fisherman who can do that. Every industry has a by product and fishing is no different. Anything humans do will have an impact. Hog farms, Acid plants, paper mills, and agriculture have an impact on water quality but your not banning them. You help them by allowing them to experiment and refine what they do cause of the importance is has on the masses. Why is fishing any different? Also if this fishery is banned the need for marine fisheries will not be significant enough to justify having it. Allow NCWRC to consume NCMF and do away with it and save the tax payers money from having two state entaties governing the same waters.
Barry Carter	Hubert, NC	2016-12-08	I have family and friends who make all or most of their living from Comercial fishing and it is something I am trying hard to do myself
Joanne Duncan	Greenville, NC	2016-12-08	Shrimping is a way of life for the coastal community. I don't want to buy shrimp from other countries because I don't know what conditions they come from. Protect and preserve what has always been our way of life.
Cathy Taylor	Washington, NC	2016-12-08	My family has grown up on seafood of NC. And want to continue.
Michell Hostetler	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-08	My husband is a commercial fisherman and these laws are not just going to hurt him but an entire community. These law makers need to consider the impact on human life as well.
Gloria Fain	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-08	I love nc seafood
Frankie Eubanks	Ernul, NC	2016-12-08	As a fisherman I would like to be treated as any other NC resident. Allow me to feed my family like any other worker of the state. Under our state constitution I have the right to free trade and by this passing takes that away from me. I do not see any other industry in NC that is regulated as much as fisherman are. The impact of closing this fishery or regulating it of its prime season would put more people in jeopardy then closing PCS and its local affiliates. Will the state allow us loans to get bigger boats to fish the ocean, gives us public assistance, unemployment, funds to equip for another fishery, or small business loan to open a new venture? Most likely no! We will be hung out to dry like always while any other farmer in the state who puts food on people's tables is allowed assistance. Just because We don't have a green tractor doesn't mean we don't feed America! You waste more money on regulating and banning a perfectly susbtainable resource instead of spending money on How to improve the resource. Give the money and support to the ones who know how to improve the industry, the fisherman. Don't ban our careers. Instead listen to us and give us the time, tools, and funds to improve it. The only thing wrong with the fishery is the people governing it.
goodson goodson	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-09	SAVE THE COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN.....

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Charles Gilgo	Atlantic, NC	2016-12-09	We are down to the last generation of our boatmen, who have worked and saved to buy their own boats to fish and provide for their families only to lose their way of life to rules and regulations made by people who have only one goal in mind aimed and nothing more than to destroy a proud and honorable way of life. An industry destroyed out of greed and ignorance without ever telling us we cannot fish, just providing a climate where you cannot make a living. Jesus sent them out two by two to proclaim the gospel, some listened and others hung our Lord on a cross.
Catherine Shewell	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-09	I want to eat local fresh shrimp...not imported injected crap from off....and I would support our local hard working seamen every step of the way!!!!
Carolee D Tillett	Manteo, NC	2016-12-09	I am signing because the commission needs to understand that all of their so called rules are putting legitimate hardworking people out of work and severely and unnecessarily creating severe hardship on people of this state. Coastal North Carolina is fishing communities that feed this state, draw tourism here to eat FRESH seafood which has almost been extinguished due to these obsessive rules and severely crippling the ability for people to support themselves, family, county and state. STOP taking away our jobs and giving them to people who DO NOT support our states and country at all. Wake up and support your local fishermen, we NEED them to survive!
Mardy Tubbs	MannsHarbor, NC	2016-12-09	Some of these rules & regulations are really becoming ridiculous
Bruce Galbraith	Manteo, NC	2016-12-09	We want to keep eating fresh North Carolina caught seafood.
Ralph Macdonald	Exeter, NH	2016-12-09	Fishermen all over the country are losing our way of life... Traditional fisheries spanning generations.. It's disgraceful... But we will import swill from other countries and ruin our markets on cheap, toxic crap. Stop this and let people work
Oprah Rickard	Swan Quarter, NC	2016-12-09	I simpl
Vicky West	Grantsboro, NC	2016-12-09	I really enjoy eating and cooking with Shrimp.It also keeps our FISHERMEN steady with a job and puts food on their table for there families and an income to pay their bills
Bev Willis Piner	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-09	We need to support our local fishermen & keep our seafood fresh, wild caught!!
michael brown	Hubert, NC	2016-12-09	I support local businesses, local fisherman, and local families. I. Have several friends who rely on the sale of their fish, crab, and shrimp to support their families.
Jill Smith	Southport, NC	2016-12-09	I support the local fishermen and their ability to support their business.
Rebecca Dean	Fayetteville, NC	2016-12-09	NC jobs as well as a precious resource is at risk! Save NC and our future!
verma ellis	Grantsboro, NC	2016-12-09	Most of my family was or are N.C fisherman. And I also work on the docks when my family needs help. Fishing is in my family blood and without it Pamlico County NC would be poor.
Cheryl Pope	Frisco, NC	2016-12-09	I'm signing because I do not want to eat seafood from Indonesia which were produced and processed in nasty conditions by people entangled in human trafficking. I want fresh North Carolina seafood, and I don't want our fishermen so bound by unnecessary regulations that they cannot earn a living.
Ricky Smith	Kinston, NC	2016-12-09	I support local fisherman and their right to harvest seafood in local and ocean waters
Allen Smith	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-09	I shrimp commercially
Samantha Jackson	Wanchese, NC	2016-12-09	Support for our local fisherman! Support to keep shrimping going.

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Shirley Tripp	Greenville, NC	2016-12-09	I met a dear family that they earn their living this way.Hope Messer this is for you family.
Bradley Keene	wantagh, NY	2016-12-09	I support the fishing industry of U.S.A. fishermen
Jim Shady	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-09	I support our fishermen and women
Raven Williamson	Nakina, NC	2016-12-09	For my daughters - who deserve a future with shrimp □ from there local waterway / not some imported crap.
Lana Gail Zechner	Billerica, MA	2016-12-09	Nothing better than local seafood, my father and brother, mom and I used to go out shrimping, great memories!
Barbara Dolph	Swansboro, NC	2016-12-09	My grandson, is a commercial fisherman. He earns his living working hard, and selling to people at a decent price. He spend a lot of money on his equiptmen and all his licences so he can bring fresh seafood to the table of many grateful people who know he is dependable, honest and hard working. Jesus loved the fisherman, and the fisherman provided for the people. Commercial fisherman abide by the laws and pay a stiff price to up hold that law, allowing them to fish our coastal waters. everyone can't or are not willing to do this hard work, but the ones who do it and pay for their licences should be given a round of applause for bringing in their catch and providing seafood for the many who cannpt get it at a decent price anywhere but from a local fisherman. This is their right to fish these waters.
Brandon Swain	Newport, NC	2016-12-09	I know commercial fishermen
Kelly Maxwell	hubert, NC	2016-12-09	We don't need the CCA or a bunch of damn yankees telling us how to run our state or our fisheries. We are doing fine w/out you all and will continue to do so. Look at the fishing/shrimping pressure on the areas you all talk about now,compared to 20-30-yrs ago,and add in the reduced amt of effort and the new and improved bycatch measures. The so called coastal "conservation" ass. are a bunch of rich assheads and brainwashed dumbasses. The cca's main agenda is to do away with commercial fishing,of any type,in the country. You crowd inland in NC need to get your head out of your asses and wake up. the general public needs to wake up. If you want seafood that is not pure crap from China or other foreign countries you all need to support NC caught seafood. The CCA is a sportfisherman group. Catch and release type of fools. They don't give a damn abt your welfare or ability to eat fresh wildcaught NC seafood. Read about the CCA. Educate yourselves,whether you be from the coast or inland. Read about what they have done in Texas,Florida,and the other states. They are always talking about their "Ultimate goal", which is doing away with commercial fishing of all types. I hope and Pray that the people of North Carolina have enough sense to see through these agendas and do what is right,what is sensible, and what is best for OUR STATE, NORTH CAROLINA.
robert Flowers	New Bern, NC	2016-12-09	I'm signing this petition because my whole family are commercial fishermen as so am i we depend on the sound to make are living. An if you regulat it anymore then it is how we gonna make a living if you close it we have to travel farther to make money or seek jobs outta state for work. So please leave it open.
Sissy Campbell	Manteo, NC	2016-12-09	we need our seafood, but most importantly people need their Jobs, being a waterman is their career
Kevin Rolison	New Bern, NC	2016-12-09	I support our local fishermen and the product they supply us.

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douglas butler	mechanicsville, VA	2016-12-09	Growing up in Dare Co, Nc I saw the rise and decline of the fishing industry. Wanchese Nc use to be loaded with fishing vessels and all the local restaurants would pay top dollar for the seafood provided by the both a small operational 3rd or 4th family run boat or a trawler. Some of the regulations have caused adverse effects on the industry. Its hard enough to find a good day to go out cause of the Nature's elements something that fishermen have to fight, the last thing they need is to have to fight other North Carolinains. Let them fish!
Melodie Janovetz	Moyock, NC	2016-12-09	Please keep our seafood for us first!
stacy moose	manteo, NC	2016-12-09	As a recreational fisherman, I feel that there are many regulations in place to protect our fisheries. However some of them have made it impossible to make a living for Comercial fisherman. Yet our oceans are being raped by other countries who do not have to abide by these laws. I don't think our local fishermen are can continue to work with more regulations.
Doran Spencer	Lillington, NC	2016-12-09	I grew up in Hyde county on the east coast of Nc and my dad commercial fished and I want to see the seafood to still be available like it was then and like it is now. Peoples jobs are at stake the fisherman too. Keep things the way God intended don't modify and take away what God made available to everyone.
Elizabeth Dyer	Hillsborough, NC	2016-12-09	I believe wild caught seafood is better for people to eat and that local, sustainable food is vital.
Willis Bailly	Morehead City, NC	2016-12-09	Taking shrimping out of North Carolina would put thousands of people out of work.
Kasie Sebastian	Hickory, NC	2016-12-09	I grew up on the n North Carolina beaches and many of my friends and family generate their income from selling fresh seafood. We deserve to to eat fresh food caught locally!
Marshall King	Ash, NC	2016-12-09	Our local fishermen are a very important part of our history as well as our economy.I prefer Local seafood to imported and farm raised.
amie ballance	Wanchese, NC	2016-12-09	My husband supports our family by commercial fishing!
Cynthia Adams-moore	Brunswick, MD	2016-12-09	I have friends who fish for a living down in NC. Don't take their livelihood away.
Leah Twiford	Coinjock, NC	2016-12-09	I come from a family of 3 generations of commercial fishing/crabbing. I love our seafood and it's all I've ever known!
DELIA MOONEY	FAIRFIELD, NC	2016-12-09	WE NEED TO OUR PRODUCTS HERE IN N.C.
Mary Ellon Ballance	Hatteras, NC	2016-12-09	We are a commercial fishing family!!
John Head	Frisco, NC	2016-12-09	Protect our local families and fisherman.
Margaret Ann Connor	Chesapeake, VA	2016-12-10	God Bless All The Families
BEVERLY MANN	Manteo, NC	2016-12-10	North Carolina is my home! Family roots way back! our men and women who have made their lives depending on our sounds and ocean are starting to think twice anymore nc seafood is the best
Analee Bibbey	Hatteras, NC	2016-12-10	Analee Bibbey
Rachel Bibbey	hatteras, NC	2016-12-10	Because my life and my families lives revolves around commercial fishing.
Reid Newell	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-10	I fish for a living in North Carolina.
ruthie smith	Willis, TX	2016-12-10	I support my friends and family that commercial fish
Nicole Davis	Washington, IA	2016-12-10	This is the heart of all of these fishermen.. Some of them are family...
Chyrel Austin	Buxton, NC	2016-12-10	Fisherman are regulated to the point of not being allowed to earn a decent living. There are plenty of fish in the sea and farmed seafood taste like cardboard!

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Donna Coleman	Winnabow, NC	2016-12-10	I am from a family of fisherman and shrimpers. Regulations have made it even harder for a lot of them to stay in business.. with Thrump coming aboard and taxing foreign exchange it would be wise if us to be able to us feed our own meanwhile them keeping healthy high protein diet in return will ilminate a lot of health issues we have
Eddie Mullen	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-10	Commercial Fishing was the first industry in the United States and through the last several decades coastal devolopment and over regulations have crippled the industry nearly into extinction. You can stop all fishing and it will not change the negative effects and strain that the devolpment and recreational sector have caused. The habitats have been bombarded with homes, docks, marinas and runoff that kills more aquatic vegetation and spawning grounds then the commercial industry could ever imagine.
Iola Brown	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-10	We are a commercial fishing family.
Ron Patton	Trinity, NC	2016-12-10	I support it
marty coleman	Nakina, NC	2016-12-10	I fish for a living
Charles Yates	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-10	I believe that the State of NC should recognize commercial fishing as a valuable commerce. Commercial fishermen should receive the same benefits as farmers. Restricting harvest is also restricting a valuable tax base and promotes unemployment.
Eileen Duffy-Urquizo	Hawthorne, CA	2016-12-10	Keep jobs in America.
David Cain	Maysville, NC	2016-12-10	The commercial fishing is extremely important to the economy and families of NC.
Bob Beckert	Eden, NC	2016-12-10	We need to have the option of fresh seafood, not farm raised tasteless poison.
Randy goodwin	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-10	eating Trash don't make sense when we have Best Seafood in USA. !! Support ye local Commerical Fisherman.
Amanda Walters	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2016-12-10	I believe in commercial fishing and the families that make it happen!
JEFFREY AIKEN	HATTERAS, NC	2016-12-11	Our family has been proudly commercial fishing since the early 1900's!
Tammy O'Neal	Ayden, NC	2016-12-11	I come from a family of commercial fishermen. I love seafood was raised up on it.
Kaitlyn Stowe	Grantsboro, NC	2016-12-12	We need to supprt our commercial fishermen.
Nate Felix	Pasadena, MD	2016-12-12	Supporting our domestic fisherman
Judi Stanley	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-12	NC Seafood is one of our main sources of income! Not to mention, our waters are Safe, & the seafood is Delicious!! Especially the Shrimp!!! Buy NC Seafood!!!
Mark Anderson	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-12	I am signing this petition to support North Carolina shrimpers, fisherman and crabbers. I want to preserve the sustainable industry that many of our coastal towns are built upon.

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Connie Evans	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	<p>Commercial Fishing has been in my family for 5 generations & in my husbands family through 4 generations. It has been our way of life & a lot of families in the North Carolina Coastal areas way of life to work & pay our bills & to feed our families & other families through our community & our States. We don't need anymore closures. Import seafood shouldn't even be allow to come in our Country, County's, or States. Imports are so nasty I wouldn't even feed my dogs something that nasty. Even my dogs have been raised on local seafood. I think the Imports & all the chemicals are what is causing so many people to get Cancer. If local seafood is cut out why would Tourists even want to come on vacation to all the coastal areas. When they find out there is no more Local Seafood only Nasty Imports they won't have any reason to want to come to the coastal areas on vacation to get to eat the good Local Seafood. I will never eat Imports I may have to do without but I will never eat Imports. They don't even taste like a shrimp tastes. North Carolina Shrimp and all seafood is the best tasting food you could ever eat. No one should ever eat Imports only eat Local caught seafood. Quit trying to put the Commercial Fishermen & Fisherwomen out of making their living & feeding their Family & other Families Local Seafood. We can't stand anymore closures. We have worked in the rivers all our lives & I know no one is going to give any one enough money to buy a boat big enough to be working 3 miles off shore. There has been to many nursery closures in North Carolina we can't handle anymore. God put it there for us to make our living & to provide people with Local Seafood to eat. The CCA & Sports Fishermen need to quit trying to cut the Commercial Fishermen & Fisherwomen out of their way of Life.. Eat on Local Caught Seafood Only. Friends don't let Friends eat Imports..</p>
Lisa Simmons	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	I don't want to see the waters closed
Judith Gunby	Georgetown, SC	2016-12-12	THIS again is the beauracracy wanting more control and regulations. I believe most small fishermen are responsible.
Donna Donovan	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	People in our area depend on shrimping as their source of income.
Pearline Jackson	Calabash, NC	2016-12-12	My husband's a shrimper it's our lively hood .
Leslie Drennan	Lumberton, NC	2016-12-12	Protect the livelihood of our coastal North Carolina fishermen!!!
Debra Galloway	Bolivia, NC	2016-12-12	All of the coastal areas have lived out of our inland waterways, whether selling what was caught to pay our bills or to have food on our table. There is NO REASON why we can't have our OWN fresh seafood. Period!
Paula Brown	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	To protect our seafood

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Rachel Long	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	<p>I'm signing because this industry is a dying breed because of things like this. My husband and his entire side of the family from generations back until now has made their living and put food on the table by commercial fishing. Not only has shellfish license went sky high this year and next year you'll have to buy a \$200-\$500 commercial fishing license just to shellfish and you can only get 3 bushels a day. WHAT'S THE POINT IN THAT?? IT'S NOT WORTH IT!! It won't even pay for itself if shell fishing is all you do. I work a part time job, which is all they allow me to do, and it didn't pay the bills. For me, shell fishing is what helped me pay my bills, keep food in the fridge, and bought Christmas for my family last year. I couldn't do that this year because of the price increase. Thanks a lot! My point is, making all these unnecessary rules do nothing but complicate the lives of Commercial Fishing families. My husband owns a small shrimping vessel. If yall know anything about it, it can be hard fishing in deep waters especially when there's big trawlers around. I'm tired of me and my family, along with all commercial fishing families, being bullied and push around with all these rules against rules bull crap! Putting fresh and local seafood on your table is NOT easy! I've worked one season shrimping and let me tell you, it's not for a wimp! Don't make it any harder for commercial fishing families by making unnecessary rules! You're killing us! Taking money out of our pockets and food out of our mouths!</p> <p>#SupportCommercialFisherman/women #SaveTheIndustry</p>
Chandee Conner	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	I was raised by a commercial fisherman. That's how my father put food on the table and clothes on my back. It's how he still supports himself and my mother today.
Ralph Riggs	Morehead City, NC	2016-12-12	I beleave in the fishing families
Dawn Ashton	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	I am signing because I support our local businesses. I love purchasing fresh local seafood. I do not want imported shrimp!!
Robin Hollar	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	I'm a seafood dealer & have many friends who depend on the shrimping industry to support their family
Scheryl Layne	Hatteras, NC	2016-12-12	Bring jobs back to America!
Ammie Archer	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	Supporting our local industry that has been abused for years!
Hunter Hall	Shallotte, NC	2016-12-12	I don't want some dumb fuck in a suit that has never got his hands dirty deciding what, when, where, or how I can fucking put food on my family's table
sonja todd	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	Sonja's grill Sonja todd
Karen Bartek	Richmond, VA	2016-12-12	We have to keep jobs in this country!
James Hewett	Elizabethtown, NC	2016-12-12	I am signing this petition because I have family that shrimp for their lively hood that is the life
PAULINE BENTON	Supply, NC	2016-12-12	This is our way of life.
Joyce Vereen	Little River, SC	2016-12-12	I'm a Calabash native and that's all my family knows is fresh seafood. That's how they make their living
Michael Sawyer	Swan Quarter, NC	2016-12-12	Keep nc shrimp in nc...keep the other crap over seas
Logan Jenkins	Ocracoke, NC	2016-12-12	I'm a commercial fisherman and I will always firmly believe in fresh local seafood
debbie jenkins	ocracoke, NC	2016-12-12	Fresh.Local.Seafood!! I support commercial fishing in our NC waters.
Diane Brooks	Henrico, VA	2016-12-13	I want jobs here in the USA

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Richard Davis	Raleigh, NC	2016-12-13	My family has been involved in commercial fishing going back generations in coastal Carteret County. They've been fishermen, boat builders and seafood dealers.
			They have tremendous respect for the coastal resources and habitat that make this possible. They work in good weather and bad, and they've stayed with it through the good and bad seasons.
			They only seek to continue the work they love.
Lida Jones	Ocracoke, NC	2016-12-13	Please be reasonable in the rules that allow our local fisherman in North Carolina to fish. We do not want to receive our fish especially shrimp from China. There is no substitute for fresh seafood.
Denise Gibbs	Engelhard, NC	2016-12-13	I have been in a commercial fishing family business. I have seen our men and women work so hard for so little with regulations ruining any chance of continuing their careers.
dennis crocker	shallotte, NC	2016-12-13	we need to protect nc fishing at all costs.
DAVID HURST	Newport, NC	2016-12-13	I support our local economy and the industry that supports it. Shop local. Eat local. Buy local.
woodson haskett	elizabeth city, NC	2016-12-13	we are being regulated out of business for no good reason.
Joyce Maxwell	Hubert, NC	2016-12-14	I support our coastal businesses, eating and buying locally caught seafood. My family will only eat local seafood. Keep our shrimpers working and support local business.
Amos Maxwell	Stedman, NC	2016-12-14	Love local seafood. Have nephew working in seafood business.
Betty Cox	Belhaven, NC	2016-12-14	Keep our seafood local
Joseph Greene	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-14	I am a commercial fisherman out of sneads ferry NC. Shrimper that understands that this does not need to happen to us it would literally put me and everyone down here out of a job.
Joseph Greene	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-14	This is very important to me and every commercial fisherman down here where I live at in sneads ferry. The main reason why this law does not need to be past is for the simple fact that it would literally but me my family and local friends who are fisherman out of work for good would possible have to sell the boats or either move to south Carolina where we would be able to shrimp like we should be able to. Please help us commercial fisherman and our families out by signing this petition. Thank you.
Joel Norris	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-14	I'm a commercial shrimper out of sneads ferry Nc and the closing for a secondary nursery would put me and my crew out of business and ruin my family's life
Michael Davis	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-14	I support commercial fishing and shrimping
Lauren Hufnagle	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-15	I support local fishermen and their families.
Kristy Brittingham	Smyrna, NC	2016-12-15	It's vital to Eastern North Carolina commercial fishing family's and local restaurants to catch, sell and serve wild caught shrimp, fish, etc. Also it's also it is much safer for the consumer to eat U.S caught Seafood, There is more shrimp being caught in, inside waters now, than ever in the past, less shrimp trawl boats and more shrimp, less by catch also because of fish excluders and other new methods be used, such as, skimmer frame shrimping, its becoming a more productive way to harvest shrimp, shrimpers don't want to shrimp in area where there is excessive by catch, excessive by catch means less shrimp, most of the savvy shrimpers will move away from those areas, to a more productive clear shrimp harvest area, so let em shrimp!

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gary cannon	Newport, NC	2016-12-15	commercial fisherman
Steven Goodwin	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-16	My family has worked the waters of the Pamlico Sound for five generation's. There is no need to declare these waters secondary nurseries. Doing so will severely hurt the commercial fishing industry and hurt the economy of eastern North Carolina . People need to realize that commercial fisherman are not the cause of all evils on the water. This is meant to control the fisheries in a way that the supporters can say that they didn't say fisherman can't fish just they can only fish in a very restricted way which is not economical for the fisherman which will cause the fisherman to not be able to even pay his expenses. I hope people can see the agenda behind this an realize the struggle we face trying to bring fresh local North Carolina seafood to the people of North Carolina. If you regulate us out of business the only seafood you will have is imported . Commercial Fisherman love the waters and all it provides for them , it is a rich heritage a heritage worth saving
Michelle Beasley	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-16	Because I love fresh seafood! And because I know lots of commercial fisherman who need to keep working!!
John Romano	Hertford, NC	2016-12-17	I want North Carolina seafood not imports
Thomas McArthur	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-19	I am signing this because there is NO SCENCE TO SUPPORT IT, OR Need to. Leave us alone and let us work.
Cory King	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2016-12-19	I'm a 4th generation commercial fisherman this is how I make a living and will continue doing what I love...
Glenn Kinney	Mineola, NY	2016-12-19	As Veteran I stood my(our) grounds, before it was fashionable to do so. I stood for my fellow Americans so they could have a quality of life. To just give it up and away is a slap in my face.
Adam Donathan	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-19	Because I support my family with fishing,its just not wright let us work and leave us alone
Tiffany Styron	Newport, NC	2016-12-19	I would rather support our local economy and fisherman. Also, its much better to know where my food is coming from and that it is not injected with antibiotics and fillers.
gary van de griek	cambridge!, Taiwan	2016-12-20	Because I fish
Mikki Baldwin	Atlantic Beach, FL	2016-12-20	I support the shrimping industry and eating domestic seafood and economic freedom. This country should put the health and welfare of the people first.
Charlie Allen	Sneads Ferry, NC	2016-12-20	I want to keep my way of living.
Gary Crispens	Oak Island, NC	2016-12-23	I am signing because commercial fishing families need some help to survive.
Stephen Ritter	Wilmington, NC	2016-12-23	I support our local waterman and eat only local caught fish and shrimp!
lisa pittman	Beaufort, NC	2016-12-29	My husband is a shrimperand he is a hard working man
Carmen O'neal	Ocracoke, NC	2016-12-31	My family has been in commercial fishing for hundreds of years. It is our right to feed our children healthy fresh food. Stop importing tainted seafood. Empower our locals to thrive in a time honored tradition.
Myron Smith	Raleigh, NC	2016-12-31	90 % of all Shrimp sold in US is imported = raised in pooh, treated with chemicals! No Primary Nursery areas for all NC coastal waters. US and NC does NOT inspect Any Imported Seafood????
Nancy Boderick	Benton City, WA	2017-01-01	Support the local fisherman!
Danny Quidley	Manteo, NC	2017-01-02	I'm local and this is our way of providing for our families
Charles Quidley Jr	Manteo, NC	2017-01-02	Its our way of making a living our whole live

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Robert Huba	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-03	I grew up in Point Judith, RI where my father owned two trawlers. I grew up watching the fishing industry be abolished and men and women lose their lifetime work.
Thomas Smith	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-04	I make my living on the water and the shrimpers are not the problem in the decline.
ELWOOD Salter	Havelock, NC	2017-01-04	I bought my 1st shrimp boat when I was 15 years old . I 63 now. I have shrimped every summer for 47 years. I hAve seen many changes bur nothing this stupid. It's being pushed by the recreational fisherman. Pollution from from golf course run off And cities up the Neuse that have permits to dump raw sewage when they need too is more dangerous to the fun fish than the trawlers The fish excludes work .my by catch Has been reduced by at least 50 percent. Kill this proposal I Bud Salter
John Keller	Brunswick, GA	2017-01-04	I'm a commercial fisherman that make my living from cape Canaveral to North Carolina
Lauren Morris	Atlantic, NC	2017-01-05	North Carolina fishermen responsibly and ethically provide a safe, healthy and delicious food that I would not otherwise enjoy. Our state has been managing shrimp for nearly 30 years and currently manages shrimp through a fishery management plan that was developed over two years. Fishermen, researchers, managers and conservationists all contributed to that plan, which addresses all of the concerns listed in this petition. As the Wildlife Federation was deeply involved in those discussions, I can only conclude the organization is trying to circumvent the system because it did not successfully achieve it's goal of ending trawling through the established process. Fishermen and consumers deserve better than management strategies driven by political agenda.
Sarah W Saunders	Gastonia, NC	2017-01-05	I support NC fisheries!!!
Rick Gilleland	Concord, NC	2017-01-05	I support NC fishing families. Always buy local.
Tim Nielsen	Columbia, NC	2017-01-05	This would devastate already economically depressed counties in NC.
Gary Hatch	Owls Head, ME	2017-01-05	I'm a Maine Shrimper?? or was until Gov. mismanaged and killed our industry!! Good Luck!!
glenda williams	scranton, NC	2017-01-05	Commercial Fishing is our Family Business and has been for generations.
Michael Ulery	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-05	I am a commercial fisherman in North Carolina.. If they get this approved it will not not only allow them to mess with shrimping they will use it as excuse to screw with gillnetting and other parts of the industry and no branch of government or industry or group should have that much power..
sherry tyson	washington, NC	2017-01-05	My family is from Hyde County. They were farmers of the land. The farmers of the water depend on this industry for their living. Why in the world would citizens of the United States want imported seafood brought here when we have all the supply we need. I bet Donald Trump could put a stop to these ridiculous rules. Keep our fishermen working and keep seafood on our tables. Do not designate North Carolina waters as permanent secondary nursery areas.
Pamela Lewallen	Reidsville, NC	2017-01-05	I always try to buy local seafood even if I have to pay more. It's important to keep our fishermen working and high quality, fresh seafood from the USA!

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Lisa Sadler	New Bern, NC	2017-01-05	Our community is dependent upon local seafood and commercial fishing. It's our way of life.
Diane Crowley	Reidsville, NC	2017-01-05	I want to support local businesses. In addition, I do not want to purchase food shipped from overseas with less than adequate environmental protections.
Averi Simmons	Swan Quarter, NC	2017-01-05	I love local shrimp and I love my local shrimpers! Also, I know how detrimental to Hyde County and NC's economy a trawl ban would be!
Kristi Tyre	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-05	Save our Commercial Fishermen!
Michael Kalna	Durham, NC	2017-01-05	I produce a statewide seafood/music festival that promotes NC seafood! NC Fresh Catch
Karin Patrick	Creedmoor, NC	2017-01-05	I'm signing because I want access to North Carolina shrimp. It is delicious and healthy, unlike imported shrimp. I believe that my fellow North Carolinians and I are entitled to seafood from our public resource waters. I also think that the shrimping industry is important to our economy and culture and the proposed restrictions would cause irreparable damage.
Joe Romano	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-05	Fight corruption. Stand up for NC seafood
Bryan Fluech	Brunswick, GA	2017-01-05	I'm signing this petition to keep local fishermen and their industry in business to help meet the growing demand of locally harvested seafood by consumers in the region. Conservation is certainly critical, but you also need to account for socio-economic factors if you are to have a truly sustainable fishery.
Diane Brooks	Brunswick, GA	2017-01-05	I don't want seafood from overseas. It's unsafe and lacks the flavor of local shrimp. I also have family that have worked in the industry their entire lives.
Kathleen Murtaugh	Newbury, OH	2017-01-05	To support the N.C. Fishing industry.
Holly Smith	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-05	Rules and regulations are destroying our fishermen already, this would be like a final nail in the coffin!
Karen Ball	Washington, NC	2017-01-05	I live in a community with several friends whom are commercial fisherman. Some also rely on the Shrimp and Oyster Season to provide for their families and supply local restaurants with fresh local seafood. We enjoy our fresh shrimp, fish, crabs and oysters.
Paula Gillikin	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-06	I come from a long line of commercial fishermen and want them to be protected and I only eat local, NOT IMPORTED seafood.
Troy@monk koonce	Washington, NC	2017-01-06	This new law will put every small boat out of business my boat and many more we can't go in to the ocean and be safe and make a living what happens to us no way does these new rules need to be granted
Fred Beyer	Fayetteville, NC	2017-01-06	The shrimp fishery is an important part of our state's economy and heritage. We need to maintain and improve it, not destroy it!
David Goodwin	Newport, NC	2017-01-06	Help support commercial fishermen and local seafood!
Michael Moore	Leicester, NC	2017-01-06	Keep NC fishing economies supported!
John Watkins	Rocky Mount, NC	2017-01-06	Because it's the right thing to do.
Andrea Traxler	Salter Path, NC	2017-01-06	Family is commercial fisherman.

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Kimberley Smith	Sealevel, NC	2017-01-06	I support local fishermen, they do one of the hardest jobs in the world. They have to have an extreme amount of self-discipline to do this career. Because they are their own boss and make themselves go out on that boat in whatever weather is going on. Then they are up against N.C. Marine Fisheries trying to stop them throw the catch overboard for bull crap, fines for everything. Laws and a rule book that has gotten thicker by 500% in the last 20 years. Ive lived this life, iv worked side by side with the hardest working man i know. The people who make these laws and regulations sit behind a desk and thwy know nothing absolutely nothing about the industry. What should happen is the federal Government should take it all out of the hands of state officials,, and run it like it is run up north such as Alaska ect. They protect the industry. And it works. Yhey have allowed other countries to import seafood for choosing cheaper prices.shame on them for that. I soont begrudge any one farm raising seafood. But that in itself and cut the throats of commercial fishing.
Susan Moody	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-06	KEEP OUR SEAFOOD LOCAL!!! KEEP OUR WATERMEN MAKING A LIVING SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY
Elizabeth Ritchey	Davis, NC	2017-01-06	I'm signing because I am a commercial fisherwoman and it is my family's means of making a living.
Bruce Dye	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-06	I support my local NC Fishermen
Betty Arnold	Washington, NC	2017-01-06	My family has worked on the water all their life and mine seafood from local waters is the best these people have made their life the water. We do not need seafood from china we need local!
Millie Holmes	Chapel Hill, NC	2017-01-06	I was born and raised East of Beaufort, N.C. and can relate to the importance of protecting our Marine Fisheries for jobs and food.
Mitchell Fulcher	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-06	My family have been watermen in this area since the Revolutionary War. This legislation would effectively kill commercial fishing, local communities, local business, and destroy the ability of waterfront restaurants to carry local seafood. Do NOT make all inland waters classified as 'nursery areas'. Thank you.
Eric Gibbs	Henderson, NV	2017-01-06	I grew up in Eastern North Carolina, and to do this would destroy the economy in many of the states already poorest counties and damage the already fragile ecosystem that has found balance. This is legislation that does not need to pass, and will kill local fishing and business.
Candace Christian	Smyrna, NC	2017-01-06	This is the lively hood for a lot of people I know and even some family members were commercial fishermen.
Heather Willis	Davis, NC	2017-01-06	This is not only our heritage, it is still a way of life for people! This how they make their living and provide for their families.
michael perry	washington, NC	2017-01-06	I'm employed in the seafood transportation business, Evans Seafood.
Justin Willis	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-06	Nothing beats Local.
Derwood Lupton	Hobucken, NC	2017-01-06	Sign this causes this is a way of life for many families it's ben a way of make alivening for my family for years we never got rich but we never starved these rules will put more people out of business the you can imagine just so some people can wet a hook
Kayla Evans	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-06	I'm signing because commercial fishing is my heritage! Commercial fishing has paid for everything I had as a child, my first car as a teenager, and my bachelors degree and masters degree as an adult. I am also a proud holder of an NCDMF commercial fishing license. This commission will have to pry my license and my right to do what my family has been doing for hundreds of years from my cold dead fingers before I'll submissively hand it over!

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Delaina Davis	Greenville, NC	2017-01-06	I support local fishermen!
Tabbatha Sparks	Harkers Island, NC	2017-01-06	I want to keep commercial fishing alive,many of my family&friends make a living by working on the water!
Nana Willis	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-06	I'm signing because I come from a long line of commercial fishermen & my husband is one!
Kathy Ammons	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-06	I'm signing because I support our local commercial fishermen!
Debra Taylor	Sealevel, NC	2017-01-06	Commercial fishermen are following a centuries old tradition handed down by their ancestors. This is not only a productive way of life but inspires visitors and tourism to come to Eastern NC to see and eat AUTHENTIC American food. Stop supporting foreign seafood importers and support our local commercial fishermen!
Freddie Midgett	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-06	I. Am a commercial Fisherman and my Family depends on shrimping. Before my Dad got hurt on his shrimp Boat. He had two of them. I really wish these people would get a Hobbies outher than trying to put us out of Business. The good Lord owns the waters they don't.
Bill Allen	New Port Richey, FL	2017-01-06	The attacks on fishermen has been going on for decades. I remember the State of Florida closing the prime shrimping grounds back in the late 60's and early 70's, decimating the hundreds of vessels that worked year round down there, forcing them to move. When you figure one good size trawler will employ 3 men, x 6 to 700 boats that's is a direct loss of over 1800 - 2100 people, not to mention the companies and there employess who worked to support the shrimpers, diesel mechanics, net makers, fish houses, marine supply businesses etc. The fleet in the Gulf of Mexico is down over 70% from its hey days in the 70's and 80's. Shrimpers and fishermen have abided by every law and regulation thrown at them by the National and State fisheries commissions who only interest is in protecting THEIR JOBS! I say enough is enough. If you want to shut us down, we will band together and block the oil tankers from entering our ports, and do interviews with the media, who will intern get the attention of the congressional oversight congress and senate who overseas NOAA. You pushed, you keep pushing, now we are ready to push back and continue on with our way of life! You have been warned.
Lorraine Davis	Maple Hill, NC	2017-01-06	I am tired of government interfering and putting the small man/families out of business with so many rules and regulations!
Bryce English	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-06	I'm a local fisherman! I support our small locally owned commercial businesses and friends!
Lucy Tadlock	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-06	I know our local fishermen
Buddy Breece	mooreville, NC	2017-01-06	I'm was a fisherman for 57 years, mostly shrimp. And I'm sorry you people don't feel the same we do. God Bless you people that want to take our livelihood. Why just why
Brandon Hansley	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-06	I have close friends who depend on this as a living.
fredd foster	Belhaven, NC	2017-01-06	My husband is a commercial fisherman
josie laird	Trenton, NJ	2017-01-06	leave the shrimpfishermen alone keep our fishermen working and keep seafood on our table
Christine Barlow	Cambridge, MD	2017-01-06	I come from generations of commercial watermen. They need to continue to work to provide for their families. We need fresh American seafood, NOT IMPORTED JUNK!!!

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Stormy Heroux	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-06	Fresh local seafood is the best way to get it. Where I live, this is most peoples lively hood and it cannot be taken away or cut back by all these rules. This needs to stop
James Cady	Hubert, NC	2017-01-06	I'm a life long fishermen and this is my family s living
Michael cowdrey	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-06	I am a full time commercial fisherman and have been paying taxes since i was 12 years old on 100 percent commercial fishing income. I have a wife and 2 children that depend on my job as a fisherman to provide all of their needs.
Elizabeth Hill	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-06	My family are commercial fisherman and depend on being able to fish NC waters as we have been doing for decades. The water is my families life, and when I go to a local establishment to eat, well...I want LOCAL seafood. You get rid of the fisherman, you get rid of the local seafood. Period.
Susanne welitchko	Vandemere, NC	2017-01-06	Both my Grandfather Guy E. Lupton & Uncle Carroll Yeomans spent their life on the water shrimping.
Titus Shropshire	Supply, NC	2017-01-06	I'm a shrimper and fisherman and I feel it is our right to protect our waterways and livelihood from being taken away from us. I refuse to eat the Imported crap. It can rot on the ships that brought it here.
Jimmy McManus	Hampstead, NC	2017-01-06	supporting my fishing families here on the NC coast
Amy Garretson	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-06	I was born into a commercial fishing family of Eastern NC for more than 9 generations. There are only 2 fishermen left from the Baum family... As wide ranging as we used to be. The rest have left the industry because Rules and Regulations like these made it too difficult to feed their families.
Priscilla Dinatale	Marietta, GA	2017-01-06	My family is from a long line of commercial fishermen. People want America great again? Save the American fishing community & buy our seafood, don't buy those shrimp from other countries!
Ocalla Harper	Hampstead, NC	2017-01-06	I'm signing because I love shrimp but my son is a seafood man in Hampstead, NC and I want to support his business!
Lois O'Connor	Alexandria, VA	2017-01-06	I support local business, our farming and coastal communities and natural organic protein!
LINWOOD CHALLENGER	POWHATAN, VA	2017-01-06	We deserve local seafood!
Johnson jjohn6541@aol.com	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-06	I support all of our local seafood industry and see this as another way to satisfy the imported seafood industry.
Terry Rogers	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-06	I belong to a commercial fishing family that goes back several generations. Not only will this put many fishermen out of work but will hurt the economy of the counties where they live!!
Darlene Guthrie	Atlantic Beach, NC	2017-01-06	We should simulate our own economy FIRST..that means keeping fisherman working by catching a local, chemical free product. Americans desire to eat safe, preservative free seafood!
valerie bliven	wanchese, NC	2017-01-06	I am from a long line of Commercial Fishermen...its our livelihood!!
Marc Bitner	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-06	I oppose the government overreach and effect it would have on the hard working individuals in the commercial shrimping industry.

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Jake Prescott	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-06	I believe your studies are incorrect and this is a direct impact on the commercial fishermen as well as the local citizens who look for local seafood instead of buying imported farm raised seafood from other countries with below standards. Quit hurting our fishing villages. commercial fishermen provide us with natural wild caught seafood, why would you keep implementing stricter and stricter restrictions until those fishermen can no longer survive due to the obstacles given over the last several years?
Jacqueline Ven	Newport News, VA	2017-01-06	keep our local fisherman in business!!!!
Sharon Benjamin	Minot, ND	2017-01-06	Love my NC family and their seafood!
Karen Amspacher	Marshallberg, NC	2017-01-06	I'm signing for everyone's access to local NC shrimp and the economy it supports, the culture it represents and the FUTURE it holds for young fishermen, working waterfronts, small businesses that support this industry. This petition (if passed) will deny this public trust resource for consumers everywhere -- restaurant owners, chefs, local food lovers and seafood markets.
Twila Nelson	Havelock, NC	2017-01-06	To support NC Commercial Fishermen's ability to harvest the waters to bring the public fresh local seafood to our tables!
Debbie Hicks	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-06	We live in a shrimping down, where people make their living shrimping.
Valerie Daniels	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-06	I'm for supporting locals and not foreign, food or otherwise!
Andrea Brunick	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-06	because my husbands family has been in the fishing industry for generations and that is their soul source of income.
Vicky Salter	Cedar Island, NC	2017-01-06	If we are going to "Make America great again" then we need to consider local fishing and shrimping. Have some consideration for families quality of life!
Sandra S Lewis	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-06	I believe in preserving our industry for the local fisherman and our way of living. No imported seafood.
Tammy Morris	Gloucester, NC	2017-01-06	My husband is a commercial fisherman and this is a important issue for us we depend on his income to live.
Bernice Davis	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-06	Shrimping is the livelihood of a lot of people in this area.
John Caan	Winterville, NC	2017-01-06	I like NC shrimp
Julian Craig Hamilton	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-06	Is there nothing worth saving of our commercial fishing heritage? Why would anyone cave in to misguided greedy people? Please support consumers and local fishermen! Thank you!
William cahoon	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-06	Commercial fishermen
Lana Davis	HARKERS ISLAND, NC	2017-01-06	We buy locally ! Please keep our waters open to our fishermen ! We are know for our fresh seafood !!!
Lori Jones	Gloucester, NC	2017-01-06	We are a commercial fushing family.
Nora Spaeth	KDH, NC	2017-01-06	I would never knowingly eat farm raised and imported seafood.
Cella Bane	Columbia, SC	2017-01-06	Property owner, Harkers Island, NC, soon to be permanent resident. Much of our local economy depends on the work of our local fishermen.
Karen Pierce	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-06	I only want to eat wild seafood and I want to protect commercial fishermen's livelihoods.

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Joann Lewis	Newport, NC	2017-01-06	I am signing because my husband and Brother in Law Donald Pittman who was captain of the Alice Marie out of Beaufort for years . Boats fishing are apart of our life's and Our family's way of making a living . Younger members of the family today still make a living on boats . So please don't take this away from our families.
Catherine Mitchell	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-06	I'm signing because we need to protect our seafood industry and our seafood resources. special secondary nursery is the best way to accomplish both goals.
James Harrison	Shiloh, NC	2017-01-06	I'm for small businesses in NC
Michele Fisher	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-06	I'm a local and I don't believe that they should do this. Fishing (especially shrimping) feeds a lot of the families around here giving them the basic income that they need. The jobs are already scarce as it is, especially during the winter time. Also for the fact that shrimping and fishing has been part of our culture to the communities surrounding the areas since we've first settled here.
Monnie Golden	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-06	A man should be able to work where ever makes is happiest working at home made me happy hear in Pamlico sound. Leave our fishermen alone screw up your own job
Karrigan Akin	Sumner, MI	2017-01-06	This affects my family's business
Brennon Morton	Holly Springs, NC	2017-01-06	Its detrimental to North Carolinians. Family has depended on fishing for over 60 years
Yosemi Baka	Osaka, Japan	2017-01-06	This is my family's livelihood, our fishermen need less regulations and need to fish to provide for our families .
Kristina Mccleary	Corolla, NC	2017-01-06	I like shrimp
Antoinette Wasinger	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-06	These news laws would hurt our local community. Many families rely on commercial fishing as there only source of income.
Capt. Bill Wyckoff	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-06	I'm a comm. fisherman for 50 years , fishing, shrimping, clamming and there should not be anymore restrictions on the shrimpers. It has been one best seasons in a long time.
Linda Cordon	Bath, NC	2017-01-06	Want to support our fisherman. They work extremely hard and are always facing rules and regulations but no support. I want to eat local seafood.
Johnny Rice	Bayboro, NC	2017-01-06	Save a traditional livelihood that puts fresh, quality products on the market.
Barry Equils	Scranton, NC	2017-01-06	I have fished off and on since I was 14 years old and plan to when I retire. This would be the end of commercial shrimping and would seriously effect the economy in all coastal counties. Please do not cripple an industry that is already over regulated.
Sherrie Carawan	Swan Quarter, NC	2017-01-06	I want NC seafood on my table. Once the shrimpers are gone they won't be back the beginning of the already disappearing industry. Support don't destroy. Use common sense.
jesse ambrose	manns harbor, NC	2017-01-06	We need the jobs and local shrimp .
Cathy Ireland	Engelhard, NC	2017-01-07	My hometown depends on our seafood industry ! Don't you understand that the sound will die if you do this !
john wyckoff	rougemont, NC	2017-01-07	I was a comercial fisherman for 25 years and my father was for about 40 years so we lived and survived of of seafood
Virginia Richardson	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-07	Because I want to keep shrimp local!

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Styron Jarvis	Richmond, VA	2017-01-07	I grew up in a eastern NC commercial fishing family, which has fished for many generations. My father owned a crab picking house, which folded like so many I once knew. Now there is only 2 or 3 left in NC thanks to the government's lack of banning imported blue crab meat, and allowing it to be labeled the same as local crab meat. I knew many dealers as a kid and delivered and picked up truck loads of crabs as a teenager. All gone. Stop destroying the local's way of life, protect our fisheries AND protect our fisherman. Buy local - stop imported shrimp. And let our fisherman work! Families depend on it!
Ken Alfred	Bayboro, NC	2017-01-07	I am interested in saving the commodity of NC seafood in our coastal areas! In my opinion it is some of the best in the world an I support our local commercial fishermen!
Hardison June	Bayboro, NC	2017-01-07	I support our local fishing families and LOVE local seafood.
Althea Carboni	Washington, NC	2017-01-07	It is a shame to make it so that our watermen can't make a living because of restriction ,forget the fuel is out of site so lets add more restrictons to make it even harder
Jennifer Taylor	Walnut Cove, NC	2017-01-07	My brother in law is a commercial fisherman and some thing has to stop before we loose nc commercial fishers and good sea food.
Aleta Cox	Engelhard, NC	2017-01-07	This industry is a vital part of our community!
Jennifer Overman	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-07	Commercial fishing is a highly regulated profession, so much so that many independent fishermen can no longer afford to do the job "legally." It's a shame to see an individual who wants to work and put food on others' tables be unable to do so. Meanwhile, farms and foreigners are raking in the cash on substandard products. I come from a long line of proud fishermen. I intend to fight to protect the livelihood AND dignity of those who I love.
Janet King	Burkeville, VA	2017-01-07	This has been some of my family's livelihood. It has benefited me secondary. But it is a primary concern because it affects my family.
Jay Harrison	Coinjock, NC	2017-01-07	We need our way of life, government needs to stay out!
Rebecca Gallaher	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-07	I like knowing where my food comes from, supporting my local friends and local economy, supporting our country. In addition, it takes better! Many people in my community depend on this for a living.
Donal Barbee	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-07	THE FEDERATION is a danger to all commerce along the NC.coast.
Melody Leckie	Manteo, NC	2017-01-07	Knowing that my seafood that my family and I consume is locally sourced, is very important to me. I don't want to eat imported seafood. Support your local fisher people.
Kieran Healy	Cork, Ireland	2017-01-07	Fresh wild seafood is amongst the healthiest food one can eat. These fishermen have a right to harvest sustainably as they are doing.
Carleen Burney	Castalia, NC	2017-01-07	I want local jobs for NC coast and fresh seafood.
Alexis Rochelle	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-07	My father is a local fisherman and I support him
Denise Hess	Frisco, NC	2017-01-07	I live in NC coastal community and support Local fisherman.
Jeremy Piland	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-07	Ocracoke pride
Terry Wayne	New Bern, NC	2017-01-07	We need to keep NC fishermen working to keep our tables full of fresh catch fish and shrimp
Valerie Denigris	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-07	My family are your commercial fisherman...
Terry Cole	Asheboro, NC	2017-01-07	I'm signing because I grew up in Smyrna NC and I know many families down east that rely on shrimping to support their families.
Brittany Harris	Merritt, NC	2017-01-07	I support commercial fishing!

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Candee Forbes	Kinston, NC	2017-01-07	Come on folks!....we need to save our fishing industry here!!!
wayne gray	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-07	We have been told for years that shrimp are being depleted. Not so...Shrimp are like fish..some years they are here and others they are not.
Bonnie Waits	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-07	My family and friends are commercial fisherman whose livelihoods are going away due to all of the ridiculous regulations being imposed on our fisherman. That being said, fresh local seafood is getting harder and harder to come by and yet we live in the middle of the greatest sea harvesting communities here in Dare and Hyde counties. It's harder to come by, NOT because it's not there, but because someone out there has an agenda to stop our fisherman and make us eat imported seafood that has little quality and many times isn't even safe!
Daniel Early	Oriental, NC	2017-01-07	Fishing is very important to our local economy and lots of local families are supported by commercial fishing
Gail Covington	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-07	Rule change would kill shrimp industry in NC. I want to be able to eat local fresh shrimp
Steven Giberson	Hampstead, NC	2017-01-07	We can't afford to lose our jobs. We need our wild caught shrimp more on our tables other than farm raise antibiotic shrimp from overseas
Bonnie Beacham	Manteo, NC	2017-01-07	I like local shrimp and support local fishermen
Kimberly Kuepferle	Hillsborough, NC	2017-01-07	I want to support the local economy & support my local fishermen...imported seafood is dangerously unhealthy.
Andrew King	Kannapolis, NC	2017-01-07	I believe supporting local business is important.
Mike Whatley	Goldsboro, NC	2017-01-07	I love local seafood
Anita Kimball	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-07	Support our local fishermen and our lively hood. Fishermen matter too.
Amy Spruill	Bastrop, TX	2017-01-07	NC shrimp are the best in the world, and I don't believe in taking away people's livelihoods by the government is the right thing to do.
Talmadge Hudgins	Merritt, NC	2017-01-07	I believe the seafood industry has enough problems already and is regulated too much!
Abby Jolly	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-07	My dad was a commercial fisherman for 30 years, until marine fisheries came out with so many rules and regulations that he could no longer make the amount of money needed to support our family. He still has his license but sold his shrimp boat years ago after realizing he could not afford to fix all the things on his boat to meet new requirements made by Marine Fisheries.
Matthew Hart	Kinston, NC	2017-01-07	I believe this is the way forward.
TONYA BELL	Newport, NC	2017-01-07	I wholeheartedly support our local fishermen. The government needs to stop taking away their livelihood so they can support their families. We want our shrimp on our tables to be "LOCAL" shrimp. Please do not designate NC waters as permanent secondary nursery areas.
Wesley Potter	New Bern, NC	2017-01-07	I depend on this fishery for my living
Derril Salter	Shannon, NC	2017-01-07	Having been raised up in a commercial fishing family in North Carolina, I know how important it is to families and the economy in general.
Heidi Smith	Bath, NC	2017-01-08	Without fresh NC shrimp, consumers will be forced to purchase foreign imports that are unhealthy (last year rejections of imported shrimp reached record highs due to antibiotics and veterinary drug residue) and unethically harvested (it was discovered that slave labor was widely being used to harvest foreign shrimp). NC shrimp is my public trust resource and I support those who bring it to my table.

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Todd Wrongdaugther	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-08	I'm tired of government regulations that work against the people and only serve to grow governmental power by taking away our constitutional rights. We don't need to be another Florida.
Jay Bohlen	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-08	I support our local Shrimpers
Josh Anderson	Smithfield, NC	2017-01-08	It's better when you know where or who it comes from always has been always will be that way
Browny Douglas	manteo, NC	2017-01-08	GOOD SENSE
Jim Harris	Southern Shores, NC	2017-01-08	The way shrimp is raised in Asia makes me sick to think about. I want NC shrimp on my table, caught by NC fishermen.
Betsy Gletcher	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-08	I am signing because I like local seafood NO imported! To much is imported now. Happy
Marcie Ferris	Chapel Hill, NC	2017-01-08	SHRIMP
George Banks	Hatteras, NC	2017-01-08	I want to know where my seafood comes from. Especially shrimp!
Meredith Elkins	Carrboro, NC	2017-01-08	Local is the best
Cecilia Adams	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-08	I'm signing because it is important to me that we keep local seafood on our tables and support our local fishermen/shrimpers.
Ann Ehringhaus	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-08	Please protect and historic and natural life of the NC commercial fisherman. They are a resource in every way to our state.
Glenda Hulsey Beck	Newport, NC	2017-01-08	I want local , wild shrimp.
Larry Ashton	Kitty Hawk, NC	2017-01-08	This is such an important part of our economy and culture,
Kris Cahoon Noble	Swan Quarter, NC	2017-01-08	I do not believe this petition is based on science but rather emotion, greed and politics. Our shrimp fisheries are valuable to all citizens and should be available to consumers across our great state and others. The economic value for our state and eastern region is too great and the communities built on commercial fishing in eastern NC will be destroyed by this action. This is a sad example of how the wealthy few are doing yet another resource grab that will destroy communities. I believe that North Carolina waters are currently and have been historically managed to protect our resources to one of the highest standards in the country and those sciences and practices including the most recently passed Shrimp Management plan should be honored and proper procedure should be followed.
Mattie Lawson	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-08	We absolutely need to keep fresh, healthy affordable sea food on our tables; in our restaurants and grocery stores. Support these small businesses!
Bill Veasel	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-08	This is our livelihood. We depend on seafood as our source of income and love to eat seafood.
William Zachman	Bath, NC	2017-01-08	I do not want the commercial fishing to suffer any more politically inspired regulation!
Ricky Moore	Durham, NC	2017-01-08	I am a entrepreneur who created a food concept based on local NC seafood. It called Saltbox Seafood Joint. If it was not for local fishermen I would not be in business. It is our duty as NC citizens to preserve our most important resource. Let use a more fundamental reasoning in solving this problem. We ALL will benefit if we do.
Bill Veasell	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-08	I am a commercial fisherman, who depends on the waters everyday for my livelihood.
David Hughes	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-08	It's already hard enough to find wild caught shrimp, don't make it impossible.
Erica Coole	Bladenboro, NC	2017-01-08	I enjoy fishing and seafood

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Ann Kelly	Marshallberg, NC	2017-01-08	I am signing because I believe in local fisheries providing local seafood to our communities.
William Kincheloe	Rocky Mount, NC	2017-01-08	I see the Shrimp Farms in China and Thailand.
Edward Norvell	Salisbury, NC	2017-01-08	Please make sure I can buy North Carolina Shrimp! Shrimping is vital to the economy of coastal North Carolina and these proposed rule changes would make it much more difficult for shrimpers and fishermen to stay economically viable
Jacqueline Capecci	Kitty Hawk, NC	2017-01-08	I want safe, local seafood!
Nick Johnson	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-08	Because I agree
Charlie Read	Duck, NC	2017-01-08	Keep our food-chain safe - keep our fish American -
Janice Keys	Buxton, NC	2017-01-08	NC Shrimp is the best in the world. It also supports the economy and provides jobs for the area. I will not buy imported shrimp.
Jackie Brown	Hayes, VA	2017-01-08	I don't want to die eating imported (unregulated) seafood.
Ben Mitchell	Baden, PA	2017-01-08	I believe in local seafood, not importing that which can be harvested locally.
Dr. Stanley Warlen	Newport, NC	2017-01-08	the NCWF has not presented a case supported with any pertinent scientific evidence; I have 33 years in fishery research in NC with experience in the biology of spot and croaker
kenny rustick	gloucester, NC	2017-01-08	because I am a full time commercial fisherman. I depend on n.c. waters to support my family and deliver fresh local seafood for people to enjoy.
Nana Willis	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-08	I'm signing because I am a commercial fisherman!
Walter Barnes	Manteo, NC	2017-01-08	I support our fishing industry
Linda Mengon	Freedom, PA	2017-01-08	With sustainable fishing practices we should be able to eat local seafood.
Christopher Simpson	Roper, NC	2017-01-08	I'm a fisherman, my livelihood is at stake.
Sheila Yates	Thomasville, NC	2017-01-08	We need to keep our ocean waters available for local fisherman. Our family prefers local food rather than imported food. We need to keep NC lively hoods in Nc.
carson Wagner	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-08	I believe in the importance of commercial fishing.
Jeff Clark	Mechanicsville, VA	2017-01-08	Use local products,,less importing.
Jim Rickman	Aydlett, NC	2017-01-08	As a working waterman, I find it insulting, that anyone would suggest consumers should support foreign and put American fisherman out of work !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Kim Pampas	Locust, NC	2017-01-08	I support our local commercial fishermen to keep fresh seafood a part of our heritage, financial possibilities for our local men and support of. OUR COUNTRY instead of across the sea
Steve Rhoads	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-08	I support local fishing families.
Dawne Fay	Powells Point, NC	2017-01-08	Fresh local affordable seafood is important to me and my family.

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Thomas Hugh Austin	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-08	Those that risk their lives to provide healthy food from the states waters have been abused enough. Their product is safer then the garbage imported from other countries.
Chris Lackey	Graham, NC	2017-01-08	I'm signing because I want to support our local fishermen and our local economy
Rob Shipe	harrisville, WV	2017-01-08	Do not tie the hands of the men and women that work long hard hours providing fresh seafood to nourish us all.
Aaron Colunga	Beaverdam, VA	2017-01-08	Keep hard working family's working. Buy local!!
Tina Pittman	Portsmouth, VA	2017-01-08	Keep our American hard working men and women employed. Outsourcing our resources is a disgrace. I want fresh, local seafood!
Janet Fulford	Gloucester, NC	2017-01-08	I am signing this petition because I want to support North Carolina's fishermen and the local economy in Carteret County. And, I want to be able to eat fresh, local shrimp and other seafood.
Sue Miller	Hanover, PA	2017-01-08	Keep work local
Beth Burt	Cary, NC	2017-01-08	I'm signing because I support the commercial fishing industry that provides livelihoods for many NC residents and also the fresh, healthy local seafood products our state is known for.
Angela Lane	Newport, NC	2017-01-08	I support our local fishethan and the seafood industry. And I love cooking and eating shrimp.
nick lupton	Sebastian, FL	2017-01-08	I am from NC original. now in FL. I am a commercial fisherman and I understand the communities depending on the industry. not counting the life they have devoted to put seafood on our tables....reminds me of veterans.....once the government gets what they want they are done with us. We are just another # to them. If we all didn't work our ass off and pay taxes... we would all be broke asses!
James Clark	Pittsboro, NC	2017-01-08	I support all NC Commercal Fisherman!
Shane Cartrette	Chadbourn, NC	2017-01-08	I am a commercial fisherman and don't wanna see them take our livelihood away.
Jason Underwood	Pikeville, NC	2017-01-08	I'm tired of big buisness controlling the waters and cutting out the small business.
Matthew Bost	Johnstown, PA	2017-01-08	It is important to the livellhood of NC fishermen
Deborah Leonard	Thomasville, NC	2017-01-08	I live on Ocracoke Island about 7 months of the year and shrimping is very important to our economy. And when I am not on the Island I want to be able to purchase NC shrimp at my local fish house.
Linda Crouch	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-08	I would hate to see our local fishermen lose their fishing rights for any reason! I think they have suffered enough financially from the hurricanes and other natural disasters over the last 10-15 years? Please do not restrict their source of income!
Wayne Hardee	Ayden, NC	2017-01-08	I support commercial fishing and like local seafood
Trisha Davis	Worthington, OH	2017-01-08	My friends and neighbors would be seriously affected by such a change. We depend on the shrimping for many jobs.

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Michael Smith	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-08	Our shrimp are much safer to consume compared to imported and farm raised shrimp. North Carolina seafood feeds our families. Shrimping provides jobs locally, and fresh protein regionally. Commercial fishing, including shrimping, is important to our economy. It is amazing to me the mentality that would place restrictions on harvesting safe seafood, and forcing us to rely on seafood proven to be unsafe and unhealthy in many instances. People come to coastal North Carolina from around the world. One of the many reasons is our fresh, local, seafood. Do not designate North Carolina waters as permanent secondary nursery areas.
Jimmy Johnson	Swanquarter, NC, NC	2017-01-08	Many in the community where I pastor are involved in the shrimping industry. This action, not based on the best available science, will have significant adverse consequences to fishermen and businesses in Hyde County. I also enjoy eating fresh, local shrimp. This will deny me that opportunity.
James Dickerson	Gordonsville, VA	2017-01-08	Our family enjoy's seafood & supporting American fishermen. We do not want imported toxic seafood!
Larry Jenkins Jr	Callao, VA	2017-01-08	I'm a commercial fisherman myself in Virginia and support local American caught seafood period...Say No to Imports!
Kevin Sexton	Easley, SC	2017-01-08	No need for government to control 3 miles out
Vince Emory	Cedar Island, NC	2017-01-08	I believe consumers at all levels should have the right to be able to buy and eat fresh and locally caught seafood...
Paul Whitehead	Hertford, NC	2017-01-08	We need commercial fishing to continue in North Carolina and all over the USA.
Kristy Molinari	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-08	I support my local seafood. I am not pleased that 90% of our seafood is imported. It's a money game that deepens the wrong pockets
Anthony Hudnell	Belhaven, NC	2017-01-08	I'm a third generation fisherman who has had to seek other employment because of government over regulating the commercial fishing industry in North Carolina. Please...No more regulations! Keep our hard working devoted fishermen working in our sounds and oceans. North Carolina wild caught shrimp are by far the best in the world and so are the fishermen that harvest them!
Jonathan Hancock	Winston-Salem, NC	2017-01-08	I feel that the seafood industry is over regulated.
Andrea Hance	Brownsville, TX	2017-01-08	The Texas Shrimp Association supports the NC Seafood Industry!!
Johnny Cook Jr.	Greenville, NC	2017-01-08	I love fresh seafood
Stanley Keeler	Kitty Hawk, NC	2017-01-08	I want NC shrimp on my plate and in my local restaurants!
Arthur Noyes	Atlantic, NC	2017-01-08	I want clean safe sea food to eat. Let the fishermen do the job they like and were born to do.
Irv Groat	Severna Park, MD	2017-01-08	I support the local economy and American jobs.
Edward Williams	Manteo, NC	2017-01-08	It is how we make a living
c w	Gloucester, NC	2017-01-08	Our local fishermen need to be supported by our community and government.
Wayne Lewis	New Bern, NC	2017-01-08	I'm a fisherman all my life 5 the generation, taking from my family.
John Woodard	Hertford, NC	2017-01-09	I'm proud if our local seafood. It is not something to be looked at but eaten. Reasonable controls is one thing. Unreasonable is another. I am sick and tired of people that love animals and creatures more than people. We can't drive on a beach because of them, we can't improve the bonner bridge with our a huge fight with them, and now they want to take our food from us so it would seem.
Elizabeth Jessup	Oak Ridge, NC	2017-01-09	I love and own a place on Harkers Island and love the local seafood that we purchase there!!!

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Village Ambassador Tim Supple	Tampa, FL	2017-01-09	I live and LOVE Sneads Ferry, NC, this is our history and our culture, if the Seafood industry with all of it's mom & pop shops, stores and restaurants that support and rely upon it dies, so will our historic Village, it will turn into nothing but another military corridor; we must save our NC Coastal Heritage !!
mary hyman	sneads ferry, NC	2017-01-09	we need seafood caught locally
Sheri McDermott	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-09	Local Fisherman are important
Jenny Hedgecock	Smithfield, NC	2017-01-09	Because seafood is a main job for people who live on the outerbanks and near the coast.
Tasha Bartram	Newport, NC	2017-01-09	Commercial fisherman are very important and there is nothing better than local seafood. Seems like people keep trying to make a commercial fisherman's life harder and harder when they work harder than almost all of us to make a living!!! #standingbehindcommercialfisherman
Barbara Rummel	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-09	I live in a fishing village and don't want to hurt local fisherman and have them close.
Walter Knox	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-09	Keep NC seafood commercially available
Michele Smith	SalterPath, NC	2017-01-09	I want ONLY local seafood, NOT imported! I want to support our country's familys' self-sustainability. If they want to make a living they certainly should be allowed to.
Linda Wray	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-09	This is a part of the American heritage that needs to be protected. Food should not be imported from other countries. Protect our fishermen.
beverly fowler	Hampstead, NC	2017-01-09	I am American and I don't eat foreign seafood.
JAMES R. STROUD	EMERALD ISLE, NC	2017-01-09	LOCAL BUSINESSES
Logan Berrian	El Cerrito, CA	2017-01-09	We don't have a RIGHT to sea food.
Kevin Bebar	Gainesville, VA	2017-01-09	We need to keep Americans working and providing good and healthy sea food.
David P Watson,Sr	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-09	We NEED the shrimping and fishing industry to continue without more unnecessary regulations , based on mear speculations, otherwise an entire industry will cease to exist.
Gina Holland	Hampstead, NC	2017-01-09	We have to support our local fishermen and stop buying from other countries.
Theresa Thompson	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-09	I am signing because I will only eat NC shrimp... I am signing because my friends and neighbors make their living on the water.
Mary Keselowsky	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-09	Feel shrimping is vital to many in area
Kathryn Chadwick	Stacy, NC	2017-01-09	Pamlico Sound is the largest sound on the east coast, nothing compares to it. If they ban shrimping this will destroy the bottom. 90% of North Carolina's commercial fishing catches are attributed to Pamlico Sound, generating millions of dollars per year to OUR local economy. I REFUSE to eat imported shrimp and will stand with the commercial fisherman to keep our sounds open to shrimping. I know personally how bad Pamlico Sound looked after Hurricane Matthew, and you can believe that wasn't a caused by Commercial Fisherman.
Tina Underwood	Dunn, NC	2017-01-09	I'm signing because we visit this area often and have many friends that live and work in a sneads Ferry. Keep the shrimp fresh and locall
Linda Mize	Hampstead, NC	2017-01-09	I live in the area and would h
Debbie Lewis	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-09	I want NC shrimp to stay on my table and keep American jobs where they are!!!
Ruth King	Sealevel, NC	2017-01-09	I am not a shrimper and I want to local shrimp and not importedplease do not change any rules so that this will not happen

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Donna Miller	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-09	I believe in the local watermen
Steven Bogan	Sicklerville, NJ	2017-01-09	I'm signing because I support our domestic commercial fishing industry.
Marion Dunford	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-09	Our community depends on local fishing
Sharon Silva	Chesapeake, VA	2017-01-09	I have a vacation home on the Island and enjoy watching the shrimp boats in the Back Sound from the porch. These folks have lost so much, please don't take their livelihood too!
Don Robertson	Harkers Island, NC	2017-01-09	There should be no restrictions
tina ward	Marshallberg, NC	2017-01-09	This directly affects our lives and the livelihood of our communitys.
Josh Tillett	Clinton, NC	2017-01-09	I'm signing because of my family heritage of shrimping, and trawling the waters of our great state. My family have worked the waters in and around core sound for many generations. I'm signing to keep their heritage and traditions alive
Linda Tomlinson	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-09	I WANT WILD CAUGHT SHRIMP TO EAT! I will not eat farm raised shrimp fed with excrement that is imported!!!! What r u people thinking????
Diane Pfefferkorn	winston-Salem, NC	2017-01-09	Save our local fishermans jobs!
Elizabeth Abramson	Pinetown, NC	2017-01-09	I'm want to show support for our commercial fishermen and women, I myself have worked on the water. Thus is how my family and friends who work hard all their lives make their money.
Billy Hudgins	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-09	I care about local jobs
Wendi Smith-Gordon	Atlantic, NC	2017-01-09	I'm signing this petition, due to the necessity to sup
Amy Armour	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-09	My family loves eating wild caught shrimp and we depend on it! Please keep our food on the table! We love our local local fishermen too and they need their jobs.
Debra Willis	Gloucester, NC	2017-01-09	You bunch have got to quit making it so hard on our fishermen to make a living for their families and SURVIVE. They're already regulated to death. Keep our heritage and KEEP OUR WATERWAYS OPEN and available to our hard working commercial fishermen.
Jeffrey Conway	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-09	I'm signing because I myself am a commercial fisherman. Not specifically shrimp but shellfish . Just know from living in this area families depend on this resource. North Carolina is the last fresh resource for seafood in the country due to oil spills and pollution. Keep our state working and keep it local not imported
Bob Teseny	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-09	We need to preserve our local waters
Alexis Gervais	Supply, NC	2017-01-09	We need to protect our dying breed.
barbara ward	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-09	Living here has been an AMAZING experience in what seafood is supposed to be like! This town thrives on what is left of shrimping, and can't imagine it's survival without it; much less force these locals and residents to not have their local resources.
Pat Smith	Nashville, NC	2017-01-09	To support our fishermen!
Tina Sevastakis	Browns Mills, NJ	2017-01-09	wild caught fish are a great american resource!
Tari Millis	Springfield, MO	2017-01-09	I spent years married to a commercial fisherman and my sons work in the commercial fishing industry. Their goals are to provide a good life for their families but to also protect this natural resource to the best of their abilities.
Amber Davis	Atlantic, NC	2017-01-09	Commercial fishing has been in my family for MANY years and still is, as well as many other families around my waterfront community. Please don't take away our livelihood and PLEASE save our commercial fishermen!! Thank you!

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j p	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-09	I love eastern NC wild caught fish and shrimp and those that work hard to provide it!
Jody Gatten	Mechanicsburg, PA	2017-01-09	It ridiculous hiwothecrulescand regulations are killing the local fishing industry.
Donald Graham	Wilson, NC	2017-01-09	We grew up here we ought to be able to fish in our own sounds oceans or wherever
Adam Price	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-09	I am a full time commercial fisherman
Debbie Wooden	Lexington, SC	2017-01-09	Why would Anyone want to import poison for their families and friends. You are saying I do not care about you or your health. This has to stop. My grandad and dad were shrimpers. My brother is a shrimper. Don't let this generation of shrimpers be the last. We have to take a stand and preserve our waters, shrimp and seafood. Put a stop to the poisoning of our seafood and our families. EAT FRESH, LOCAL SEAFOOD. PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE.
Margie Romano	Virginia Beach, VA	2017-01-09	We need affordable, USA seafood available to all citizens.
william alligood	washington, NC	2017-01-09	concerned.....
Keia Matrianni	Shelby, NC	2017-01-09	I care about where my food comes from and the livelihood of NC fishermen.
James C. Ogden	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-09	Fishermen need to feed their familys and their workers familys, Truckers need to survive Restaurants need survive so much is at stake here...
Jane Teachey	Rocky Point, NC	2017-01-09	Local fishermen should be allowed to fish where ever they need to.
George Hague	Elizabeth City, NC	2017-01-09	NC Shrimp is safe to eat not overseas!
Susan Garrett	Frisco, NC	2017-01-09	Commercial fishermen feed people. Never met anyone in one of these so-called conservation groups who could say that.
ELLEN CHADWICK	Gloucester, NC	2017-01-09	I love local seafood
Dianne Pake	Smyrna, NC	2017-01-09	I love NC seafood. Never found better seafood in any state. The seafood industry generates a huge amount of revenue and ensures employment for so many. The last thing we need in NC is another industry lost and more folks unemployed. We must strive to do better for our citizens.
David Green	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-09	Managing the state's natural resources is important but restricting a commercial industry and forcing consumers to buy imported products where equivalent restrictions are not required is fool hardy and a travesty.
Mette Tomkins	Pittsboro, NC	2017-01-09	i have supported NCWF in the past but this uninformed ill thought out proposal makes no sense. The facts don't support a need for such a drastic measure, and assuming commercial fishermen are not stewards of their craft is arrogant.
Frances Jones	Hillsborough, NC	2017-01-09	These are hardworking families who have been here for generations. Shrimping is a way of life and it is a part of our culture. I know for a fact how safe our shrimp is as opposed to imported shrimp. Save our local seafood!
Marie Riddick	Warsaw, NC	2017-01-09	I believe in the working watermen and support their hard work
Jo Eure	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-09	I don't want to eat seafood imported from outside the country and prefer not to eat it from outside my area. I live by the ocean and it's ridiculous not to eat from it.
Scarlett Bissette	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-09	Survival of the local fishermen and their families.
Crystal Smith	Goldsboro, NC	2017-01-09	Sneads ferry is home

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Matt Frost	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-09	I'm signing because i come from 4 generations of commercial fisherman. This is my families way of life and income. Shrimp is 85% our business and if you close it you will put thousands of people out of work just in this county alone. No food on tables of good american hard working people. What is it coming to when we want to import the seafood thats right in our backyard. We should even be importing from countrys that dont abide by our same rules and fda standards. But we do.
Ashley Emmers	New Bern, NC	2017-01-09	I think it's ridiculous that tree huggers are attacking the fish industry. They don't mind coming down from Raleigh and sitting around the table and eating all the seafood they can stand, but then go back to Raleigh and viciously attack commercial fishermen.
Doug Shaw	Seneca, SC	2017-01-09	My nephew is a fisherman, my friends I grew up with are fisherman (Oak Island NC) and there is no better seafood than NC seafood!
Lewis Bowles	Durham, NC	2017-01-09	These shrimper families work hard to provide us with fresh seafood. The disinformation from the other side is disgusting. God Bless the fishermen
Carla Gray	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-09	Jobs matter.
Brian Acworth	Hatteras, NC	2017-01-09	This is an extremely important revenue source to the local community. The impacts by destroying this industry would have an defestating effect on both local and statewide economies.
Kevin Eller	King George, VA	2017-01-09	This is one of the back bones of AMERICA it has been done for hundreds of years just as Farming has. People depend on this way of life past down from generations. People have and do this know only this and that's all they want to know. I go to NC any chance I can and I support the people and the fishing industry either by chartering a trip or buy locale seafood because I love it and I know what it means to the people that depend on it to survive.
William Taylor	Atlantic, NC	2017-01-09	Because I support commercial fishing
Ricky Burford	Sophia, NC	2017-01-09	I myself go to Carolina beach and I think we have enough rules and regulations I have been going here all my life and with your rules you are taking away the reasons I go to the beach please consider the sportsmen that enjoy the nc coast
Barbara Walker	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-09	We need to defeat these special interest creeps before they and others like them take all American freedom away!
Nikki Phillips	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-09	Prefer local seafood and distrust the quality of imported seafood products.
Elizabeth Beswick	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-09	Protecting the seafood industry protects jobs as well as our health.
Christene Hitchcock	Durham, NC	2017-01-09	I'm signing this because I support our local fishermen and prefer my seafood to be local.
D'Lynn Kies	Fredericksburg, VA	2017-01-09	I lived in eastern North Carolina my whole life, until 2015. My heart will always be there, we still own a home there and we plan to return there. The local seafood is lifeline for those communities.
Joan Roggs	Davenport, FL	2017-01-09	Support for local
Joann Woodard	Elizabeth City, NC	2017-01-09	Our businesses need local seafood. It is a hallmark of this area
tony cahoon	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-09	Because what some people want for pleasure is hurting others way of living. Fishermns are willing to work with this to decrease bycatch.
Brice Roughton	Virginia Beach, VA	2017-01-09	Food is important, knowing where it comes from is essential.
Julie Dickens	Fuquay Varina, NC	2017-01-09	We should be able to feed our families!
Sam Isenberg	North Beach, MD	2017-01-09	Keep Americans working!!!!!!

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daniel walsh	Havelock, NC	2017-01-09	I am a nc shrimper
JoAnna robinson	wake forest, NC	2017-01-09	I LOVE local shrimp!!
Bryson Cooper	Hertford, NC	2017-01-09	Im not a trawler, but I don't want to see my brother commercial fishermen put out of business, and NC lose a valuable resource.
David Keefe	New Bern, NC	2017-01-09	Keep our people working, not those from off. Our local people who depend upon local fish to provide their living need the waters..
steven kendrick	Austin, TX	2017-01-09	i like fresh seafood
Alexis Gervais	Supply, NC	2017-01-09	#Brunswick catch
Mandy Conlin	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-09	I love fresh local seafood
William Thompson	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-09	I love shrimping and have done it on and off for a long time and will do again soon.
Rodney Kleist	Clements, MD	2017-01-09	Rodney Kleist
Lorraine Veasel	Street, MD	2017-01-09	My son is a shrimper, his lively hood depends on his job!
Eric Henry	Snow Camp, NC	2017-01-09	I support LOCAL. and local seafood businesses !
Mickey Edwards	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-09	Another attempt to destroy the commercial fishing industry in North Carolina...
Marie Metcalf	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-09	For generations my family has made their living off commercial fishing.
Linda Anderson	Dacula, GA	2017-01-09	I want shrimp from USA
Brandon roberson	Hertford, NC	2017-01-09	I'm a commercial fisherman
Catherine McDowell	Boca Raton, FL	2017-01-09	Recreational fisherman need to be regulated not the local commercial trawlers who respect the waters in oder to protect their future
Beverly Spurling	Champion, PA	2017-01-09	No more imported shrimp. Keep shrimping our local waters.
David Peele	Catawba, NC	2017-01-09	I have been a sport fisherman, both fresh and saltwater; inshore and offshore for over 40 years and believe that recreational and commercial fisherman have to work together to maintain and improve our fisheries. I have a son and grandson that are licensed captains, involved in the charter and private Sportfishing community as well as both having commercial fishing licenses. They recognize the need for both groups to protect our valuable resources. If you have ever eaten farm raised shrimp or fish, whether domestic or foreign, you should recognize the need to keep our shrimp industry alive!
Carrie Bristow	Carrollton, VA	2017-01-09	We own a home on Roanoke Island and buy all of our seafood from Wanchese, NC. We refuse to eat shrimp from overseas countries when it grows right out our bawk door!
Ron Hritz	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-09	Shrimp is important to our economy
Nicole Ralph	Elizabeth City, NC	2017-01-09	We must support our commercial fishermen
Patti Dewasthali	Exton, PA	2017-01-09	I support local shrimping. I just read an article that shrimp imported from other countries is injected at times.
Willis W. ("Bill") Apple	Kernersville, NC	2017-01-09	The law office of Willis W. Apple, P.A. will be closed on Monday, January 9, 2017, to protect the safety of our staff from having to navigate icy roads. We will look forward to seeing and hearing from you on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 9:00 a,m,l
Herman Kirby	Brightwood, VA	2017-01-09	We are willing to drive 200 miles to get Carolina shrimp. Refuse to eat the garbage imported from many places
Cyrithia Kalonji	Manteo, NC	2017-01-09	The fisherman needs to meet his family needs with food and money. Sale to the retailer so we can eat and our family's all so the retailer family and some prefect.

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JOAN BERG	FRISCO, NC	2017-01-09	I support local shrimp and seafood. At least I know where it comes from. Do not add any more restrictions.
Donna Tompkins	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-09	The shrimp here is the best!
Jennifer Parker	Leland, NC	2017-01-09	I grew up in a fishing family
Kayla Howard	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-09	This is bogus bullshit that these people who have no idea how hard it is to make a living on the water want to take away a natural North Carolina resources been around for centuries not caring about how to affects others
Lauren Bratton	Salem, VA	2017-01-09	This is important for the community
Elizabeth Wiegand	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-09	AS a board member of NC Catch, I am concerned that the changes proposed are too restrictive and based on skewered information.
Mary Cartwright	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-09	It's not right to take away fresh seafood from people and take jobs away from commercial fisher men. My father was a commercial fisher man for over 40 years. I still have family that commercial fishing is the way they make a living for their family. They sacrifice everyday to bring fresh seafood home to make money. GOD BLESSS THEM ALL!!!! Thanks to all the commercial fishermen out there!!
Susan Dayton	Saxapahaw, NC	2017-01-09	I am a resident of Ocracoke, NC, and I believe in our fishermen and local catch and eating nutritious local seafood. Together we make a stronger community! FISH LOCAL. EAT LOCAL. NO DRILL!!!!!!!
harry Brogdon	Newport, NC	2017-01-09	shrimp should not be put on our can.t fish list !!
Bruce Archer	Herndon, VA	2017-01-09	I'm signing because our ways of life are not just being compromised, but lost altogether. Need I say more?
Bruce Rollins	Mocksville, NC	2017-01-09	Our coastal families need to continue to carry on family fishing and shrimping business on our NC coast.
Amanda Sloan	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-09	Sneads Ferry Fishermen & their families are wonderful people. Their lives are hard enough. I also value local seafood. (I am not a permanent Sneads Ferry dweller; not from here) I have travelled to China, its very dirty (sorry to be offensive but it's true) and I don't want ANY Food grown over there or India. Why would we hurt our OWN COUNTRY? I think fishermen know better than some guy in an office how to care for baby shrimp & fish because THEIR LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS ON THEIR HEALTH & continuity.
Rlta Stevens	Atlantic Beach, NC	2017-01-09	Love local seafood and wish to keep this important commerce ongoing in Carteret County.
Kathryn Morris	Greensboro, NC	2017-01-09	I only buy and eat NC shrimp!
Dawn Buckalew	Manteo, NC	2017-01-09	This is just crazy....someone in governments hands are being greased by the CCA to put commercial fishermen out of business
Crystal Applegate	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-10	We want fresh seafood. We have a right to fish the waters that have been fished for generations. Fresh is ALWAYS better!
Shannon Harris	Atlantic, NC	2017-01-10	I love eating local wild caught shrimp!
janet chadwick	marshallberg, Russian Federation	2017-01-10	My family have been commercial fisherman for generations.
David Mokotoff	Saint Petersburg, FL	2017-01-10	I believe in importing as little fish and seafood as possible
Michelle Harrell	Kelford, NC	2017-01-10	I eat & love seafood in NC & I'm thankful to the fisherman that go catch it so I can eat it.
Elizabeth Dennison	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-10	Heritage preservation of our local area depends on fisherman and shrimp ingredients etc. Our economy has already lost so much and this would devastate it further.

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Dean Smith	Newport, NC	2017-01-10	The locals are doing all they can to support the resources while trying to make a living.
philippe thompson	Carolina Beach, NC	2017-01-10	I'm signing because it is very important commercial fishermen shrimpers to be allowed to do this in order to make a living in our community. This is an industry which is losing its grips with the local people within the community it's taking away an ability to make a living
Jason Wells	Washington, NC	2017-01-10	I believe in the commercial fishing industry
Stephen Sneed	Carolina Beach, NC	2017-01-10	Stephen Sneed
Bryan Simpson	Beaeton, VA	2017-01-10	I believe in the heritage of our fishermen and detest the government ruling on our fisheries w no baseline to do so.
Renee Abrams	Hubert, NC	2017-01-10	Without our local fisherman seafood towns like mine would be just a thing of the past. This is a way of life!!!
kenneth powell	Belhaven, NC	2017-01-10	Commercial Fisherman that doesn't like imported shrimp
Tracey Allen	Greenville, NC	2017-01-10	I want local seafood....we live in a coastal state and should have access to it
Martha Coe	Atlantic, NC	2017-01-10	Keep sounds open. Eat local seafood!
Denise Daniels	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-10	I live in a small fishing community.
Doug West	Chestertown, MD	2017-01-10	Shrimp are the life blood of these waterman! Please do all you can to support them!
Robert Alexander	Royal Oak, MD	2017-01-10	I support North Carolina and east coast watermen and their contributions to our health and economy
gloria fain	wilmington, NC	2017-01-10	because I am a commercial fisherman
Robert Turner	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-10	Growing up at the beach fresh seafood meant jobs
Betty Beebe	Baltimore, MD	2017-01-10	I stopped buying shrimp because it was imported, I don't trust it. I do support our east coast watermen. Buy local.
KIMBERLY Overby	williston, NC	2017-01-10	Support NC commercial fisherman and fewer regulations. We are ruining our commerical fisherman in NC. We need Pres.Trump to interven.
Alan Chaplaski	Stonington, CT	2017-01-10	love fresh shrimp.
Michael sellers	Ladson, SC	2017-01-10	I live in Wilmington and my family shrimps inshore!!
Dallas Goodwin	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-10	I'm signing because I believe in protecting the ability of the commercial fishermen to provide for himself and his family.
Rosa Perrien	Havelock, NC	2017-01-10	I believe in our Local Business and support them 100%
Joy Oconnor	Brooklyn, NY	2017-01-10	My son dont eat chicken ,beef,pork, lamb etc but he love Shrimp and fish
Steph Wrenn	Vanceboro, NC	2017-01-10	I love my fisherman
Meghan Dorn	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-10	I am native to eastern nc. This is the way of life around here.
Phyllis Pardee	New Bern, NC	2017-01-10	I'm signing because I think this is just wrong.
Patricia Duffy	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-10	I want this local Industry and way of life to continue. I want to continue eating fresh caught seafood not what is imported and farm raised
Ronald Terry	Cofield, NC	2017-01-10	Keep local seafood and keep our fishermend workig
Lisa Daniels	Cedar Island, NC	2017-01-10	I refuse to eat imported seafood! Quit trying to destroy a dying breed...the commercial fisherman.
james hunnings	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-10	We need to keep our wild fisheries. Imported and farm raised seafood is horrible.
Zoe Custer	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-10	Local commercial fishing us a heritage t hat also supports many families and communitis with jobs and food.

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jackie taylor	kenly, NC	2017-01-10	Family fish there.
Bonnie Leonard	Shallotte, NC	2017-01-10	Friends don't let friends eat imported shrimp!
Ann Robertson	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-10	As a lifelong coastal North Carolina resident, and the daughter of a shrimper, I'm concerned with how this will affect the economy of our state.
Jared ONeal	Cape May Court House, NJ	2017-01-10	I love eating fresh NC Shrimp!
talmadge hudgeins	Oriental, NC	2017-01-10	I'm a fisherman
Lynda Wood	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-10	I'm signing because I want to know where my food comes from. I believe in buying local. We were a healthier nation when we shopped local and supported our local businesses. US fishermen matter. They are the farmers of the sea. Please support them. Thank you.
Jenny Brunick	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-10	Brother~N~Law is a shrimper.
Bait Barge Bait Barge	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-10	I want to save the fishing. And . Shrimping in NC because it has been a dying traditional industry
Paula Brown	Apex, NC	2017-01-10	Shrimping is essential to the economy of the east coast. It's plentiful and so much better in every way than the imported shrimp. NC shrimp is all I serve.
derrick ipock	New Bern, NC	2017-01-10	I believe in supporting our local fishermen and protecting our local seafood.. I do not want to be forced to eat imported seafood that has who knows what pumped into it from countries that are trying to kill us. Do not make it impossible for someone to make an honest living of of the land.
Janice Midgett	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-10	My husband and children have shrimped each summer some 40 years. Only small families and some of the most precious memories of my life. I am sick to my ears of people like this group that are constantly trying to destroy anything they do not agree with before they know the truth. They should never be allowed to eat another shrimp.
Thomas Yadao	Waipahu, HI	2017-01-10	I believe hard working Americans are the glue to the stability of our economy and blatant lies and false information should not dismantle an industry. Buy American.
Opal Beasley	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-10	Laws made by fabricated information have hurt the fishing industry for many years. If the time and effort of these anti-commercial groups were used on ways to keep our oceans and waterways pollution free our seafood industry would thrive on its own.
Susan Myers	Catonsville, MD	2017-01-10	I am signing because, despite my FB address, I live here in Shrimp Country - I watch people work hard, follow the rules and do their best to keep our fisheries alive and well. Please come look at their operations - you will see that they are amazing people doing almost the impossible job, and yet, bringing home shrimp and other seafood to feed America - this is not the nasty farm grown garbage from Asia and other foreign markets, and this industry supports real Americans. Come get the data - you will be amazed...and yes I am also an environmentalist - and believe in conservation. You can have both with proper management. Thank you
Richard Henneberry	Washington, DC	2017-01-10	I love NC seafood!
lewis willie	Newport, NC	2017-01-10	willie f.lewis
Rom Spencer	Engelhard, NC	2017-01-10	The seafood industry impacts the lives of many people in Hyde County and needs encouragement not more regulations.
Nicole Martin	Millsboro, DE	2017-01-10	I believe we need to keep our commercial fishermen employed and keep the imports out.

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Robert Snover	La Junta, CO	2017-01-10	I raised my children fishing those waters, I've worked a couple of commercial vessels that provided food and income for my family. Losing this resource would devastate Coastal Carolina.
Jim Persing, Jr	Halethorpe, MD	2017-01-10	I'm signing because I sell & eat fresh NC Shrimp. Let the Shrimpers keep there jobs all year. Do not shut down the waterways. Thank you.
Thomas Parker	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-10	It is past time to stand up for our rights.
Reece Newman	Manteo, NC	2017-01-10	Fishermen feed us, always have.
Phyllis Jacobs	New Bern, NC	2017-01-10	Not having to eat imported shrimp and keeping the local fisherman in buisness.
Jennifer LePage	Charleston, SC	2017-01-10	We must protect our local waterman, our families livelihood, and commercial fishing in NC
Sherry Celesia	Kitty Hawk, NC	2017-01-10	We want local seafood (shrimp), not some imported from China or Malaysia! It's healthier and cleaner!
nicholas wolosuk	buxton, NC	2017-01-10	I run a retail seafood shop and local shrimp is my number one seller. Flounder has been taken from us for the three summers, when does this overreagulating stop. Our guest want local fresh seafood not seafood from china.
Benjamin Stanley	Carolina Beach, NC	2017-01-10	I grew up here and our shrimp should should stay local so people have work to
Barbara Taylor	Marshallberg, NC	2017-01-10	Commercial fishing interests.
Jo Ann Spencer	Engelhard, NC	2017-01-10	I currently live in a small fishing community and without this ability as we know it today, this community would dry up and die. Small communtities such as these are what make up North Carolina and continue to bring many people to our state year after year.
Robert Ross	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-10	I care about our local fishermen and women.
Jon Steeves	Manteo, NC	2017-01-10	We depend on the shrimp industry to continue our operations In Wanchese NC. if this were to go into affect it would result in the loss of hundreds of jobs with us both full time, part time and contract labor. We should be supporting US product and not relying on the import of an inferior product from Asia. We are interested in investing and growing our operations, however if NC does not wish to support business and local product and fisherman there are other states that will.
Duncan Clark	Delaplane, VA	2017-01-10	The food is better locally caught.
peter j marziale	midlothian, VA	2017-01-10	I want to keep Americans working, support my community.. And I just love to eat their catch!!!
Jessica Kross	Fort Lauderdale, FL	2017-01-10	Commercial fishing, tourism, hotels, the fishing families, the coastal businesses and livelihood depends on this income as does the income make a Billion dollar difference for the entire state. Don't MESS with this. All those connected to this business will have to get Government assistance - if there even IS any or they will all lose their families long heritage and history and no one will have safe shrimp to eat. Don't be short sighted - Stop this from happening! WE Don't WANT imported, antibiotic filled, farm raised Shrimp or Fish, Its NO GOOD! Why do this to our American workers, families and the economy of North Carolina??
Mitch Pruitt	Wake Forest, NC	2017-01-10	We need to keep it NC Local
Sandra Kellum	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-10	I live in coastal Carteret County and the down east area in particular is dependent on fisheries. Also, there is no better food for consumers than fresh seafood.
Rosemary Johnson	Swan Quarter, NC	2017-01-10	I grew up on the NC coast and have enjoyed NC shrimp all my life.

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Ashley Moore	Apex, NC	2017-01-10	I love local NC shrimp and the people who fish them!
Deborah Ralston	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-10	Although I am vegan for 30 years, I believe trawling is an important economic activity to the outer banks of NC and the sound area. These people know about conservation and the balance of nature because it is their life!
Deborah Pruitt	Oak Island, NC	2017-01-10	My favorite seafood is shrimp. My favorite place to eat shrimp is North Carolina's coastal towns. And let's restore our fishermen's future!
Carrie Eckert	Granada Hills, CA	2017-01-10	I have not eating shrimp in ages because I can't find any made in the USA. I will not eat shrimp from India, Vietnam or other unclean farming areas.
Jamie Raynor	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-10	I grew up on a commercial fisherman's income. Sometimes even under the best of circumstances times are tough. Taking any amount of waters to fish could be traumatic to their livelihood! There are a lot of these guys that have done this their whole lives and know nothing else.
Mae Davis	Bath, NC	2017-01-10	Local is always better. You know where your food is coming from, many times you know the person it is coming from and the additives it does not have that can kill you. Our local fisherman have almost been driven to extinction by regulations. Leave them alone and let them support their families. I don't want fish from overseas! Do You?
Pamela Bordeaux	Pink Hill, NC	2017-01-10	I was born and raised around the fishing boats in Pamlico County and I support them 100%.
Audra Goodwin	Atlantic, NC	2017-01-10	My husband, brothers, father, and grandfather are all NC shrimpers!
William Chamblee	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-10	Stop impeding commercial fishermen from making a decent living.
Kathy Sparrow	Manteo, NC	2017-01-10	I'm signing because this has become a fight I want to see the little guy win.
Tim Richards	Harpwell, ME	2017-01-10	I'm in support of our commercial fishermen
Mary Schillings	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-10	I support Commercial Fishing!
Charlotte McLaughlin	Cumming, GA	2017-01-10	Because of the love of seafood
Larris Tolson	Frisco, NC	2017-01-10	I believe our commercial fishing industry needs our help to remain viable!
Dee Walter	Auburndale, FL	2017-01-10	This is so important to people HERE in the USA. There's more health checks in USA than importing.
Ross Butler	Suffolk, VA	2017-01-10	I make my living from the coastal fisheries.
Marjorie Watson	Townsend, GA	2017-01-10	Because my family are shrimper here in Georgia. And it won't be long before some dumb person will try it here.
Susan Lusse	Littleton, NC	2017-01-10	I'm signing because I love our local fish especially shrimp!
Sara Watson	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-10	Daughter of a shrimper.
Stephen Daniels	Sealevel, NC	2017-01-10	palmico sound has been a source of income since i was 13 years old I'm only 20 now that's nothing compared too some that have been going for half a century or longer. My light's will be cut off my way of life will be took from me and many others.
Maria Wood	Greenwood, IN	2017-01-10	My family have been commercial fisherman for many generations. We need to be able to continue without these crazy regulations.
Faye Daniels	Statesville, NC	2017-01-10	It's the right thing to do.
Veronica Taylor	Englewood, TN	2017-01-10	I came from a family of commercial fishermen, it is our heritage. Please leave them alone!! Y'all already have way to many regulations now. It's all they can do to feed their families, it's their way of life..No More Regulations!!!
Joey Daniels	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-10	When we allow special interests to regulate one species where does it end? The petition the southern environmental law firm is pushing is a blatant attempt to circumvent established fishery management protocol.

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sonni minton	Greenville, NC	2017-01-10	My family and hometown would be impacted greatly.
Mark Jones	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-10	I support local fishing
Keith Hess	Frisco, NC	2017-01-10	Local in a coastal community -against imported seafood
N A	Broomfield, CO	2017-01-10	Support our fisheries!
Kaitlyn Midgett	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-10	I'm signing this petition because... -my family will not be eating farm raised, imported shrimp raised in deplorable conditions that have been injected with filler byproduct unsafe for consumption. - my family will not lose their heritage in this industry - my community will not suffer the financial atrocity guaranteed to occur if we were to lose this industry. It is our heritage, our income, and our way of life. This legislation will have directly negative effects on my family- our livelihoods, our health, and our heritage is at stake here.
Ilene Garvey	Hatteras, NC	2017-01-10	This keeps good seafood on our tables, not the horrible things from outside our area. This also keeps fishermen and women employed!
Rob Westergard	Garner, NC	2017-01-10	Because I love local shrimp!!!
Dallas Daniels	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-10	People have no idea how essentially shutting down the NC shrimp industry would not only cripple the entire coast, but the economic effects would ripple throughout our entire state economy. We're in the midst of the best shrimp most of us will ever see in our lifetimes, none of that would be possible if foolishness such is what's on the table, was to get passed.
christine godwin	Manteo, NC	2017-01-10	Local Shrimp the best ever!!!!
Bonney Brown	Jackson, LA	2017-01-10	I want local fish and local economy.
Patricia Newman	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-10	I come from 9 generations of commercial fishermen. My sons are probably the last generation to make a living at it. Regulations are putting them out of business.
Sky Guthrie	Anacortes, WA	2017-01-10	I support the preservation of local and national fisheries.
Sarah Billington	Petersburg, AK	2017-01-10	keep it local
Jon Gross	Seattle, WA	2017-01-10	We need the fish and keep the jobs in NC
Joseph Greinier	Seattle, WA	2017-01-10	Born and raised in the fishing industry and know first hand the economical struggles fishing families face when their livelihoods are threatened and or taken from them.
tim schmidt	Homer, AK	2017-01-10	tim schmidt
Jake Knutzen	Seattle, WA	2017-01-10	I like sustainable shellfish on the east coast of the US and don't want to see it go away.

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Joe Elms	Manteo, NC	2017-01-10	Commercial fishing is a way of life and the foundation of this community and many others. This shrimp season is a phenomenon that only happens once in a lifetime. Most years are an ongoing struggle for these guys, just covering fuel or making little money for the week. They deserve this fluke year and the money it provides for their families. This is the only reason the government is trying to put a stop to it. MONEY! And it never happens like it has this year. Everyone need to look at the big picture and stop letting political pull and tree huggers dictate our community. The people who are responsible for these absurd proposals haven't the first clue about the life cycle, food chain, or commercial fishing in general. If they would work in our shoes for a short time things would be so much different. They would understand 75% of these regulations are completely inaccurate and have no basis.
Kevin Bright	Anacortes, WA	2017-01-10	I'm for protecting working waterfront jobs and related fisheries.
Andrew CARR	Seattle, WA	2017-01-10	I am an employee of a fishing company and Chief Engineer
Chad Alligood	Charlotte, NC	2017-01-10	This regulation is loosely based with no real evidence to shut down the commercial fisheries!
James Fletcher	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-10	Water quality needs attention instead of shrimp trawling. Read NATIONAL COASTAL CONDITION REPORT AS TO WATER QUALITY!
Brantley Norris	Lamar, SC	2017-01-10	I have friends who r commercial fishermen n I jus love eating the damn things □
LISA Mozdy	Manteo, NC	2017-01-10	I am all for saving and supporting local jobs and fisheries
Ann Platt	Harrisville, WV	2017-01-10	I love seafood but will not eat any that is not processed in the United states
Tina Valenta	Seattle, WA	2017-01-10	We need to find better ways to keep our fisheries sustainable while preserving US jobs and providing our citizens with regulated and inspected local seafood, not imported products that are inferior from other countries. Nurseries are an excellent idea , but not when it closes the entire coast to local fisheries. A balance needs to be found. Thank you!
Sandra Austin	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-10	In business selling local seafood.shrimp best seller need fresh
Phyllis Bick	Smithfield, VA	2017-01-10	I love seafood
Laura Death	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-10	Fresh Local Shrimp are a very important part of our local coastal economy. It provides many jobs and is a local, sustainable part of a healthy diet.
Sandra Dupont	Falling Waters, WV	2017-01-10	We only buy wild caught shrimp from US and would never buy seafood from out of the country. Please don't take this away from Americans people and it would cause so many fisherman and business owners to lose their jobs.
Betty Edwards	South Hill, VA	2017-01-10	I don't eat imported seafood.
Kenneth Midgett	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-10	Commercial fishing isn't just a job, it's a way of life.
Robert Anderson	Babylon, NY	2017-01-10	I care!
Shella Golden	Stumpy Point, NC	2017-01-10	I grew up a Commercial Fishermans daughter and I know how many people these new laws would affect...If I thought that there was any truth to what the petition says but the reasons and the amounts in it are an out an out lie. It is real hard for a commercial fisherman to believe something when he has seen the exact opposite with his own eyes.....
Wanda Berry	Fairfield, NC	2017-01-10	I love Shrimp and my Seafood industries !!! I do not want to lose any of our seafood businesses !!!
Alex Clark	Lexington, VA	2017-01-10	Buy American 100%
Sandra Strychowski	Manassas, VA	2017-01-10	I'm signing this because we need to stop importing seafood from other countries. Local Catch Only

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Jason Hvizdak	Jamestown, RI	2017-01-10	I want American people to support American fisherman. I want people to eat healthy, safe seafood. I want people to understand where our food comes from.
Teresa McDonnell	Greenville, VA	2017-01-10	I refuse to buy imported seafood. We have plenty of our own coastal waters to provide the American public with fresh, safe seafood.
Melissa Scarborough	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-10	I am signing because we love to shrimp and we love our LOCAL shrimp!!!
James Modlin	Williamston, NC	2017-01-11	I'm signing because I support local fishermen and love NC seafood.
ben rider	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-11	Fresh NC seafood is the BEST!!!
Rita Chiariello	Twin Lakes, WI	2017-01-11	Keep it in the US
Trude Wyrick	New Albany, OH	2017-01-11	I have spent many years in the outer banks. The people there rely on the ocean and it's bounty for their livelihood. We enjoy the local seafood. If it's not broke, don't mess with it. The island way has worked for centuries.
Lauren Taylor	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-11	My boufriend and i shrimp on a small scale and it affects our income i cant imagine what the big guys and gals need to keep their lights on or their little girls in dance. Plus nc shrimp are the best!!!
Tim Sughrue	Jessup, MD	2017-01-11	I know first hand how important the NC shrimp industry is
Denise Wade	Waynesboro, VA	2017-01-11	Denise Wade
Meldine Lee	Manteo, NC	2017-01-11	Why do we keep trying to tie the hands of hard working fishing families. This is another example of people making decisions without any idea of what they are doing and the negative repercussions of these decisions to the hard working people of our community.
Tori Daniels	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-11	I'm signing this because fishing, shrimping etc...is our heritage, our livelihood. And it's ludicrous for some strange woman, who has no earthly idea what she's talking about, single handedly destroy the livelihoods of so many fisherman who are already regulated to death! I and my husband have witnessed first hand the shrimp nets and they are full of shrimp, not fish! What a blessing for our fishermen to have such a bountiful shrimp season!
Wanda Plemmons	Marion, NC	2017-01-11	We purchase shrimp from local shrimpers and love knowing who caught our food and that is free from any preservatives
Kim Hockenbury	Harveys Lake, PA	2017-01-11	WE have a home in Avon NC and we love the Fresh Shrimp!!! Fisherman and their families depend on their catches!!!
Earlene Mayan	Felton, DE	2017-01-11	Keep our shrimp consumption local and safe. Keep our fisherman employed. It is our duty as Americans to support our fishermen.
Michael Earls	Lansing, MI	2017-01-11	I own a condo in north Topsail beach. Believe in the fishing communities in the area.
Sylvia Noe	Newport, NC	2017-01-11	I am signing because it is our history, our heritage, our past, our present, our future. It is away of life, and an industry that has supported our family's for generations back and should be aloud to support our future generations. Yes it has taken family members and friends, but so has other industries. Are they going to ban the military, dredging, the D.OT., first responders, welders, carpenters; ect. I grew up eating local seafood until I developed an allergic reaction to shell fish. But I still purchase local seafood not importanted seafood for my family.
Chris Thorson	Jarvisburg, NC	2017-01-11	I believe in keeping it local!
Allie Harper	Tuscaloosa, AL	2017-01-11	To support the local fishermen who are trying to make a living to take care of their family
Daniel Dunchak	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-11	

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cherry rhodes	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-11	this is why our fisherman families are having a hard time of having an income, because of imported foods. We have our own waters here so let's support it.
Mary Simmons	Moyock, NC	2017-01-11	I do not want to eat shrimp imported thousands of miles. I want to support the shrimpers in NC, so I can help them support their families, and I can eat locally harvested food.
Lee Bowen Muckenfuss	Ash, NC	2017-01-11	This is stupid. Taking food off the tables of hard working people that have done this all of their lives!
Sandy Midgett	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-11	Commercial fishing and shrimping is our heritage, our livelihood, our life.
Rosalie Lusher	Prichard, WV	2017-01-11	I LOVE NC SEAFOOD!!!
barbara antosh	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-11	Keep it local
Tim Raines	Lecanto, FL	2017-01-11	I am a commercial fisherman and people need to know.
Makalah Cribb	Manteo, NC	2017-01-11	I live in one of the most incredible places for fishing and to have an opportunity for our fisherman to keep providing food for our community, I'll support all the way.
Carmen Allen	Charlotte, NC	2017-01-11	We need local seafood!
Camilla Piercy	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-11	This is families support system!
mike nelson	Port Orange, FL	2017-01-11	I'm signing because something needs to be done to limit the regulations on this industry. It's happening all over the US.
Jamie Hines	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-11	We need local seafood
Peter Mallock	Machiasport, ME	2017-01-11	"you can do a lot with shrimp!"
Scott White	Salvo, NC	2017-01-11	Despite not being a commercial fisherman I love shrimp, especially local caught. I am from Hatteras Island and I have seen how pointless rules and regulations have hurt the local fisherman. Commercial fisherman are a firing breed on the Outer Banks and this would only further compromise the future of commercial fishing even more.
Jeff Corbett	Clayton, NC	2017-01-11	I do not want to and WILL NOT eat imported shrimp!! It isn't SAFE!!
Paula Meekins	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-11	I am a seventh generation commercial fisherman from Dare Co. our shrimp are bountiful and delicious bcuz they are not over-managed.
Paul Jones	Huntingtown, MD	2017-01-11	This is a bad rule.
Adam Wilkerson	Evington, VA	2017-01-11	I want to keep jobs in nc
Travis Pask	Jamestown, SC	2017-01-11	I'm a shrimp and it my way of living for my family
Donnie Lewis	Newport, NC	2017-01-11	I am a Comm. Shrimper
Greg Thompson	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-11	Because it is my heritage! No one want to eat shrimp from farms with more chemicals than cigarettes!
Dawn Pearson	Mechanicsville, VA	2017-01-11	Imported seafood is substandard
jerry spivey	Jamestown, SC	2017-01-11	im a shrimper and thats how i souport my family
Alphonso Henries	New Bern, NC	2017-01-11	The sound being open to trawling helps to maintain my job and others jobs around me. Trawling in the Pamlico Sound provides many jobs around.
Sheila Tyler	Moyock, NC	2017-01-11	Because I have had foreign seafood and almost died. Spent 5 days in a 3rd world hospital and that was no picnic...
Deborah Favinger	Orwigsburg, PA	2017-01-11	I lived in NC for 7 years. I love Seafood and want it to continue to be from our coasts. I am also tired of the government letting big seafood companies for other nation fish our waters while the Fishermen just trying to make a living and feed his/her family is regulated out of the industry. This is another attempt by the government to make everyone dependent on the government.

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Utley Stallings	Havelock, NC	2017-01-11	We need to keep the shrimping and fishing open to keep fresh NC seafood on the tables in our local restaurants and homes.
Karen Dailey	Seattle, WA	2017-01-11	Keep jobs in US
Amanda Collins	Darien, GA	2017-01-11	My dad Capt Marty Collins has been a fisherman all his life. Since he was 15 years old. That is how he provided for his family and still does. He shrimps the whole East Coast. This will devastates not only our family but a bunch of others. Shrimping is a way of life. They not only have so many regulations put on them they have to abide by but now your wanting to take there shrimping grounds. This is very sad that u don't care more about the people and the sickness that's going to occur if u only support the pond raised Shrimp.
Clarissa Middlebrooks	Senoia, GA	2017-01-11	We deserve fresh local grown shrimp, straight from Capt. Marty Collins' boat.
Kevin Daniels	Elizabeth City, NC	2017-01-11	This is an ill conceived plan not based on any science.
Emilie Sperl	Petersburg, AK	2017-01-11	I live in a small fishing town in Alaska (born and raised) and grew up beam trawling for shrimp and trolling for salmon. Our fisheries are well managed to protect brood stock and still allow us to participate in the industry and bring fresh local product to the market. I don't see any legitimate environmental concern to back up the proposed closing of the fisheries in the areas, therefore my vote goes to support the local economy and traditional industry of the region
Ryan Speckman	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-11	because decreasing access to our state's resources is a losing proposition for the citizens of this state
Rosanne Penley	Morganton, NC	2017-01-11	I support the fishing families' rights to continue their work without government interference!
Sewell Crismanm	McClellanville, SC	2017-01-11	I will not eat imported shrimp. We cannot lose this industry
GRIFFIN JONATHAN	Davis, NC	2017-01-11	HAVING GROWN UP ON HARKERS ISLAND AND SEEING THE STRUGGLES OF COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, I HOPE REGULATORS WILL NOT FURTHER THEIR HARDSHIP IN PRESSING AND PUSHING OVER REACHING REGULATIONS.
William Slayton	Summerfield, NC	2017-01-11	I love NC shrimp. Imported seafood is not usually healthy.
Christy Paul	Davis, NC	2017-01-11	Commercial fishing of all types has a huge target on it. This would be one step closer to destroying coastal heritage and a way of life for so many.
Frank Swiatek	Columbus, OH	2017-01-11	The Outer Banks is a vacation spots for me twice a year. Part of the allure is the local seafood. If you take that away, then why would I go to the coast there when I can get local seafood in South Carolina?
Peggy Page	Hobucken, NC	2017-01-11	I love catching, buying and eating fresh local seafood. It's why I live where I do and I also work for NC Fisheries Association and know how misrepresented the commercial fishing industry is in the state. Originally from Florida and saw what happened to the local fishing industry there.
Diane Hayes	Efland, NC	2017-01-11	I have dep concerns about imported fish/shrimp. While I support measures to ensure that shrimp remain plentiful, I am also a supporter of local seafood and the economy it supports. Please help us keep NC shrimping a thriving commodity. Thank you! Diane

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June Hackney	Wilson, NC	2017-01-11	I only want local shrimp. The coastal economy will be severely affected in a negative way if these proposals pass. Greed has taken hold of NC...tourism is all they care about.
Theresa smith	Fayetteville, NC	2017-01-11	My nephew and his family depend on fishing NC waters for their primary income.
Dean Cooley	Easton, PA	2017-01-11	I want to support the local shrimpers and I enjoy local shrimp
Kathryn Schreier	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-11	I care about our local businesses and the quality of the seafood we eat.
Zeb Johnston	Apex, NC	2017-01-11	I believe our rules in place are enough.
Doug Eyes	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-11	It's Got To Be NCI Let's keep it that way...
Glenn Tucker	Burlington, NC	2017-01-11	I support local businesses and local products on my family's table.
John Cidlowski	Harkers Island, NC	2017-01-11	John A. Cidlowski
Joann Wooten	Rocky Mount, NC	2017-01-11	I really think this should not be an issue at all. It is unfair.
Cindy Marion	Yadkinville, NC	2017-01-11	I am a supporter of N.C. products and i work in the food industry. I know that the inspection of imported seafood is a food safety hazard.
Brenda Miller	Edinburg, VA	2017-01-11	I believe we should keep our food local and provide Americans with jobs!
Travis Baily	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-11	I Vote
Denise Pope	Harkers Island, NC	2017-01-11	I'm signing to support our tasty seafood and local fisherman.
Tammie Crocker	Apollo, PA	2017-01-11	I'm supporting the NC shrimp industry and access to shrimp for myself from our own shores
Emilie Holloway	Garner, NC	2017-01-11	I'm signing because I was Born and Raised Off of The Seafood Industry and To Keep Local Seafood Protected, Jobs, Safety of The Seafood (Shrimp) that we eat, Jobs and People's Livelihood.
Jean Kraus	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-11	NC seafood is the best future for NC
Diane Stallings	Walstonburg, NC	2017-01-11	Im signing because I want to keep shrimper folks in business, to make a living!!!!
jessica Hatcher	Chinquapin, NC	2017-01-11	Fishing is a way of life for many on the coast and is their livelihood. Not to mention local seafood is much better than imported. Support our local commercial fishermen, their communities, and their families!
steve culpepper	southern shores, NC	2017-01-11	quit the war on fishermen
Jason Gray	Cary, NC	2017-01-11	I like local seafood, and I respect the hard work and risk that commercial fisherman take to put it on my table.
Levi Beveridge	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-11	Bad move for people in N C
Juda Leisenring	Gettysburg, PA	2017-01-11	I want quality seafood from our Atlantic viast fisherman!!!
Janice Davis	Sealevel, NC	2017-01-11	Our Country needs fresh seafood! We need our historic fishing communities to continue to produce fresh seafood, and to expand their operations. Regulations on fishing are already causing our Coastal communities to disappear!
herman gruninger	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-11	i run a seafood restaurant that only serves n.c. seafood and would destroy this business
Stanley J Jay	Garner, NC	2017-01-11	I just like local SHRIMP and seafood. Don't like farm raised or foreign shrimp.
Sylvia Kirk	Aydlett, NC	2017-01-11	I want to continue to support our commercial fishermen in NC.
annette jay	Garner, NC	2017-01-11	I want quality seafood from nc
Tom Eriksen	SOUTH HERO, VT	2017-01-11	There is nothing like fresh seafood.

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James Davis	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-11	Commercial fishing supports our local businesses and families in more ways than we can list here. I won't serve or consume anything that wasn't caught by our local fisherman or the like while in other coastal communities.
jerry simpson	Waxhaw, NC	2017-01-11	the over reach is ridiculous! Commercial and recreational fishing is under attack and must be countered! Eat Local!!
Jennifer Campbell	Tybee Island, GA	2017-01-11	I live on the coast!!
meryl flynn	Maiden, NC	2017-01-11	I love shrimp
Shawn Shanholtzer	Manteo, NC	2017-01-11	I love our local seafood.
N A	McClellanville, SC	2017-01-11	I like Shrimp
Clammerhead Cessna	Smyrna, NC	2017-01-11	It's the right thing to do.
Lauren Rimmer	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-11	I am a 3rd generation commercial fishermen and I love what I do and would like to keep doing it.
Janeen Russell	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-11	We have to support our local industry and fight imported, tainted foreign fish that are not regulated by our standards.
Ardith Gillispie	Sealevel, NC	2017-01-11	Down East is already economically depressed. Real estate value has dropped, many families have or will move away as there is no viable living to be made in that area. Fishing is all many of these families know and their families have been doing it for generations. This seems like it would only cause more serious problems than it would solve. Work with the people who know the business and come to some sensible resolution!
Benjamin Casey	Arapahoe, NC	2017-01-11	Balance and reason must be applied in creating policies regarding commercial fishing. With so many local fishermen working as independent businessmen, it is hard for them to have a lobby to fight for justice against larger, global corporations making mega profits on imported seafood that is far below the standards of quality of local seafood.
Ronald Schwitz	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-11	I believe in the Local businesses, and fishing families that need the NC Shrimp as a source of income and provide for this catch to our local communities and stop the other shrimp from coming into this country that can cause people to get sick and devastate our economy.
Lauren Johnson	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-11	I support commercial fishing!
Dykeman Baily	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-11	I support commercial fishing. Further, I have yet to see "science" confirming negative impacts as the result of utilizing commercial gear such as trawling. Finally, I very much enjoy eating locally caught seafood.
Jon Henry	Atlantic Beach, NC	2017-01-11	I have grown up eating and harvesting in these water and believe it should not change.
Jim Allen	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-11	I see how the commercial fishing industry in North Carolina is struggling now
Matthew Hamric	Winnabow, NC	2017-01-11	It's important
Rudy Taitague	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-11	I have a lot of friends that make a living off our waters.
Mary Green	Southport, NC	2017-01-11	I do not believe secondary nursery areas are required in NCI Do not pass any additional regulations that would lead to the demise of our shrimp, flounder & blie crab fisheries. THEY ARE NOT NECESSARY!
Vicki Prescott	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-11	Important to our local fishermen and our way of life being able to eat real local seafood!
jerry lupia	New Bern, NC	2017-01-12	No special nurserys are required.
Jason Dennis	Poplar Branch, NC	2017-01-12	Support local fishermen

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Kasey Cammack	Glennville, GA	2017-01-12	I'm signing because I have family in this business!! It's a wonderful experience and they love doing it. I'm a proud supporter of all they doll
Patricia Black	Chester, VA	2017-01-12	I used to manage a bank in the Outer Banks of NC. This would cripple the economy, put family's in bankruptcy, business would close. Please reconsider bc the impact it would do to the coastal areas to families and businesses
Fred Herndon	Durham, NC	2017-01-12	I believe this is a bad idea. If this passes they are going to put hundred of hard working fishermen and small business people out of work. Besides, who wants to go to their favorite seafood restaurant and get a plate of Chinese shrimp when we could be eating local and supporting our neighbors trying to maintain a traditional way of life?
Melissa Luther	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-12	It's the RIGHT thing to doll!
Kayla Hale	Oriental, NC	2017-01-12	I support NC commercial fisherman, and this state should tool
Lucy Roy	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-12	I am an individual who loves eating local and knowing where my food was caught.
Joey Pruitt	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-12	There is absolutely no justification for this over regulation .There were more shrimp this year than I have ever seen and I have lived on the coast since 1976.
Kyser Pierce	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-12	This bullshit regulatory nonsense has got to stop.
George Davis	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	I enjoy local caught seafood not import
russell touhey	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-12	Shrimp salad, steamed shrimp, shrimp cocktail, shrimp creole, ect....
John Adams	New Bern, NC	2017-01-12	I am a consumer of local NC shrimp and do not want additional regulations on our shrimping industry
Julie Perry	Washington, NC	2017-01-12	Eastern NC has lost so much in the seafood/commercial fishing industry over the past twenty years! Just tired of seeing this happen.
Rebecca Floyd	Hinesville, GA	2017-01-12	Are we really sure they will stop at the 3 mile line????
Sharon Ireland	Aurora, NC	2017-01-12	Local seafood is the best!!
Vicki Basnight	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	The closing of these waters would have a huge negative impact on my family's NC seafood restaurant. SUPPORT DON'T IMPORT!!!
Karen Mason	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-12	As a Carteret County native, I am concerned with the impact such restrictions will have on coastal fishing communities.
Debra Boni	Altus, AR	2017-01-12	I go to North Carolina to visit family and we enjoy going to the beach and catching shrimp. It has always been a family tradition and something we all enjoy doing together.
Ryan Merritt	Point Pleasant Beach, NJ	2017-01-12	I was born and raised on the Outer Banks of North Carolina and come from a family of native fisherman who depend on fresh caught local shrimp as a vital part of their livelihood. Fresh local seafood, especially shrimp, is unparalleled to any farm raised imported shrimp that more times than none are riddled with hormones and God knows what else. My family and I only eat shrimp caught locally in North Carolina and refuse to eat anything else for that reason. It would be catastrophic to limit this valuable fishery for both locals and anyone else who enjoys this resource.
			Sincerely, Ryan Merritt
Kaycie Weaver	Darien, GA	2017-01-12	I'm signing because some of my family and friends need there work badly.
Wayne Barr	Oak Island, NC	2017-01-12	These restrictions will adversely impact our local economy with increased prices for local seafood and impact the livelihoods of our fishermen.

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Dustin Cessna	Newport, NC	2017-01-12	I'm a son of a commercial fisherman.
Wanda Biffert	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-12	Why support foreign business even more than we already do. I buy US seafood because I don't trust seafood processed from other countries.
Joseph Bell	Newport, NC	2017-01-12	I'm an avid fisherman and I come from a long line of NC Commercial Fishermen. The most valuable resource we can contribute to is that of our very own . NC fresh not packaged an shipped as well as imported keep our resources flowing by buying Local I
Paul Owens	Altus, AR	2017-01-12	I visit my daughter on the coast frequently and we enjoy catching shrimp on the beach
Patty Callum	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	My children's family has been an institution on the Outer Banks for commercial fishing. This industry has been regulated almost to extinction. The heritage, communities, livelihoods, are suffering under the weight of regulations that are not posses on international fisheries. We are dying here. Does anyone on the NCMF board depend on fishing for their livelihood?
donna davis	wanchese, NC	2017-01-12	Our fisherman are so oppressed by the laws. Everything just keeps being taken away.
Jim Carpenter	Midlothian, VA	2017-01-12	I support the North Carolina fishing community, and I'm generally against unreasonable regulations.
Sharon Lloyd	Tobaccoville, NC	2017-01-12	I have seen the decline of the fishing industry on the coast of NC to where it hardly exist, changing the livelihood of many families and destroying a tradition of the area. I DO NOT eat seafood from other countries for fear contamination!
Kimberly Daniels	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-12	Demand local seafood!
teressa tyler	mcclellanville, SC	2017-01-12	Keep it local
Ashley Todd	McClellanville, SC	2017-01-12	Want to keep our local men in bussiness
Riley S	manns harbor, NC	2017-01-12	I support commercial fishing because of the families and communities it supports! Support, don't import!
Peter Finegan	Maggie Valley, NC	2017-01-12	We enjoy visiting the NC coast and eating shrimp.
Blair Evans Whitfield	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	My husband is a commercial fisherman. This is how we make our livelyhood.
Ross Dickinson	Cape May, NJ	2017-01-12	I'm tired of the government making decisions about how and when comm fisherman can make their living.
Van Heath	Jamesville, NC	2017-01-12	Enjoy NC Seafood.
Tonya Marion	Brooklet, GA	2017-01-12	I support all East coast fishermen and want to continue to have access to the seafood they catch.
Norris Chrisnorris411@hotmail.com	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-12	Local seafood is the driving force behind the local economy in our area.
Darana Ruhle	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-12	Several members of my family are commercial fisherman & Dare County relies on fresh local seafood as a major tourist attraction for visitors.
sarah daniels	raleigh, NC	2017-01-12	I support locally harvested seafood and those fishermen. Let's eat seafood from our nation and caught by our citizens!
Lindsey Carter	Hortense, GA	2017-01-12	Family tradition
Jackie Beasley	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-12	I have family and friends that rely on commercial fishing for their livelihood.
Rachael Walker	Reidsville, NC	2017-01-12	I'm a commercial fishermen's daughter and my brother is also a commercial fishermen. Our family has depended on the fishing industry for generations. We support local farms, so why not support local NC Seafood?

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Chase Elliott	Roper, NC	2017-01-12	Because it's ridiculous to import shrimp from foreign countries taking away peoples livelihood and I don't want to eat old frozen foreign shrimp when I could be eating fresh NC shrimp.
erica willis	Virgilina, VA	2017-01-12	I believe in local, sustainable food!
Eric Wade	Harkers Island, NC	2017-01-12	I am sixty six years old and I have been a commercial fisherman since I was 10. Now my son is a commercial fisherman and I don't want the industry to become extinct
Daniel Midgett	Stumpy Point, NC	2017-01-12	Because commercial fishing is my livelihood and I'm a tenth generation shrimper
Bailie Midgett	Stumpy Point, NC	2017-01-12	My dad is a commercial fisherman and he has made a living for our family of five and his family has been doing it for 10 generations. It's a way of life.
Robert Midgett	Stumpy Point, NC	2017-01-12	I'm 9th generation commercial fisherman.i have supported my family by shrimping and commercial fishing. We are an environmentally safe industry.
Amanda Carignan	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-12	Commercial fishing has been a way of life for Generations in my community. Imported shrimp is disgusting
Deborah Pollard	Hillsborough, NC	2017-01-12	I love local sustainable seafood. We need to support local fishermen (my brother in law and nephew as well) who are already abiding by regulations to keep the fish and shrimp thriving in NC. No more shrimp and other seafood from questionable sources. (China etc)
Cynthia Lewis	Newport, NC	2017-01-12	We want to see the rich heritage of commercial fishing, especially fresh NC shrimp and fresh fish to stay on our tables. There are fewer and fewer commercial fishermen now basically because of unreasonable and unnecessary regulations that are crippling their ability to earn a living for their families. Please stop destroying what is a rich heritage in coastal NC!
Tara Horne	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	I know better than to eat imported shrimp. How disgusting!
Glenn Dunn	Marshallberg, NC	2017-01-12	I'm signing this petition because I agree with its basic concepts and goals. I want real shrimp, not farmed, sick, unhealthful shrimp.
Mary Simmons	Kernersville, NC	2017-01-12	I support our NC shrimpers. I eat local.
Jerry Warren	Merritt, NC	2017-01-12	Keep NC seafood available to our citizens
Chuck Moore	Midlothian, VA	2017-01-12	I believe in keeping business in the USA
Robert Mckenney	Hague, VA	2017-01-12	This designation is not asked nor wanted by N.C. and is harmful in too many ways.
N A	Petersburg, AK	2017-01-12	seafood is very important.
Laurel Newman	Wooster, OH	2017-01-12	We need to keep our local shrimp, not get more contaminated seafood from foreign waters. Support US seafood producers.
Deanna DeCarmo	Lynchburg, VA	2017-01-12	I want to continue eating FRESH SHRIMP. I will not eat frozen shrimp from foreign countries!!
Maggie Burton	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	I grew up in a commercial fishing household and my family still relies on fishing to feed their families. Don't take fishing away from our state!!!
LOREN Rosamond	Moss Point, MS	2017-01-12	I love North Carolina shrimp when I visit my boyfriend/fiancee
Melissa Clark	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	My family has been part of the commercial fishing industry for several generations.
Shelley Boyer	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	I love local shrimp and prefer them without added chemicals!

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Linda Mikaloff	Linden, NC	2017-01-12	Enough regulations. Support our NC commercial fishermen. Nothing better than fresh seafood harvested in our NC waters!
Lynda Carpenter	Hillsborough, NC	2017-01-12	I believe in the economy of NC and our businesses
JT Haley	Wimauma, FL	2017-01-12	I believe
Victoria Mawyer	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	I support local fishermen and want to keep local NC seafood on our tables.
Charles Wilson	Creswell, NC	2017-01-12	For one, if I'm going to eat seafood, I prefer it to be local and to be fresh. As a recreational fisherman and a frequenter of the Outer Banks of North Carolina, from what I can tell there is no lack of volume to the fish/crustaceans in our area. One thing I hate to see is people losing their jobs to another country. This is not only lives, but income, tradition/heritage, and history that is impacted.
Ara Tillett	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	Local shrimp only! Support DONT import!
Matt Brent	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	Keep fecal matter shrimp elsewhere. Support local fisheries and keep trawling open to local waters. This is a disgrace to local foods. I like my shrimp as well as my other food fresh and local, not from a poop pool, thank you.
Joe Bueno	Stumpy Point, NC	2017-01-12	Have friends in the business
Paula Hemphill	Travelers Rest, SC	2017-01-12	My ancestors settled Shackelford Banks. They were fishermen, light house keepers at Cape Lookout and whalers. Their livelihood depended on the sea. I support future generations of NC fishermen!
Amy Martinez	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	I support my local fisherman. It's been a way of life since way before 1970! There are family's that depend on this income to survive here on the outerbanks
Abby Tillett	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-12	CF lives matter
Cameron Whitaker	Hatteras, NC	2017-01-12	Keep NC shrimping
tim chambers	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-12	I enjoy eating local seafood and support local fisheries
Willie Daniels	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-12	I don't want to see more hard working people put on welfare because their livelihoods were taken away by laws made to please certain user groups who think only of their pleasure and who want to control everything at the expense of families who actually want to work instead of just sit back and let the government take care of them. I also want have the choice of eating shrimp and other seafood caught in our local waters instead of imported ones grown on human waste.
Carl Kington	Browns Summit, NC	2017-01-12	My family on my mothers side are all watermen ! And NC seafood is the best in the world !
tj crum	Kitty Hawk, NC	2017-01-12	Friends and families from this area are willing to comply with smart well thought out regulations. .we need these folks here..for quality of life and quality of food. .please keep them going
Bradley Willis	Hubert, NC	2017-01-12	I have lived here all my life and rely on my local fishermen for the best seafood in the world.Please don't take that away.
LORETTA ACREE	ATLANTIC BEACH, NC	2017-01-12	i love fresh local shrimp and this would hurt our local economy.
Alice Ann Hengesbach	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	Shrimp is important to my diet and to my economy.
Sandra Cheeks	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	I support our local fishermen and want to keep local seafood on our tables.

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Gale Wood	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	Between having poor season this year and the many regulations over so many things, the commercial fishermen are unable to proceed. Sadly my husband had to sell this year. No way for him to make living. I would hate for our local economy to fall for stupidity of rules not asked for or needed that will send more fishermen out of business. Really want to tell people these shrimp are from NC and be telling the Truth! Please do not do the wrong thing Here! These are people trying to work and provide for their families!
angela sawyer	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	We need our fishing industry here. We don't have much else to make a living on .And we've got Generations were the fishermen here
John glenn	Chapel Hill, NC	2017-01-12	keep it local and support community!
Mary Goddard	Fuquay Varina, NC	2017-01-12	Lived in area off and on for years and care for people there
Dorothy Heath morris	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	We love our fresh untainted bounty from the sea. I ask if it's local catch everytime we go out and won't order it if it's not.
Tammy Tobin	Manns Harbor, NC	2017-01-12	Shrimping and commercial fishing is part of our heritage in eastern NC. We should not have to rely on foreign seafood when we have some of the best resources in the world at our doorsteps.
loren galt	Wilmington, DE	2017-01-12	Keep it local
Penny Flowers	Lowland, NC	2017-01-12	I work in the seafood industry and my family are commercial fisherman.
Rob Heide	Palmyra, VA	2017-01-12	I have friends in the shrimping industry who rely on the income to support their families. I know them to be good stewards of the environment and supportive of ethical shrimping practices.
Gloria Jendrowski	Lancaster, NY	2017-01-12	Because I support the United States . I strongly disagree when they take from the United States to get to another country . We need to help each other
bobby Lawrence	Newport, NC	2017-01-12	my comment can not be put on paper!
Billie Marshall	Brandon, FL	2017-01-12	I'm signing because I support all local businesses on the Outer Banks, in North Carolina and America
JD Schaefer	Greenville, NC	2017-01-12	Health before profits.
Tina Roe	North Myrtle Beach, SC	2017-01-12	Support local fisherman
Anna Midgett	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	It is not right - I do not want to eat imported shrimp. LOCAL only.
DIRK WILLIAMSON	Mays Landing, NJ	2017-01-12	To support the people of The Great State of North Carolina.
Denise Temple	Kitty Hawk, NC	2017-01-12	We need to Shrimp our own healthy waters.
Harold Pollock	Newport, NC	2017-01-12	I have never bought imported Seafood and never will. Local for me
Clayton Rusich	Newport, NC	2017-01-12	I don't want to put that crap in my body.
Dan Walker	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-12	I care about local families and local seafood. I am all for conservation and protections and smart use of resources. But without a vibrant economy in NC, we have nothing. I trust NC Fishermen and women!
Heather Hulett	Stumpy Point, NC	2017-01-12	Our community depends on local seafood.
Wanda Mastin	Jacksonville, FL	2017-01-12	I am from an eastern NC bloodline full of shrimpers and fisherman whose livelihood deserves protection. It is a honest, hard and low paying job that results in a superior product. Protect our shrimpers and our shrimp!
Tyler Kirks	Colonial Heights, VA	2017-01-12	I have family and friends that rely on fishing to support their families.
Harold Gracey	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-12	Our area depends financially on this important fishery, and the provision of locally caught NC shrimp greatly helps our restaurants and residents showcase the richness of of local seafood industry, and the tastiness and healthiness of locally caught seafood as opposed to imported or farm raised seafood.

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Chelsea Jones	Kitty Hawk, NC	2017-01-12	I support our local fishing community
Tanner Lynk	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-12	I love North Carolina Seafood and I CARE about our Fishermen.
Sherry Ballance	Newport, NC	2017-01-12	I come from a family of commercial fishermen. I absolutely support local fishermen.
Seth Dunlop	Gainesville, GA	2017-01-12	Regulated fishing is good for communities, states and America
Sherry Sanderson	Burgaw, NC	2017-01-12	This is where I'm from and its people's livelihood
John Broome	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-12	The shrimp fishery in North Carolina has been grossly maligned. I along with other commercial shrimpers, fish houses and net makers have been proactive in developing and testing by-catch reduction devices (BRD). As a result, by-catch has been significantly reduced. Also, current testing of additional prototype BRD's show promising results. Unfortunately, it appears that no matter what progress or sacrifices the shrimping industry makes will never be enough for certain user groups.
Dee Smith	Kinston, NC	2017-01-12	I support local fisheries
Lisa Saunders	Manns Harbor, NC	2017-01-12	We depend on commercial fishing to feed our family's and pay our bills
chuck crawley	southern shores, NC	2017-01-12	Im very much opposed to all this regulation! Please consider consumers and our coastal economy when imposing strict rules in our state's waters. Keep our fishermen working and keep seafood on our tables. Do not designate North Carolina waters as permanent secondary nursery areas.
Lora Abdou	Charlotte, NC	2017-01-12	I want to keep my seafood local and free if chemicals.
David Reynolds	Stoneville, NC	2017-01-12	I want my shrimp to come from North Carolina waters - not from China, Vietnam, Indonesia or any other foreign country
Gary Walker	Durham, NC	2017-01-12	NC Home. Seafood life.
Vick Moore	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-12	I am signing to support our local shrimpers as well as to assure a continued supply of NC shrimp to our citizens.
michelle ingram	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-12	I'm am sign this petition because it is important to me to have fresh and local shrimp. I also feel it is economically important to my community.
John Silver	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	Fishing in the inland waters is a Heritage No foreign seafood can come close to our fresh catch... big business vs. small business ie agriculture... stop divide and conquer tactics.... work together for the good of all!
Carey Gibbs	Garner, NC	2017-01-12	This is how my hometown is supported and family and friends earn their living.
Michael VonGartzen	Lake City, FL	2017-01-12	Keep our fisherman at work at home
Jackie Gray	Grandy, NC	2017-01-12	The reason I'm signing this petition; our local fishermen provide us with seafood for our family and in exchange our money goes in the pockets of our local fishermen to provide for their families .
Wallace Owens	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	I have seen a business selling foreign shrimp and telling people they were local NC shrimp.
Roy Shoemaker	Shippensburg, PA	2017-01-12	My family and friends have been frequent visitors to N.C. Outer Banks for 30 years, primarily Ocracoke Island. Subsequently, we have become acquainted with several folks directly involved in the fishing industry and I can assure you they have already adopted many environmental-friendly practices in their profession. They do so because fishing is their livelihood and it is in their best interests to preserve their fishing heritage for future generations. The proposed regulations by NCWF would devastate N.C. shrimping and cripple an already struggling industry and local economies.

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Jocelyn Midgette	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	I would like to see our local fishermen to be able to continue this way of making a living. I also believe local seafood is a healthier food source than imported seafood.
Charles Meacham	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-12	This will greatly impact fishermen trying to support their families
Innes Weir	Seattle, WA	2017-01-12	The US has some of the most well respected and managed wild fisheries in the world, a draconian ban on inshore fishing smacks of a "we don't care" attitude rather than we need to review and properly enforce fishing seasons, gear types, and quota limits - this will support the local communities, and with work allow the fisheries to become sustainable and well managed for future generations.
Cheryl Berry	Marshville, NC	2017-01-12	Many families/communities rely on the income from our coastal fishing / shrimping. Besides that the frozen, imported seafood has no flavor
Tracy Harned	Chapel Hill, NC	2017-01-12	I come from a commercial fishing family and I care!
Sylwia Stvenes	Hillsborough, NC	2017-01-12	Local means survival to many!
James Charlet	Salvo, NC	2017-01-12	NC fisheries are over-regulated and destructive to our coastal economy and long-established culture
Mary Stea	Columbia, MD	2017-01-12	fresh NC the best
Pete Dixon	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-12	I heard the same stories at least 35 years ago.
Barney Bielecki	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-12	I want to eat fresh and healthy local seafood. I do not want to eat shrimp that are raised on farms with antibiotics halfway around the world. We should be supporting our local fishermen and farmers, not supporting large international agribusinesses.
JOE STONESTREET	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-12	I love NC shrimp. However, I do not know what a special secondary nursery area is. Would this designation insure that shrimp be not shrimped out? Please advise.
Crystal Tew	Kinston, NC	2017-01-12	Care about local fisheries and economy.
Virginia Garrison	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	I will only eat local seafood. NO OVER SEAS SEAFOOD!
Margaret Oberle	Beverly Shores, IN	2017-01-12	I do not want oriental farmed seafood on my table. I support USA wild catch
jillian fearing	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-12	This effects many peoples jobs where I live.
John Caraway	New Bern, NC	2017-01-12	I'm against imported shrimp.
Michael hayes seanhayes2006@embar qmail.com	Manteo, NC	2017-01-12	I'm a,commercial fisherman boat builder and charter boat fisherman. It's been my family's way of life for 4 generations .
James Lewis	Harkers Island, NC	2017-01-12	# 1 There is no better Shrimp or Seafood than what comes from NC Waters! # 2 There are many Families who depend on the seafood industry for their lively hood and income # 3 We don't need no farmed raised crap "seafood" or any of that crap "seafood" from overseas that who knows what it has been raised on that has no taste whatsoever!!!
Craig Love	Carolina Beach, NC	2017-01-12	i believe the designations are overreaching based on current populations of shrimp and sustainability measures already in place
paul lane	Tarboro, NC	2017-01-12	I'm a commercial fisherman who is sick and tired of constantly being attacked by liberal snobs who strive to run all commercial fishermen out of business who seem to have ncdmf in their pocket
Linda Franklin	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-12	I'm a North Carolian who loves our coast and our seafood!
Felicia Slaughter	Newport, NC	2017-01-12	My husband is also a Commercial Fisherman.

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jay dimgi	highland, MD	2017-01-12	There a numerous jobs on the line here.
Courtney Meekins	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-12	I was raised in Wanchese N.C. and the fishing industry is very important to my family, and many other locals. Our little island revolves around fishing and it would be very disastrous to see something as meaningful as our local fishing businesses go.
Tom Potter	Belhaven, NC	2017-01-12	Keep Dragging! Leave our fisherman and their bugs alone!
Clyde Keagy	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-12	So I can continue to eat local seafood.
Michael Bullock	Newport, NC	2017-01-13	I'm signing this because shrimping is a way of life an it's been done for many years it feeds slot of families an gives jobs to those who ain't so fortunate to of gone to grad school just like mell I don't care what you stop or what you try an save mother nature is going to take its course some years you got fish some years you don't some years you got bumper crops of shrimp some years you dont!! I just find it hard to believe that someone would want to take away someone's way of life from them there are slot of fisherman along the east coast who depend on this for a living an to feed there families!! I want you to stop an take a head count of how many fisherman are on unemployment or food stamps the poor guys are trying to make a honest living an all of the rules an regulations you put on them is what's causing them to be criminals I just think it's wrong to try an stop a man who works one of the most dangerous jobs in the world out of business!! But it's like this if you wanna eat forien seafood grown in ponds keep doing what your doing..An another thing it kills me to hear people say it's the commerical fisherman killing it it's not let's start here 1 it's sewer treatment plants an run off from all these giant shopping centers etc no one see the harm in that you can't tell me that a total of how many ever cars park in a parking lot don't leak oil OK take 1 good rain fall of 2-3 inches off of a parking lot where does all that oil go ? Oil is lighter than water so oil is on top an it runs where the water runs right in our clean waters along the east coast come on people use your head fisherman ain't trying to hurt no one there here to feed people just like farmers !!!
Dean Pearce	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-13	I stand with the local fishermen!
jesics wheeler	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-13	To support my local fishermen.
Thomas Kirk	Belhaven, NC	2017-01-13	For centuries comercial shrimp fishermen have return to the same areas to shrimp time and time again, proving that trawling is not nor ever has been destructive to the habitat. Absolute realities does not matter much when it contradicts the preferred assumptions of some.
Charles Garrison	Southern Pines, NC	2017-01-13	People in government who nothing about what it takes to live and work in the real world should stop ruining the lives and livelihood of those who do.
matthew chassereau	Wendell, NC	2017-01-13	I believe in local fresh seafood and revenue for NC fisherman. Growing up crabbing and fishing I will back our local fisherman
Darlene Draper	Roanoke Rapids, NC	2017-01-13	Fishermen make a living from the ocean. It's how they support their family!
Marc Mitchum	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-13	As commercial fishermen we do the following. Provide fresh organic protein to American tables, provide jobs, stimulate the economy keeping our vessels up and our fishing gear, pay taxes, and vote. Allow us to work that we might be able to support our families and our communities.
Kim Parker	Kill devil hills, NC	2017-01-13	Commercial fishing is my families lively hood and our restaurant need and want fresh LOCAL seafood
Karen Midgett	Stumpy Point, NC	2017-01-13	Commercial fishing supports many families who live in Dare county along with others up and down our coastline. Please no more restrictions on these hard working men !

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James Swanson	Castalia, NC	2017-01-13	I love NC shrimp and worked on a shrimping trawler in NC in the late 90's and it is wrong to shut down the industry over such petty things as this
Elaine Pate	Cary, NC	2017-01-13	Please do not put this industry in NC in jeopardy!!!!
Gaye Styron	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-13	Do not designate North Carolina waters as permanent secondary nursery areas. Keep NC seafood on the tables of families in NC.
Michael Terry	Kelford, NC	2017-01-13	Enough Laws Already!!
Macon Russell	Salisbury, NC	2017-01-13	Im from harkers island a fishing town and imported shrimp and fish ruined the local economy.
Mark Whorton	Bayboro, NC	2017-01-13	To help my family and friends to keep local shrimp on the the table and what the government is trying to do is keep me from feeding my family.
Delena Ostrander	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-13	My husband is a commercial fisherman just as my ancestors have been for the past 300 years on this barrier island. Our way of life is being altered on a daily basis and GOVERNMENT is building the wall. STOP the imports and support American fishermen and fisherwomen. Give them back their way of life.
christine mandvere mandvere	Manteo, NC	2017-01-13	Christine mandvere
Kate Lutchko	Harrellsville, NC	2017-01-13	I support the local watermen and the NC seafood industry!
Laurie Newell	Hillsborough, NC	2017-01-13	I support our NC fishermen and believe they are good stewards of our natural resources.
Maru Kornegay	Mooresville, NC	2017-01-13	Shrimp is an important food source and economic part of NC.
Tracy Kitching	Groveland, FL	2017-01-13	My whole family support themselves Nd their kids by fishing Nd selling, Nd I want real seafood on my plate..
Charles Tredway Jr	Clayton, NC	2017-01-13	Local shrimp is better regulated and safer then unknown sources and keep nc fisherman working not foreign countries.
Jamie Hines	Manteo, NC	2017-01-13	To keep us in nc seafood
Cheryl Lloyd	Zebulon, NC	2017-01-13	It seems the industry is already well regulated. Don't add more.
Denise Peters	Jarvisburg, NC	2017-01-13	I support families that make a living fishing waters North Carolina
richard anderson	rye, NH	2017-01-13	catch em up for they die---
Laura Mitchell	Greenville, NC	2017-01-13	I'm signing because I SUPPORT NC Local businesses, NC fishing families and NC coastal communities & economy!!
Jared Grummert	New Bern, NC	2017-01-13	NC needs this income. I have a lot of friends and family in the business.
Terry Leonard	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-13	Commercial fishing is very important to the state of NC
Brandi Winters	Manteo, NC	2017-01-13	This is how many people feed their family, pay bills, how they survive.
Diane Jorgensen	Rio Grande, NJ	2017-01-13	Family in fishing. Need this income.
Winifred Morris	Woodland, NC	2017-01-13	I believe in supporting local agriculture and farming efforts. As coastal residents we look for fresh local seafood and don't see enough of it.
Mallory Hopkins	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-13	I will always support commercial fisherman because that's how I was raised. All the men in my family are commercial fishermen.
EVERETT SPRNCE	Rodanthe, NC	2017-01-13	Coastal waters of North Carolina fishery is a key factor of the local economy . Should not be governed by federal government but left in the hands of the state government commision.
Chris Samuels	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-13	Keep it local

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andrea Williams	Arlington, VA	2017-01-13	I'm signing because that area established itself as a fishing community for centuries. It's the livelihood of generations, and I support local food and economy.
			(Please fix the typos, namely - "loose" should be "lose")
Jeff tripp	greenville, NC	2017-01-13	I am a commercial fisherman
Joan Neal	Apex, NC	2017-01-13	NC fishing families need to be protected and preserved.
Penny Abbott	Manteo, NC	2017-01-13	I'm signing this because I support My Local Commercial Fisherman!!!
Marie Monsivais	Austin, TX	2017-01-13	I don't want to eat shrimp and crab from China. It's important to support our locals and their ways to earn a living.
Tom Houston	Chantilly, VA	2017-01-13	I support local businesses, fisherman and costal communities!
Nathan Williams	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-13	North Carolina needs to keep a healthy seafood industry. Let local businesses continue to fish responsibly!
Malcolm Pine	Norfolk, VA	2017-01-13	economic reasons
Cynthia Shumate	Durham, NC	2017-01-13	I want to support NC fishermen
Michelle Gray	Manteo, NC	2017-01-13	North Carolina offers the best seafood in the USA. America needs to stop importing food and other products. We've got to start supporting our local fishermen, farmers and businesses! Our country is slowly but surely being sold off/out to foreign countries. Wake up North Carolina!!
Joseph Onofrio	Newport, NC	2017-01-13	to keep seafood on our tables
Laurel Brunswick	Winston-Salem, NC	2017-01-13	I love NC & shrimp!
Melissa Cahoon	Washington, DC	2017-01-13	I'm signing because as an Outer Banks local, I know the importance of the shrimping industry in our community and that local families would be lost without shrimping as a source of income.
Kate Sawyer	New York, NY	2017-01-13	Baxter!
Mack Bobbitt	Henderson, NC	2017-01-13	I like shrimping and my granddaddy and my grandchildren also have enjoyed it as well as the customers that consume my fresh caught NC seafood
Kitty Adair	Stella, NC	2017-01-13	I want local, fresh seafood
Stacy Phillips	Holly Springs, NC	2017-01-13	I support our local economy I
Katy Clune	Carrboro, NC	2017-01-13	I support our local seafood industry.
Lin Peterson	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-13	NC consumers deserve access to fresh, local seafood caught by hard-working NC fishermen.
Ashleigh Heath Armstrong	raleigh, NC	2017-01-13	This proposal seems to be over-reaching and not appropriate for NC's unique coast line and environmental concerns. I am still researching the topic myself and hope that the organizations and industries can work together to find a viable solution to address the shared concerns and create policy that best serves NC and the communities directly & indirectly involved. Sincerely, Ashleigh Armstrong
Donald Meece	Salemburg, NC	2017-01-13	I want fresh NC seafood
DEIDRE KINVILLE	Willow Spring, NC	2017-01-13	WE NEED TO KEEP OUR NC PRODUCTS ALIVE AND THRIVING, INCLUDING ALL SEAFOOD. SEAFOOD OUTSIDE OF NC WON'T BE AS FRESH, AND AS CONSUMERS WE NEED TO ALWAYS SUPPORT OUR NC PRODUCTS TO SUPPORT AND BOOST OUR ECONOMY AND PRESERVE THE RICH HISTORY AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL HARDWORKING FISHERMAN WHO HARDLY MAKE A LIVING ANYMORE

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James Leary	Stacy, NC	2017-01-13	My dad is a commercial fisherman and I want to take over it when he dies!!
michelle abbott	Duck, NC	2017-01-13	I have family depend on that to provide for there family.
Brian Kuhn	New Bern, NC	2017-01-13	I support our American fishing families!!
Kaitlin Hughes	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-13	I support local fishermen.
Marina Bundy	Charleston, SC	2017-01-13	Wancheese, NCI
Nathan Rickard	College Park, MD	2017-01-13	I do not support increasing U.S. reliance on shrimp imported into this country from other nations that lack environmental protections, labor regulations, or civil liberty norms. This petition says nothing more than food should not be produced in our own backyards.
Allen Stabley	New Bern, NC	2017-01-13	I am signing because I was raised in a commercial fishing family. I still have friends and family that make their by commercial fishing. I still support local fisherman by buying ONLY local fresh NC seafood.
Rick and Sandy Fore	Morrisville, NC	2017-01-13	I support the NC fishing industry and enjoy the wonderful fresh shrimp harvested. Government over-regulation is destroying a vital industry.
Elton Gallop	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-13	I used to be a fisherman
Kenneth Humphrey	Morehead City, NC, AL	2017-01-13	A entire Carteret County, long time, traditional industry, our commercial fishermen's way of life is being put in total jeopardy. So many men, in one short space of time, will lose their ONLY way of living...what in the hell is are these people, the Wildlife and fisheries management people, thinking? This is beyond outrageous! Let them know your thoughts, Join me! contact:Sammy Corbett, Chairman, samjcorbett3@gmail.com
Lindsey Parker	Brunswick, GA	2017-01-13	Let commercial fishermen work and the public eat decent seafood, not imports. I agree with all of the North Carolina Fisheries Association's arguments.
Ann Gaskins	Fuquay Varina, NC	2017-01-13	Very concerned about our NC seafood's plight. Most who make the "rules/laws" know nothing of its importance to our coast/ state.
Wassell Daniel	Durham, NC	2017-01-13	To darn much regulation always causes more damage to nature than good.
Steve Stallings	Cary, NC	2017-01-13	If we kill the shrimping business, what happens when we have an overabundance of shrimp in our coastal waters? It just brings another problem if we don't allow them to fish for shrimp and supply our needs for NC shrimp. Common sense seems to be lost on those asking for more regulations on this industry, leaving the customer out of luck for wild caught NC shrimp. I do not want to eat farmed shrimp with all the problems associated with that process.
Robert Banks	Oriental, NC	2017-01-13	Local businesses, fishing families and coastal communities depend on catches from trawlers - namely shrimp - as a source of economic commerce, as well as locally-grown, organic protein.
Carolyn Stout	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-13	NC is home and the thought of losing nc shrimp is devastating. This cannot pass
Barbara Swofford	Sumter, SC	2017-01-14	I don't eat seafood but I believe those who do should be able to get it locally
TK Bell	Newport, NC	2017-01-14	I support our local fishing families. Let's help keep our shrimp local and on our tables.
Kay Bell	Newport, NC	2017-01-14	Keep our seafood on our tables. Let us support our fishing families support their families.
Russell Bell	Newport, NC	2017-01-14	Save our local seafood families and keep it on our tables.
Benjamin Bell	Newport, NC	2017-01-14	Keep our fishermen working and keep seafood on our tables.
Russ Bell	Newport, NC	2017-01-14	Support our local fishermen and keep our seafood on our tables.

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Shawn Gillispie	Poquoson, VA	2017-01-14	Fishermen don't kill the fish, the toxic trash we put in the waterways... u know some of it?!
Kristine Pinney	Littleton, CO	2017-01-14	I care about our local economy, the quality of our seafood, and our waters.
Paula Davey	Washington, PA	2017-01-14	Our fish should be processed in the USA
Justin Cox	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-14	I'm signing because some of my friends families depend on the income they get from shrimping.
Gary Dudley	Newport, NC	2017-01-14	I am signing this petition to fight the injustice being put upon the commercial fisherman of the state North Carolina! To preserve a way of life that our forefather's has passed down to us generation after generation. How dare any group of people try to take away a people 's right to make a living , while also trying to destroy the economy of coastal North Carolina just for there own personal gain !The people responsible for taking these actions against' of fisherman should be held accountable should this bill were to become law. There is absolutely no basis or need to restrict any type commercial fishing operations, be it fishing gear or fishing in the coastal and off shore water's of North Carolina!!!
Skye Scarbrough	San Francisco, CA	2017-01-14	Because COMMON SENSE.
Kera Miller	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-14	I'm a commercial fisherman
D F	Philadelphia, PA	2017-01-14	I support my local commercial fishers.
Cindy Day	Merritt, NC	2017-01-14	Our family is supported by commercial fishing
Peyton Davis	New Bern, NC	2017-01-14	My fiancé and I have been together for 5 years and that's what pays our bills and puts food on the table. He has been a fishermen for 8+ years!
Matt O'Geary	Durham, NC	2017-01-14	Because I love NC seafood and this would put fisherman out of work
nan davis	Cary, NC	2017-01-14	Please save our ocean for the future as well and now!
James Collier	Nags Head, NC	2017-01-14	Local seafood is part of my culture.
Hubert Arliss Selby	Manteo, NC	2017-01-14	Though often portrayed as consummate users of the resource, no one has a greater stake in conservation than the commercial fisherman. This livelihood is most often handed down from generation to generation, so keeping it viable is very important. When numbers are off, it is much easier to target fishermen than upstream pollution by corporations with deep pockets. We all benefit from buying domestic, wild caught, seafood.
Nancy Garner	Marshallberg, NC	2017-01-14	We only eat fresh caught local seafood.
Gilbert Evett Sr.	Washington, NC	2017-01-14	The excessive expense to curb the industry that is over regulated
Kelsey Atkins	New Bern, NC	2017-01-14	I'm signing because it's vital that we keep our fishermen working and keep LOCAL seafood on our tables.
Sabrina Brannon	Atlanta, GA	2017-01-14	I grew up in NC and want its waters protected!
Selena Johnston	New Bern, NC	2017-01-14	I want to continue to eat the local seafood that I grew up on. I have family and friends who are commercial fisherman and do not want to see them without jobs!
Laurie Sadler	Manteo, NC	2017-01-14	shrimping is a large part of how my family makes a living. I believe sound and ocean caught seafood is much more healthy than farm raised.
Joy Lamica	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-14	To support our local fisherman
Brant Godfrey	Clemmons, NC	2017-01-14	The petition is an ill-informed attack on a highly regulated industry which is an asset to North Carolina.
Kathleen Cruise	Omaha, NE	2017-01-14	We need to support our economy with our hardworking fishermen!
Patty Dunn	Smyrna, NC	2017-01-14	We prefer local seafood!!! Many of our friends livelihood!

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Gena Andrews	New Bern, NC	2017-01-14	I want to keep it local!!!
Charles Ottaway	Bahama, NC	2017-01-14	The love of NC seafood.
April Stearns	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-14	From eastern North Carolina and support local seafood.
Meagan Foster	Newport, NC	2017-01-14	Father is a commercial fisherman!!
Davina Lopez	Atlantic, NC	2017-01-14	I know how very important commercial fishing and shrimping are to this area. It is a livelihood and a way of life. Nature stocks itself, always has. If the bottoms of these waters are not worked, they too will not produce and die.
Tracy Johnson	Bayboro, NC	2017-01-14	I'm signing because my family are fishermen and it's not right to make it impossible for them to make a living.
William Taylor	Sealevel, NC	2017-01-14	To stop government overreach
Susan Smith	Kernersville, NC	2017-01-15	Family that works on a boat for a living
Teresa Scott	New Bern, NC	2017-01-15	We need to keep our fishermen working in familiar waters, keep fresh seafood here so we don't have to eat it from Japan or China. Thousand of jobs are at stake! This is our life which the ones making these rules have no respect for. I bet they don't even know what good fresh seafood tastes like!! Beat that one!!!!
Lane Rouse	Moncks Corner, SC	2017-01-15	I'm from the NC coast.
Keith Mingloski	Chester, VA	2017-01-15	Keep local business's up and running.
Ruth Bland	hubert, NC	2017-01-15	I support our local fishermen!
Ali Hood	Manteo, NC	2017-01-15	I think it really matters!
william foster	Washington, NC	2017-01-15	This is the life of many families! Stop letting these people run are fisheries
William Beacham	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-15	I love the shrimps!
Jazmyn Smith	New Bern, NC	2017-01-15	My fiance is a fisherman and I will support the fresh food his crew brings in.
Helen Whealton	Alliance, NC	2017-01-15	My family has shrimper and being commercial fisherman for over 100 years!
Kayla Krelie	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-15	I'm signing this petition because my grandparents, parents, husband and in-laws are all commercial fishermen and woman. Commercial fishermen keeps our bills paid and food on our table! I will stand by it no matter what along with my family and commercial fishermen family!
Kristen Grant	Grifton, NC	2017-01-15	I love fresh local shrimp!
Karen Messina	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-15	It's a livelyhood for many families in our area! Let them make a living.....it's all some know!!!!
Jennifer Callicutt	Ayden, NC	2017-01-15	For NC fishermen!!
Michael Midgett	Holly Ridge, NC	2017-01-15	This is a thinly veiled grab, disguised as protection of a species, from one user group to exclude another from a resource. Red Drum and Speckled Trout are a thousand times more plentiful in this State than they were 30 years ago and according to some, the resource is in trouble? This amounts to the greed of one user group seeking to shut down an entire industry for their personal gain.
Billie Jo Scott	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-15	I grew up here with a father who was a commercial fisherman. We always had fresh seafood from our local waters on our table and in our freezer. It has been and still a way of life for many families in this area. I do not think it should be closed.
Billy Piner	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-15	Seafood harvest is critical to coastal NC.

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Elizabeth Cuthrell	Merritt, NC	2017-01-15	This will be devastating to many families and business in eastern North Carolina. Please research this before closing down the industry down for local families.
Linda Burns	Tega Cay, SC	2017-01-15	Family is involved in this industry
Marie Noe	Alliance, NC	2017-01-15	Commercial fishing is our lively hood
Tammy Carawan	Aurora, NC	2017-01-15	My father my uncles and my grandfather were all fisherman and I fully support local fishing
marolyn harris	Cottageville, SC	2017-01-15	I grew up on this industry. My husband was a fisherman . And it feeds people
Ivey Wellington	Ridgeville, SC	2017-01-15	Many people live off this industry. You take this away, you take many peoples jobs away.
gretchen bennett	Stonewall, NC	2017-01-15	My family is in commercial fishing has been for many years I hate to see such a loved way of life go to nothing
Christina Carawan	New Bern, NC	2017-01-15	My family has always worked as commercial fishermen and I love fresh off the boat seafood.
Robinetta Smith	Rocky Mount, NC	2017-01-15	I come from a family of commercial fishermen
Elizabeth Anne	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-15	Most of my family is and was fishermen
John Gaylord	New Bern, NC	2017-01-15	I'm commercial fisherman
Joan Jankowski	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-15	Keep our fishermen fishing.
Ken Smith	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-15	I'm signing this for several reasons. In eastern nc a lot of residents depend on shrimping for their income. We also enjoy our local shrimp. The government has more important issues to resolve than taking away shrimping. They need to open their eyes and address more critical issues.
Mike and Rosemary Shew	Cape Carteret, NC	2017-01-15	We support our fisherman!
Treisha Hall	North Lauderdale, FL	2017-01-15	One of the perks of living in NC is having access to local produce and meats. Improving upon methodology seems more logistic than stifling regulations.
Jammie Tyndall	Bayboro, NC	2017-01-15	I live in a seafood industry community. I have friends and family who work in this industry. Keep food on THEIR tables, just not ours.
elizabeth Wisnewski	Atlantic Beach, NC	2017-01-15	enough regulations already!
Branham Stovall II	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-15	I support the local Shrimping industry, the jobs they create, the food they produce, the families they support, local food. Not the Liberal BS, Liberal Agenda, BS Liberal petition, Non Capitalist, Environmentalists BS the left always wants to dictate to hard working folks!
Scott Bradley	Ocracoke, NC	2017-01-15	This will have a severely negative impact on the economic well being of our coastal communities, friends, families and neighbors.
charles holden	Shalotte, NC	2017-01-15	My family is commercial fishermen...have been for 3 generations
pam tate	Manteo, NC	2017-01-15	Imported seafood sucks!
Wes Eargle	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-15	Sustainable harvesting of seafood is important not only to NC fishermen and their families but to North Carolinians who care about what we put in our bodies.
Horace& Barbara WEBB	Portsmouth, VA	2017-01-15	Way of Life in N.C.
Joseph Johnson	Harkers Island, NC	2017-01-15	I'm a commercial fisherman.
Johnny Cook,Sr.	Stacy, NC	2017-01-15	I strongly support our fishing families. I refuse to eat imported shrimp, fish , or anything of that nature.
Bob harman	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-15	I support commercial fishermen.

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William Callicutt	Ayden, NC	2017-01-15	I want to protect our coastal jobs and fisheries.
stephanie kennell	Baton Rouge, LA	2017-01-15	I'm signing because my husband and my family are commercial fisherman. The work they do is valuable and helps prevent the population from consuming imported shrimp. They work a dangerous job to supply an increasing demand for wild caught seafood. By trying to shut down commercial fishing you are destroying not only people's livelihoods but also forcing imported seafood on an unknowing audience. The ocean is vast and still mysterious. To truly believe the men and women who fish/rawl these waters will cause environmental destruction is pure ignorance.
Debra Willis	Gloucester, NC	2017-01-15	<p>I'm signing because I uphold our hard working commercial fishermen who make a living in our waters, to provide for their families, and to put seafood on our tables!!!</p> <p>The commissions have put so many regulations on the fisherman, it's almost impossible to make ends meet.</p> <p>My father was a commercial fisherman for a long portion of his life. This work WEREN'T for Wimps!</p> <p>Today, I STILL RESPECT MY FATHER AND APPRECIATE THE MANY LONG HOURS He Spent IN HORRENDOUS WEATHER To Provide and make a living to keep his families bills going and put food on our table.</p> <p>The memories I hold close, after his parting, will forever be etched in my heart. A many a good meal we ate from these waters we hold dear, because he'd catch it and bring it home. We may not have had much otherwise.</p> <p>Big Wigs who make these rules to CHANGE AND REARRANGE the livelihood of our heritage, most of the time has NOTHING invested in it, but their mouths. GOD PUT THE SEAFOOD IN THESE WATERS MANY YEARS AGO, AND TODAY, THEY'RE STILL THERE!!!</p> <p>HE PUT THEM THERE FOR MANKIND to have rule over them, by consuming or making a living.</p> <p>Leave our Down East Heritage Alone.</p> <p>I'm pretty sure, it'll be just fine.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>A Commercial Fisherman's daughter who loves her seafood, and appreciates the hardwork of those who provide for their family.</p> <p>Deb</p>
Mary Beth Harker	Rocky point, NC	2017-01-15	I support local fisherman
Joseph Madden	Garner, NC	2017-01-15	There are too many regulations already in place for our fishermen. That is all they know. What will you do with them if you shut them down? Where we gonna get our seafood from? Asia? I don't think so.
Wendy Cahoon	Davis, NC	2017-01-15	My family are commercial fishermen
Tim Shields	Little River, SC	2017-01-15	To support local fisheries.
Robert Beckert	Eden, NC	2017-01-15	Love fresh, wild shrimp. No biological reason with this petition. Merely the wish of special interest groups.
David Wheatly	Gloucester, NC	2017-01-15	This is some more bullshit that the cca is trying to pull for there net ban
Alice B Wilkins	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-15	I eat local Seafood only and fresh off the local boats...I don't buy seafood at the grocery store and it's our 5-6 days a week meals...Support our local Seafood Houses
Hannah Davis	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-15	I'm signing this petition because I am the fourth generation of Davis Seafood at its current location.

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Dustin Daniels	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-15	The commercial fishing business is vital to NC's economy and should not be looked at as a resource that should just be thrown to the wayside to appease a few special interest groups. As an avid recreational fisherman I do not buy into the propaganda that groups such as the Coastal Conservation Association spew. I was once a member of the CCA but after determining their goal was not the "conservation of a resource" but instead had a very focused and unsubstantiated biased against commercial fishing I left the group. I ask that before any regulations are made that more thought and studies be performed so that we can keep fresh NC seafood on our plates!
Devon McCleery	Fuquay Varina, NC	2017-01-15	I want to keep our seafood local to NC!!
Kimberly Tyler	Bourne, MA	2017-01-15	Because I am a local from Harkers Island!
barb klinger	Atlantic Beach, NC	2017-01-15	I support our local fisherman!!!!
Martin Yeomans Jr	Wilmington, NC	2017-01-15	Please read and sign this petition. . Very important ...Share and get your friends to read/sign...
Lilly Rose	Harkers Island, NC	2017-01-15	I am the wife of a commercial fisherman who retired because of a disability but loves this industry and hates what over regulation by by government agencies that are influenced by recreational fishing interest and do not have the interest or the future of the commercial fishermen as their prime concern. If anyone wants this industry properly regulated for future generations it us the Commercial fisherman and he also knows the seafood he catches and the worst enemy of that seafood is overdevelopment and the resulting pollution!
J Sig	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-15	To protect local (non imported) fisheries
Fara Daniels	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-15	An industry that FEEDS you is an industry worth FIGHTING for!!!
Phyllis Rowe	Cedar Island, NC	2017-01-15	This is our life and only way to make a living.
Phyllis Rowe	Cedar Island, NC	2017-01-15	This is our life and it will be taking food from our children.
Lindsay Metz	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-15	I love local shrimp!
Larrington Chadwick	Stacy, NC	2017-01-15	I love shrimp and my family had a fish business.
William Piner	Swansboro, NC	2017-01-15	Because I live in Eastern NC enjoy eating shrimp shell fish etc. Caught locally
Barbara Cox	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-15	Fresh seafoods are an important part of the heritage of Carteret County It is a life style and paycheck to lots of people who live here in Carteret County and down east area
MaryLena Anderegg	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-15	I'm signing this because so many of our local jobs would disappear if our seafood industry does not continue. Additionally, I cannot conceive of having to eat foreign shrimp raised and caught under who knows what conditions when we have such a wealth of shrimp available here.
Meredith Moore	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-15	I'm signing because the industry is already heavily regulated and more regulations will put already struggling fishermen out of business. This is a matter very personal to me..
Amy Willis	New Bern, NC	2017-01-15	I love fresh, local shrimp! It also breaks my heart to think of the commercial fishing families that will be put out of business as a result of this. Please keep our fishermen working and seafood on our tables!!
Chris Samples	Cary, NC	2017-01-15	I love NC shrimp and want to protect the industry and those it supports. Sounds to me like efforts to reduce bycatch have continuously improved impact and I support these efforts over business strangulation.
Taylor Daniels	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-15	Shrimping is a part of our local heritage and stimulates our economy in numerous different aspects.
geno rossi	Newport, NC	2017-01-15	ALL thoughts great reason in the article

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Mary Ashley Hill	Cary, NC	2017-01-15	Born and raised in NC and enjoying NC seafood. I only eat NC fresh shrimp. It would be a shame for fresh shrimp to no longer be available.
Rebecca Clark	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-16	The seafood industry is important to the NC economy and our dinner tables. PLEASE MAKE THEIR RULES doable and pro-seafood industry!
Susan Slade	New Bern, NC	2017-01-16	It is not right to cut the lively hood from the local fishermen of our communities. I do not support of foreign seafood coming in to our area or any part of the USA. They don't have the regulations on their food...and you don't know how old it is either!! My husband is a commercial fisherman...you are going to ruin ours and everyone that is left to do this on the eastern seaboard.
Maggie Daniels	Wanchese, NC	2017-01-16	The majority of the men in my family are commercial fishermen and this affects our lively hood.
James Cary	Gardendale, AL	2017-01-16	I'm in seafood for a living
April Johnson	New Bern, NC	2017-01-16	I grew up in a commercial fishing family. So much has changed in the recent years that have taken away their ability to earn a living.
Marla Cooper	Venice, LA	2017-01-16	Do not destroy another American Industry! Let these guys shrimp in inside waters!
Jeffrey Hulvey	Shepherd, UT	2017-01-16	To help keep American jobs.
Timothy Hewett	Supply, NC	2017-01-16	I have a shrimp how I make my living.
Susan Hackney	Fort Mill, SC	2017-01-16	I love NC Shrimp!
Greg Cox	Washington, NC	2017-01-16	I love to shrimp and fish. Am proud of the fact that I can put food on the table. I am still trying to figure out what the real reason is for these restrictions.
Ronnie Armstrong	New Bern, NC	2017-01-16	I am come from a fishing family
Janice Berger	Beeville, TX	2017-01-16	keep jobs and shrimp (and other seafoods) local.
Letha Tingle	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-16	I am signing because I come from a long line of commercial fishermen in NC.
Lisa Riggs	Newport, NC	2017-01-16	I grew up with a father and 2 grandfathers working on the water to feed their families and to pay their bills. This is our way of life. Please don't take it away.
Larrington Chadwick	Stacy, NC	2017-01-16	I hated imported shrimp that are being treated with cancer causing chemicals that have been banned in this country for years. Demand wild caught NC shrimp. This is going to destroy Pamlico Sound and fishermans livelihoods!
Bonnie J. Carsia	Harkers Island, NC	2017-01-16	I live here. I primarily eat fresh caught shrimp and other seafood from local fishermen.
Penny Hooper	Smyrna, NC	2017-01-16	We need to trust our Division of Marine Fisheries current experts and regulations....there is no need for a citizens' rule making process.
christina waters	Hampton, VA	2017-01-16	I'm signing because I was born and raised in Eastern North Carolina. I have friends and family members that survive by working the local seafood business in North Carolina and I am also a lifetime holder of a North Carolina Inland/CRFL. The local economy depends on many factors and seafood is one of those factors that will make a big difference in the economy.
Alec Burrow	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-16	I am a commercial fisherman and I don't want to lose my way of making a living
Bryce Drury	Buras, LA	2017-01-16	I'm signing this because I support my fellow commercial fishermen.
Sybil Tiedemann	Belhaven,, NC	2017-01-16	I'm signing because the Commercial fisherman, helps keep us in seafood, and we need our seafood to come from the local waters, not from overseas, our fisherman have worked most of their lives on the water. this is their livelyhood. please support our Commercial Fisherman, and keep our seafood here in the USA.

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susan sloan	Newport, NC	2017-01-16	My family have been fishermen (mostly shrimp) in these waters for more than 5 Generations, including my brother, father, and 2 Grandfathers.
Debbie Stembridge	New Bern, NC	2017-01-16	In memory of my daughter Kayla Mardell Stembridge 5~24~1989 - 10-28-2017
Robert Seal	Manns Harbor, NC	2017-01-16	I enjoy eating local seafood including shrimp, I also know local people that work in the seafood industry and know that this will ruin the shrimping industry in North Carolina!
Blake Thomas	Jesup, GA	2017-01-16	Support local seafood. And the livelihood of everyone that makes a living on this water.
Alexus Carawan	New Bern, NC	2017-01-16	My father is fisherman and that is how he supports us
mark gillikin	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-16	I'm for commercial fishing.
Kindra Arnesen	Buras, LA	2017-01-16	This isn't just about keeping people employed this is about the public's right to access this public resource. Our commercial are the only access to local wild caught seafood for 94% of Americans. We need our fishermen to ensure everyone's access to this food source.
Tammy O'Bry	Inglis, FL	2017-01-16	We own a shrimp boat.
Patti Schweis	Atlantic Beach, NC	2017-01-16	We need to keep our local seafood!!! Imported shrimp are raised in contaminated waters and detrimental to our health!!!
Lauren Fischer	New Bern, NC	2017-01-16	Im signing this because I buy local caught shrimp to feed my family through the year! Not to mention I have many friends who make a living to provide for their families shrimping and fishing in our local waters!
Julie Smiley	Mount Vernon, WA	2017-01-16	I love seafood, and I live on the west coast, know alot of fishermen, and know how this would hurt them and our economy if it was us.
Thomas McAlister	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-16	I support our local fishermen who support their families, supply us with fresh seafood from our own waters, and an industry important to the State of North Carolina and the coastal communities.
Major Phillips	Stella, NC	2017-01-16	It's our right to fresh seafood from our own waters. I don't want anti biotic infested shrimp from Taiwan or some other third world.
Chester Herring	Tickfaw, LA	2017-01-16	Commercial fishing (shrimping) Louisiana waters is my family's sole source of providing a living. I'm am owner/operator of C&R seafood Louisiana Shrimp Company LLC. We can't compete with imported seafood. Thanks to dedicate loyal customers that follow our Facebook page we are able to maintain but not get ahead or prosper due to low dock and factory prices as the result of imported seafood.
Frank Scott	Lucama, NC	2017-01-16	I love fresh NC Seafood and supporting local business and strong American economy.
David Hodges	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-16	I grow up in Pamlico County as the son of a commercial fisherman (Stanley Hodges). It's in my blood, I don't buy or eat seafood if it's not local caught.
John Stocking	Tarpon Springs, FL	2017-01-16	The AMERICA way of life, must NOT INTERFERED WITH.
I S	gloucester, NC	2017-01-16	People should be able to make a living harvesting food for people to eat. This effort to destroys livelihoods in the name of recreation, and that is what it is, is shameful and criminal.
Lauren Chadwick	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-16	I grew up in a family who caught and ate the seafood we put on the table. It is a way of life and would be a shame to keep fishermen from doing what is deep in their blood to do: fish. Imported seafood is much riskier for people's health. It is better, in my opinion, to leave the area for local fishermen instead of commercial...

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Cate Madden	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-16	I purchase local NC fish each week from Madden's Seafood. It is delicious and the people that work on Topsail Island in that industry are the best. Please take all steps necessary to keep this wonderful, local uniquely North Carolinian tradition continue.
Michael Schlink	Wake Forest, NC	2017-01-16	I eat shrimp and I want mine locally caught.
Meredeth Morris	Davis, NC	2017-01-16	I'm signing because this is my family's history!
Wanda Ross	Greenville, NC	2017-01-16	My brother in law is a shrimper
Kelly Self	Atlantic, NC	2017-01-16	Because local seafood is fresher, safer, and keeps our commercial fishermen working.
Adrian Martinez	Merritt Island, FL	2017-01-16	It's imperative that local seafood be provided for Americans
Rose Buckelew	Dry prong, LA	2017-01-16	Buy American grown and made products ! Including the fishing industry !
christopher verdun	Tylertown, MS	2017-01-16	Because I agree with not only keeping theirs on our tables but the Gulf shrimp as well as all native shrimp and seafood..
Rich Swain	Cary, NC	2017-01-16	I believe there is enough regulations that keep the by catch in check.
Doreen Rhodes	Saint Helena Island, SC	2017-01-16	It's a way of life...there is no better than fresh seafood.
Alyssa Stephenson	Woodstock, VA	2017-01-16	I'm signing this because that is where I grew up and seafood is where a lot of locals got their income!
Linda Carroll	Wake Forest, NC	2017-01-16	We want yo be sure our seafood is safe, known and local.
Eric Cronk	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-16	My friends and family are commercial fisherman
Kim Harris	Cape May, NJ	2017-01-16	Commercial fishing is important to me, fresh seafood is the best .
Dora Lawrence	Cedar Island, NC	2017-01-16	My husband is a commercial fishermen. It is how we pay our bills
Robert Owens	Wilsons Mills, NC	2017-01-16	Protest
Julie Poyadou	Buras, LA	2017-01-16	I hate that we import shrimp.
Kevin McIntosh	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-16	I fully support commercial fishing with trawl and gill net.
Lewis Ashmore	Wake Forest, NC	2017-01-16	Keep it local
Teresa Flowers	Washington, NC	2017-01-16	I support the local seafood industry and I hate to see jobs go to foreign companies.
Mary Crews	Durham, NC	2017-01-16	I love local seafood and am a native of a large fishing coastal town. Many people I grew up with are commercial fisherman and need to sustain the industry to feed their families.
Mark Reeves	Broken Arrow, OK	2017-01-16	We need to use Shrimp from the USA and help keep jobs here not foreign Shrimp.
Sydney Dunn	Kill Devil Hills, NC	2017-01-16	I love NC shrimp, and our local fishermen.
Joseph Pluchta	Moyock, NC	2017-01-16	I'm signing because these ridiculous regulations are out of controll! Enough is enough already! You are regulating folks out of a job!!! When it's easier to get imported seafood than it is to get locally caught, that's a problem! Fix this now, our jobs and families depend on it!
James Simmons	Yulee, FL	2017-01-16	I think imported seafood is poison
Bonnie Sadler	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-16	Bonnie Sadler
Gattis Smith	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-16	The out sourced seafood isn't fittin to eat. Growing up in coastal NC life was about good fresh seafood. That is something that is hard to find in restaurants today.
Susan Staley	Atlantic Beach, NC	2017-01-16	I don't want my shrimp to be from China!

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Dewey. W Saylor	Fredericksburg, VA	2017-01-16	I own home on Harkers island NC. Wife's family are shrimp fisherman. Protects way of life and commits to serving good seafood. Protecting natural resources by fisherman following the rules and continuing yheir livlihood.
Donald Lewis	Shallotte, NC	2017-01-16	You're destroying generations of families sole income and it will take money away from NC retailers.
Christine Gala	Freeport, TX	2017-01-16	We need to keep wild caught shrimp a viable option here in the US. We don't need to import any more garbabe.
david peatross	new smyrna bch,, FL	2017-01-16	I support commercial fishing and desire to eat wild home grown seafood over steroid/ growth hormone ridden shrimp. Imported into this country through unfair trade practices which I can not fathom. Wake up and quit dismantling hard working commercial fishermans careers and livelihoods.
Gale Howard	Greer, SC	2017-01-16	As a NC native I would like for the seafood industry to remain a vibrant part of the states economy. The only seafood I will purchase is from the USA. Please help keep it available.
Danielle Disbennett	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-16	I don't want t to eat imported Shrimp and I support the fisherman of NC.
Sandra Sanchez	Brownsville, TX	2017-01-16	We need our shrump back in the gulf of mexico we are a shrmping family
danielle armstrong	Venice, LA	2017-01-16	DANIELLE ARMSTRONG
Crystal Smith	Hampton, VA	2017-01-16	I support our local watermen and seafood industry!!
Cameron Gibbs	Fairfield, NC	2017-01-16	My family has been in the commercial fishing industry for generations, and now I work at a local fish house. The commercial fishing industry not only employees me but a huge majority of my family and friends. If we lost the ability to commercial fish in the Pamlico Sound it would be devastating to many.
Leighton Lee	Townsend, GA	2017-01-16	I make a living in the summer time and I love north Carolina sea food this move will hurt a lot of people's lives
Holly Lamb	Morehead City, NC	2017-01-16	Because my close friends shrimp for a living and this will greatly affect their business.
Rachelle Ehni	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-16	I cannot make it to the meeting tomorrow. I have a friend that is a commercial fisherman who catches shrimp. NC economy is harmed enough, why add another decline.
Joel Hardesty	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-16	Keep it local
Ronnie Daugherty	Smyrna, NC	2017-01-16	I'm a Carteret Co native who's seen most of our commercial fishing families lose the ability to support their families while providing fresh, local, affordable seafood for us to enjoy. Many of the men who used to make a good living have had to leave their families for 2-3 weeks at a time now to work on dredge boats, tug boats, etc so they can support their families because they've been regulated out of being able to in Close to home waters. This hardship has broken families, cauesed economic decline and decimated once thriving Downeast communities. The regulations have taken their pride and love of what they loved doing.
Matthew Miersen	Holly Springs, NC	2017-01-16	There needs to be a more healthy balance between crippling our own industries, like fishing, and making it easier for foreign companies to dominate our markets. America first - protect our own industries and if anyone should get an advantage it should be ours!
Denise Williford	Engelhard, NC	2017-01-16	My job is greatly impacted by commercial fishermen. They are crucial to our business and our county. Let's keep our seafood local and utilize our own resources instead of helping foreign competitors capitalize on our industry.
Joyce Gaskill	Arapahoe, NC	2017-01-16	I love local seafood and work in a restaurant peeling shrimp.

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Charles Williford	Engelhard, NC	2017-01-16	my business will be directly affected by this closing
Michael millis	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-16	I am a commercial fisherman and don't wanna lose my job.
Lenny Cahoon`	Beaufort, NC	2017-01-16	Don't stop us from making a living.
Kathy Williford	Engelhard, NC	2017-01-16	This will hurt the economy of our community, county and state!
Jonathan Bennett	Hortense, GA	2017-01-16	I'm signing because I'm also a shrimper an it's my way of life it's all I know my whole family is shrimpers an it's how we support our families an make a living
Matthew Holt	New Bern, NC	2017-01-16	My father in law does shrimping!!
Sara May	Holly Springs, NC	2017-01-16	I want local NC seafood
David Kuhn	Peachtree City, GA	2017-01-16	I believe earning a legitimate living should precede sport entertainment
Jessica Hodge	Waynesville, GA	2017-01-16	My family are all shrimpers
George Meekins	Engelhard, NC	2017-01-16	George Meekins
Kim Elmore	Charlotte, NC	2017-01-16	This would effect so many families not only in the coastal area by east coast and country wide, we need to keep domestic jobs in this industry. Imported product is becoming less desirable as consumers are pushing for local and domestic seafood.
Jeff and Jeanna Johnson	Willard, NC	2017-01-16	I live on the NC Coast because I love the ocean and the food/fish that comes from our coast.
Kevin Peacock	Arapahoe, NC	2017-01-16	I support my friends in keeping NC Shrimping going strong!
Carol McIntyre	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-16	I support the culture of my community and the shrimping industry.
Carlton Colmenares	Hempstead, TX	2017-01-16	American wild-caught seafood and farm-raised seafood is the safest and best source of this food product available to the US consumer. Please consider establishing regulations that will allow sustainable harvesting and a viable local industry.cCc
Rebecka Brown	Newport, NC	2017-01-16	Fishing is our way of life. It feeds us and it pays the bill.
Donna Cain	Columbia, NC	2017-01-16	I am signing this petition because we have family and friends that have been in the seafood industry for generations. They depend on these trawlers catches as their source of income. This would cause a lot of hard working people to lose their jobs and just financially cripple so many households. I cannot understand the logic in wanting imported seafood from God knows where to replace this industry in the US. Come on people!
Lisa Rose	White Stone, VA	2017-01-16	Please, save the shrimping industry! I live in VA, but travel to NC frequently to purchase the best of the freshest shrimp! I spend money there in the OBX.. Gas, food, lodging, produce, souvenirs, etc. I'm one of tens of thousands who do so. If you change what currently is, this state will loose money and it will greatly affect your tourism
Amy Upton	George West, TX	2017-01-16	I am signing because it's the right thing to do. We can maybe losing our local income for the fishermen in this area let alone take so much from foreign market.
MICHAEL HENRY	Corpus Christi, TX	2017-01-16	These folks have made a living on the water, providing us all with the bounty from the seas, bays etc. Local fishermen providing for local people is a must.. As the saying goes, Made in the USA. Past President of CCA Corpus Christi, TX
SHARON ANTHONY	WHITE STONE, VA	2017-01-16	We love NC shrimp,go to OBX on vacation
Robin Land	New Bern, NC	2017-01-16	For my father Kenneth Land. He was a commercial fisherman for almost 50 years and he always said this was what was going to happen!
Pamela Vinson	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-16	I love local seafood and I love our local commercial fishermen

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Lauren Fagan	Orange Park, FL	2017-01-16	As a Sneads Ferry fisherman's daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, great great-granddaughter (the list goes on) we need to keep what has been earned through blood, sweat, and tears sacred and where it belongs. With the local, hardworking men and women who have made their livings off the water. There are already far too many restrictions! Why make it worse and put further limitations on the only means that these people have to survive? It is shameful that this is even a possibility. Many limitations have been placed on commercial fishermen but there is no limit to the pride that comes along with being part of a family that works so hard and keeps fighting for what is theirs to keep their dream alive. I pray this petition makes a profound statement to show just how big that pride is!
JoDee Nelson	Vicksburg, MI	2017-01-16	We need to support our local seafood industry. Wild is best
Marcus McCall	Brunswick, GA	2017-01-16	Fish for a living
Tracie Ennis	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-16	My family has been in the commercial fishing industry for 70+years. It's their job, how they provide for their families. Their catch determines if they can make their mortgage payment, utilities & groceries, buy school clothes & send their children to college. It's how I grew up, there is no greater feeling than being on the back of a trawler waiting to see what your catch is. It's a way of life just like farming & it's good honest hard work. Don't take that away
John Barwick	Seven Springs, NC	2017-01-16	I enjoy seafood and have friends who depend on it for a living.
Felipa Cuellar	Brownsville, TX	2017-01-16	Because my husband is a Captain of shrimp Trawlers and it's our source of income
Cindy Folts	Darien, GA	2017-01-16	To help shrimpers or fishermen in keeping their businesses!
Millie Rice	Alliance, NC	2017-01-16	I love NC seafood....
Tom Armstrong	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-16	As a chef, I am signing to ensure that I have access to fresh and local NC seafood and as a citizen of NC, I am signing to support the economy of our state, as well as our coastal communities and their traditions and livelihood.
Barbara Goulet	KDH, NC	2017-01-16	I'm signing this petition because I live in North Carolina 11th or county and someone needs to do something about protecting the livelihood of this community and the health and welfare of our fisheries
Clyde Lee	Savannah, GA	2017-01-16	I'm signing this because I support the coastal commercial fisherman. They have been a part of history for ever. I use to be one for over 20 years and had to move on for various reasons the government allowed imported shrimp in that has kept the market price so low that so many businesses went under because of this. I'm proud of the ones that were able to hold on to what they have. Long story short if they are shut down to such hard restrictions thousands of jobs will be lost. It's fresh seafood that everyone loves. My god I've seen a video of the big imported shrimp being injected with silicon to make them bigger and heavier. Instead of trying to put the hammer down on your coastal neighbor that's been doing this for a century and passing down the heritage they should be targeting these imported shrimp bad quality you can tell by taste and texture between imported and wild caught shrimp. Please let our guys and girls on the water be and do what they grew up and know and the consumers will always just totally enjoy seafood that is caught in their neighboring community. Give them a break please don't destroy them. Thank you
Kimberly Greenwald	Raleigh, NC	2017-01-16	I want to eat local seafood of high quality

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Angela Walker	New Bern, NC	2017-01-17	The health and nutritional benefits of locally caught seafood is of high importance to me as a two time cancer survivor. I refuse to eat seafood imported from overseas that has been exposed to who knows what. Also this legislation poses a real threat to the livelihoods of our commercial fishermen and local economies that are already stretched to the breaking point.
Craig Reaves	Beaufort, SC	2017-01-17	From NC ,third generation commercial fishermen,our business in SC ,depends on the success on the EAST COAST success, we need LOCAL seafood ,especially SHRIMP, these lobbyists how want to put us out of business are clueless,I guess they like Chinese Seafood
Carlena Jones	Mount Pleasant, NC	2017-01-17	We need to take care of our local fishermen, first!!!!
C Madeja	Beaufort, SC	2017-01-17	Local fish/shrimping is crucial
Joshua cahoon	Grantsboro, NC	2017-01-17	I'm 25 years old and have ,been fishing seen I walk.. now thatbin getting older and more experienced it'll be time for me to be a capt here soon and the Pamlico sounder is were most of the capains I know started so if these pencil pushers closed or down were would I go or learn to further my career? Last year just NC alone generated \$16,000,000 worth of shrimp in revinew just NC alone that's hundreds and hundred's of jobs this is why I'm standing up for my heritage
Sherry Ennett	Sneads Ferry, NC	2017-01-17	I support our local commercial fishermen trying to make an honest living by harvesting the fresh, wild caught seafood for the consumer! There are too many restrictions on this trade already!!
Larry Teachey	Greer, SC	2017-01-17	I'm from Sneads Ferry, NC and this rule would impose a signilicant hardship on commercial fishing, especially the local shrimping industry. Many of my friends and relatives would be negatively affected by this unnecessary rule. These are hard working men and women who have been doing this for generations. I know firsthand, the shrimp harvest has been exceptionally good In 2016 and has started off fairly good in 2017. The shrimp population will do just fine without more regulations and those who depend on shrimping to make a living, will most certainly be better off without more regulations.
Paula Wade	Williston, NC	2017-01-17	Commercial fishing is important in Carteret County. Our local seafood is the best in the world. We also need to open up Drum Inlet across from Atlantic, NC. I am a sixth generation descendant of Carteret County and teach in Atlantic. If it keeps getting put out of business we will have nothing left. Please support the commercial fishing industry and their jobs or come visit Down East in about five years and you will see true poverty. Thank you.
Jessica Rouse	Jacksonville, NC	2017-01-17	My husband is a commercial fisherman!! We need this income!!
Corbett Holden	Shallotte, NC	2017-01-17	Because this will ruin our nc industry
Sheryl Shaw	New Bern, NC	2017-01-17	Heritage

ACCESS TO NC SHRIMP IS IN JEOPARDY!

DENY THE PETITION

A petition has been filed and asks the MFC to prohibit shrimp trawling in all the state's estuarine waters and near-shore ocean waters unless opened by the DMF. Waters **WOULD NOT** be opened until after **AUGUST 16**. The petition also asks that if those waters are opened, that trawling be allowed for only **THREE** days per week (currently allowed five days/week in internal waters and seven days/week in ocean waters), and that the size of trawls be substantially restricted from what they are now. North Carolina is home to the largest estuary (Albemarle-Pamlico Sounds) in any one state and has over 2.3 million acres of estuarine waters. Over 50% of the estuarine waters are already closed to trawling due to being designated as nursery areas for fish, critical habitat, (such as grass beds along eastern Pamlico Sound), or because shallow waters do not allow harvest.

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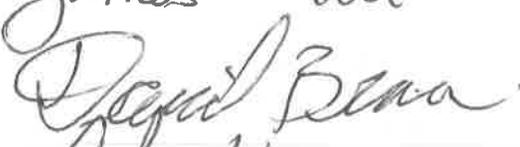
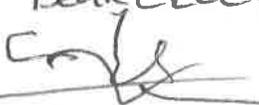
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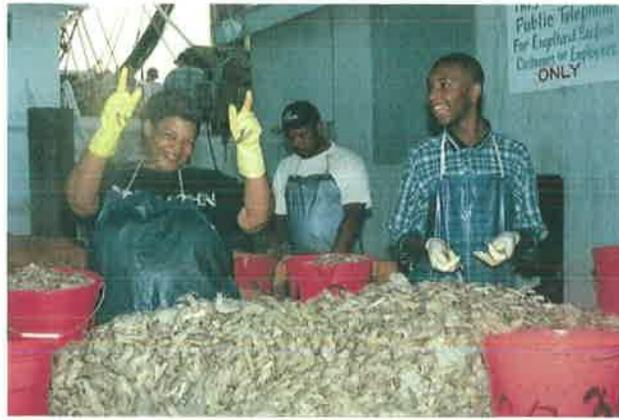


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ACCESS TO NC SHRIMP IS IN JEOPARDY!

DENY THE PETITION

A petition has been filed and asks the MFC to prohibit shrimp trawling in all the state's estuarine waters and near-shore ocean waters unless opened by the DMF. Waters **WOULD NOT** be opened until after **AUGUST 16**. The petition also asks that if those waters are opened, that trawling be allowed for only **THREE** days per week (currently allowed five days/week in internal waters and seven days/week in ocean waters), and that the size of trawls be substantially restricted from what they are now. North Carolina is home to the largest estuary (Albemarle-Pamlico Sounds) in any one state and has over 2.3 million acres of estuarine waters. Over 50% of the estuarine waters are already closed to trawling due to being designated as nursery areas for fish, critical habitat, (such as grass beds along eastern Pamlico Sound), or because shallow waters do not allow harvest.

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**Joint Meeting of the
Northern, Southern, Finfish, Habitat and Water Quality, and Shellfish/Crustacean
Advisory Committees
Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern, N.C.
Jan. 17, 2017**

- 12:30 p.m. Call to Order*
Explanation of Meeting Process
- 12:35 p.m. North Carolina Wildlife Federation Petition for Rulemaking
- Presentation of the Petition
 - Presentation by the Division of Marine Fisheries
- 2:30 p.m. Advisory Committee Deliberation and Development of Motions on Petition for Rulemaking
Each advisory committee will deliberate and develop motions separately on whether to recommend to the Marine Fisheries Commission to grant the petition and initiate rulemaking or deny the petition
- 3 p.m. Public Comment
Limited to three minutes per person
- 5 p.m. Advisory Committee Vote on Recommendation for Petition for Rulemaking
Each advisory committee will further deliberate and vote separately on whether to recommend to the Marine Fisheries Commission to grant the petition and initiate rulemaking or deny the petition
- **Vote to Recommend Granting or Denying the Petition for Rulemaking****
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn

** Times indicated are merely for guidance. The committees will proceed through the agenda until completed.*

***Action Items*

****Applies only to Marine Fisheries Commission members*

*N.C.G.S. 138A-15(e) mandates at the beginning of any meeting of a board, the chair shall remind all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest under Chapter 138. The chair also shall inquire as to whether there is any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the board at that time.****

*N.C.G.S. 143B-289.54(g)(2) states a member of the Marine Fisheries Commission shall not vote on any issue before the Commission that would have a "significant and predictable effect" on the member's financial interest. For purposes of this subdivision, "significant and predictable effect" means there is or may be a close causal link between the decision of the Commission and an expected disproportionate financial benefit to the member that is shared only by a minority of persons within the same industry sector or gear group. A member of the Commission shall also abstain from voting on any petition submitted by an advocacy group of which the member is an officer or sits as a member of the advocacy group's board of directors. A member of the Commission shall not use the member's official position as a member of the Commission to secure any special privilege or exemption of substantial value for any person. No member of the Commission shall, by the member's conduct, create an appearance that any person could improperly influence the member in the performance of the member's official duties. ****

*Commissioners having questions about a conflict of interest or appearance of conflict should consult with counsel to the Marine Fisheries Commission or the secretary's ethics liaison. Upon discovering a conflict, the commissioner should inform the chair of the commission in accordance with N.C.G.S. 138A-15(e). ****

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5. Commercial shrimpers have long employed Turtle Excluder Devices and Fish Excluder Devices / By-catch Reduction devices to minimize unwanted by-catch and NC fishermen lead the nation in by-catch reduction.
6. Acting on this petition circumvents the FMP process and is contrary to the 1997 Fisheries Reform Act.
7. The Fisheries Reform Act mandates fair and equitable management of NC public trust resources to the benefit of all user groups.
8. Seafood industry jobs are an important component of our state's economic engine, including tourism and local foods/seafood branding efforts growing in popularity and importance.
9. A trawl restriction would hurt small businesses that support the working waterfront, such as gear suppliers, machine shops, mechanics, marine railways and docking facilities, restaurants and coastal tourism.
10. Petitioner has no clue about how this proposal would negatively affect commercial fishing communities in general or shrimpers in particular. The petitioner would have you believe that economic effects are not important in your decision; if that were the case, the rules would not require the petitioner to address the question of how the proposed rule would affect existing practices and an estimate of the cost to the persons affected.

902 Lake N Shore Drive
Morehead City, NC 28557
January 18, 2017

Ms. Nancy Fish
NC Division of Marine Fisheries
3441 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Nancy:

Please find attached my comments to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission concerning the NC Wildlife Federation's petition proposing restrictions on shrimp trawling, dated November 2, 2016.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Street

COMMENTS ON THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION PETITION TO THE
NORTH CAROLINA MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION ON DESIGNATION OF ALL
ESTUARINE AND NEAR SHORE OCEAN WATERS AS SPECIAL SECONDARY NURSERY
AREAS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

MICHAEL W. STREET
JANUARY 17, 2016

I worked for the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) from January 1970 through December 2007. During my career I served as a biologist and manager in many different programs. I was part of the team that first identified primary nursery areas in coastal North Carolina. I drafted North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) rules and DMF proclamations for many years, including the initial nursery area rules, as well as shrimp management proclamations.

Fisheries management, as conducted by the MFC and DMF, includes all activities undertaken to affect the conduct of fishing activities (pursuit and harvest of wild fish in public waters) by persons authorized to legally conduct such activities. The fish themselves cannot be directly managed. Management can only directly affect people and their activities. The MFC promulgates rules, some of which delegate authority to the DMF to issue executive orders (called proclamations) to take specific actions, enforce those rules (and statutes enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly), conduct research and monitoring, collect fisheries statistics, and produce public reports on their activities. Authority over land-based activities that significantly affect fisheries resources (such as development, waste disposal, surface water management, and storm water runoff) is vested in various other state and federal agencies, which inadequately protect fish habitat.

First, some general comments on fisheries management:

- Fisheries landings are not a valid measure of stock abundance because landings are influenced by many human factors, such as fishing effort, gear efficiency, market conditions, pollution, and rules/statutes. Landings are also greatly influenced by weather and natural mortality. The current condition of weakfish is a good example of natural mortality effects.
- Coastal fisheries management is very complex and difficult in North Carolina because of the wide variety of species, geography, habitats, degree of knowledge, and people involved.
- The simplest way to deal with this complexity would be to prohibit many activities in a broad-brush approach, and some jurisdictions have chosen to do that. Others, such as Alaska, North Carolina, and the federal government (NOAA Fisheries or National Marine Fisheries Service – NMFS) have chosen to acknowledge the complexity and deal with it. North Carolina has managed this way for more than 100 years with a variety of organizational approaches.
- Just because other states prohibit estuarine trawling is not a reason for North Carolina to do so. No other Atlantic coast state has a 40 by 60 mile sound as part of its estuarine system.
- Historically, many areas in North Carolina were opened to shrimp trawling on pre-announced dates, resulting in “grand openings” featuring up to hundreds of boats in confined spaces. Such openings often created dangerous situations with large vessels and small skiffs competing for space, as well as high bycatch, an influx of out-of-state vessels, and very brief fishing seasons in those areas. To address those situations,

DMF and MFC moved toward leaving many areas, including Pamlico and Core sounds and the ocean open throughout the year, as well as the mouths of many bays and rivers/creeks so that small vessels would have safe areas to work in. This approach met local community needs.

- North Carolina's current regulatory system with fishery management plans, stakeholder advisory committees, and consultation and cooperation with other states and NOAA is mandated by our 1997 Fisheries Reform Act (FRA). This approach works; not as fast as many might like, but everyone can participate and decisions are made, implemented, evaluated, and modified in a continuing and public process.

North Carolina's shrimp fishery is based on three species of shrimp (brown, white, and pink). Shrimp on average live less than one year and are considered annual crops. Abundance in any given year has very little to do with abundance in any other year. They all spawn in the ocean and migrate as larvae into estuarine nursery areas, where they grow and then migrate back to the ocean to eventually spawn. Environmental conditions (principally water temperature and salinity in the estuarine system) primarily determine the annual abundance of shrimp available for harvest. Brown shrimp historically dominate North Carolina's landings, followed by white and pink shrimp, varying with annual environmental conditions. White shrimp are most sensitive to low winter temperatures, suffering region-wide kills in cold winters (water temperatures in the mid-40s F); several consecutive mild winters are necessary for abundance to recover. White shrimp prefer lower-salinity nursery areas than the other two species. Once brown shrimp leave the upper estuaries, they are not subjected to severe cold because they migrate to the ocean as winter sets in. An important feature of brown shrimp, occurring only in North Carolina, is that they grow to a very large size (10–15 per pound) in Pamlico Sound late in the fishing season, about mid-September – late November. Such large shrimp command premium market prices. Brown shrimp of that size are not generally found in any other Atlantic coast fishing grounds, estuarine or ocean. Pink shrimp are the most temperature-tolerant species and utilize higher salinity nursery habitats than brown and white shrimp. Pink shrimp overwinter in the estuarine sediments from southern Pamlico Sound to the Cape Fear area, and it takes several days of water temperature in the 30s F to cause large kills. In addition, pink shrimp are abundant in North Carolina, but uncommon from South Carolina to south Florida.

Shrimp harvest using trawls began in southern North Carolina during the early 1900s and spread to other areas. Prior to that period shrimp harvest was generally as bycatch in seine fisheries directed at finfish; there was little market demand for shrimp. White shrimp supported the earliest harvests, probably because the primary fishing season was in the late summer and fall when finfish (and, coincidentally, white shrimp) were most available in the southern estuarine systems. The Pamlico Sound shrimp fishery developed largely after World War II when larger vessels and engines became generally available. Thus large-scale shrimp trawling there has occurred for about 70 years. By the 1960s many thousands of commercial (and recreational) fishermen used trawls in North Carolina. Federal agencies that preceded NOAA Fisheries conducted research, mostly in the Gulf of Mexico area, to develop vessels, gear, and processing methods, which quickly spread to the rest of the fishery.

Commercial fishing licenses peaked at around 18,000 in North Carolina in the 1970s, and total commercial fisheries landings in North Carolina peaked in the late 1970s – early 1980s. Shrimp trawling was allowed almost everywhere in Coastal Fishing Waters once the season opened by proclamations. Prior to the early 1970s, openings were largely determined by discussions among seafood dealers and the Fisheries Commissioner. The first scientific sampling by DMF in estuarine waters began in July 1970 in New Hanover County under the

legislatively funded Estuarine Inventory program. Biologists and technicians sampled intensively from the heads of estuarine creeks out to the inlets, completing initial field work in early September. Data clearly showed the function of the creeks as primary nursery areas (PNAs). The results were given to the Fisheries Commissioner, and he soon issued proclamations prohibiting trawling in the creeks that fall, a very unpopular decision. The survey moved on to Brunswick and Carteret counties, with similar results. Great controversy developed as the program spread throughout the coastal counties through 1976, resulting in closing many areas to trawling. All of the original PNAs were identified during this period. North Carolina's coastal fisheries management system was greatly changed during this period, with the first Marine Fisheries Commission established by the legislature. Initial nursery area rules were drafted and approved by the MFC in 1977.

Since that period, regular sampling through various DMF programs has revealed a great deal about shrimp abundance, distribution, and behavior in North Carolina:

- White shrimp are most abundant in the southern part of the coastal area, southeastern Pamlico Sound through Brunswick County. Pink shrimp are most abundant in the in the central coastal area, and brown shrimp occupy most of the estuarine system.
- Pink shrimp that have survived overwintering in the sediments of the sounds are the first available for harvest, sometimes as early as late March – April.
- Pink shrimp are nocturnal, so they are harvested overwhelmingly at night; white shrimp are most active during daylight hours and are harvested at that time. Brown shrimp can be active at all times, depending on local conditions, so they may be harvested 24 hours per day. In Pamlico Sound the largest brown shrimp harvests often occur at night. (The current night closure of Brunswick County waters was enacted in response to the fact that white shrimp were so dominant in the near shore ocean there as well as in states to the south where large Brunswick County vessels often worked part of the year.)
- Brown shrimp larvae start entering the estuaries in “waves” in the southern coastal area in late winter and later in northern areas. They come in over a variable period that can extend over several months. In years of high abundance, these waves may be detectable as fairly distinct size groups.
- Research shows clearly that in years with high spring rainfall, brown shrimp abundance is depressed as nursery area salinities fall.
- White shrimp enter nursery areas in the spring and early summer, while pink shrimp come in during the summer.

Now for a few comments specifically on the North Carolina Wildlife Federation (NCWF) petition:

- Filing of the petition itself is in keeping with the intent of the FRA to have an orderly and open management process, although the proper way to make major fishery management changes is the fishery management plan process.
- Seeking specific limited actions rather than a total prohibition on estuarine shrimp trawling is also in keeping with the FRA.
- Data on shrimp and fish abundance in the 0–3-mile ocean area are not available from any long-term sampling programs by DMF or other agencies or institutions. Thus, inclusion of the near shore ocean waters (zero to three miles off the ocean beach) in the areas proposed as special secondary nurseries has no scientific basis presented in the petition.

- Available bottom type data (ASMFC SEAMAP program) show that considerable areas of hard/live bottom are located in the areas beyond three miles from the beach, especially as one moves to the south, making trawling extremely difficult, as well as illegal under federal rules protecting hard bottoms.
- No data are presented to show that shrimp trawl fishermen will be able to trawl in the more offshore area beyond three miles from the beach, or that they will be able to catch commercial quantities of shrimp in that area.
- The “daytime shrimping only” provision in the proposal will likely significantly reduce the harvest of pink shrimp in North Carolina with no compensating benefit to fishermen or the environment.

Finally, all coastal and offshore waters serve as nursery areas for some “fish” species (silversides, shrimp, spot, blue crabs, king mackerel, tunas), including those with value to commercial and sport fishermen, those that serve as prey, and those that some folks like to look at in an aquarium tank or simply know that they exist. Management’s task is to find a balance among the various uses of the public trust resources within its jurisdiction. North Carolina commercial fishermen, including shrimpers, provide “local” sources of healthy foods to meet increasing demand for locally sourced foods. Significantly limiting shrimp harvest will not serve this growing market. North Carolina’s management approach has been to do the hard work necessary to reach difficult, often nuanced and unpopular, decisions, especially since the late 1960s when the DMF first hired biological staff to provide a scientific basis for coastal fisheries management. That approach must continue. As long as the existing FRA system and scientific management approach continue, there is no need to implement the restrictions contained in the NCWF petition.

Comments for Shrimp Trawl Meeting-1/17/17

My name is Jess Hawkins.

First, thank you all for your service to our state as advisors and I pray that you will be granted wisdom in making your decision today.

For those that do not know me, I would like to share a few facts about myself that are pertinent to the issue before you. I grew up in eastern North Carolina, both hunting and fishing. I began my professional career as a fisheries biologist with the Division of Marine Fisheries. I was intimately involved in formally identifying and designating nursery areas throughout Pamlico Sound and helping decide what fishing gears would be appropriate in those areas. I have gone to court several times to defend those designated nursery areas. I was closely involved in developing a trawl survey of fish for Pamlico Sound, whose data the petitioners cite as evidence for designating new formal nursery areas. My lab was involved in addressing the issue of finfish bycatch in shrimp trawls, where the staff I worked with and fishermen first developed effective finfish excluders for shrimp trawls, and where North Carolina was the first state to require excluders in shrimp trawls. And I was intimately involved in developing and coordinating a new fisheries management system in NC that involved stakeholders like yourselves and creating a process of developing fisheries management plans to tackle major resource issues. I served on the Commission who will be receiving your advice. Throughout my career I strove to present what knowledge and experience I had acquired with grace, tried to pursue truth through science and dialogue with stakeholders, and did so with a passion driven by the love of my state, its natural resources and its people.

I strongly urge you to reject the petition before you today. There are many reasons to do so; due to the lack of time I will cover some of the most pertinent.

The only way to combat a lie or misrepresentation is with the truth. The petitioners would have you believe that there is scientific evidence that correlates the amount of shrimp trawl bycatch with declines in populations of croaker, trout and spot. **SIMPLY AND CLEARLY THAT IS NOT TRUE.** Federal scientists have performed recent stock assessments of croaker and grey trout and found no impacts of shrimp trawl bycatch on those populations. Stock assessments are syntheses of all the biological information prepared by experts on a species. In fact, experts state that croaker are not overfished and that fishing is occurring at a sustainable rate; also, overfishing is not occurring in weakfish and fisheries experts state that natural factors have led to a decline in its population status. The petitioners do not tell you that weakfish numbers are down and have been down in Chesapeake Bay, Delaware Bay, Long Island Sound and other areas, even though those areas do not have shrimp trawling. Another federal agency, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, found no cause to prohibit trawling in North Carolina in their last Shrimp Fishery Management Plan in 2005 for waters off North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The petitioners do not tell you that shrimp trawl effort has decreased by 80% from 1995 to 2011 based on the number of trips per year and that finfish bycatch in North Carolina has been greatly reduced due to restrictions and other measures.

You should deny the petition because the state just spent two years developing the 2015 Shrimp FMP Amendment with stakeholders in a deliberative process which addressed shrimp trawl bycatch and the measures proposed by the petitioners were **NOT** found to be necessary. The North Carolina General Assembly, with the Fisheries Reform Act of 1997, revamped North Carolina's fisheries management program and established the very committees you sit on, and clearly desired that such comprehensive changes to important NC fisheries be developed through fishery management plans, not by petitions just as this or piecemeal regulation such as proposed by the petitioners. Our state should not return to management by emergency or crises which we had before the Fisheries Reform Act. The petitioners would have you believe that North Carolina has done little to protect marine fisheries resources. Again, that is not true. I hope, and the Division should have provided to you, the links or copies of the Shrimp FMP's and the state's management efforts in fishery management plans on weakfish and other species so you can see for yourself the extensive management that goes on in North Carolina and recognize that the petitioner's statements are disingenuous and their arguments flawed.

The petitioners do not provide you and the MFC with a responsible and thorough assessment of the effects of shrimp trawling on finfish populations and habitat. They selectively present scientific data on finfish bycatch in shrimp trawls, misuse scientific data such as finfish bycatch ratios and survey data, and make numerous general claims not backed by scientific evidence. Again, I hope the Division provided copies of the Shrimp FMP's or FMP's of other species that will shed light on the truth and provide a much more responsible overview of what scientists know worldwide about shrimp trawl impacts to finfish and habitat. The petitioners also use general data presentations from a Pamlico Sound Survey, which I helped design, to claim that all the state's waters should be designated formal nursery areas. They do not and I repeat, do not incorporate the historical rigorous sampling and analytical techniques that were used in the past by the Division to formally classify nursery areas and have stood the test of legal challenges.

The petition should be denied because the statement of the effect of the proposed rules on existing practices in the area involved and an estimate of the cost factors for persons affected by the proposed rules are clearly and unequivocally inadequate, **WHICH IS REQUIRED BY LAW**. There is no description of the negative economic impacts that will occur in the coastal communities whose economies are based on fishing; there is no description of the impacts on restaurants and consumers when the availability of shrimp will be greatly reduced; there is no estimate on the costs to the taxpayers for the sampling that will be required to determine if areas can be opened; there is no description of the enforcement costs by the taxpayers to ensure that shrimp trawling does not occur in this large expanse of waters during the closed period, etc, etc. I speak with intimate knowledge of this rule because I helped draft it with counsel from the Attorney General's office. Shrimp trawling is one of North Carolina's most economically important fisheries and these measures will impact the fishing industry from Manteo to Calabash and affect consumers and restaurants throughout the state.

There are numerous other reasons to reject the petition, but time prevents their conveyance.

Lastly, there is something deeper here on this issue.... something that goes beyond the numbers and data. Each of us is blessed with core principles that we use to determine what is right or wrong, fair or

unjust. When you look at this whole critical situation in its entirety, and I want to emphasize that this situation is a turning point for our state, I pray that you, like myself, will determine that denying this petition is the right and just thing to do.

Thank you.

Jess H. Hawkins III

-Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, thank you for your service to the people and marine resources of North Carolina. My Name is Richard Mode and I'm from Morganton, North Carolina. Thanks for letting a red neck mountain boy participate in this serious discussion about marine fishery policy. The coast of North Carolina is dear to my heart as it is 10s of thousands of Western North Carolinians and many more folks West of these waters. Unfortunately frustration with having poor success throwing Gulps at trout and chunks of meat at Drum have caused me to take dollars to other Southeastern states in recent years. It pains me to spend money in Georgia. Many of my fellow anglers from the mountains have chosen the same strategy.

I've had the pleasure of working with sportsmen for 48 years on policy that would protect, enhance and restore wildlife resources in North Carolina. I value that experience and have seen anglers, scientists and commercial interests come together to do really good work for the betterment wildlife resources in our state and nationally.

Throughout this experience I have found that when people come together, put the sustainability of the resource and habitats first and let science show us the way good things happen and everyone reaps the rewards with more viable wildlife and fishery resources.

I saw that scenario work quite successfully in a massive change in our mountain trout fishery, a fishery that was decimated and had to be propped up with stocking trucks filled with sub standard fish. Anglers and scientists put their minds to work and completely changed the way we manage mountain trout with emphasis on natural reproduction and enhancement of water quality. We had to change the way we fish, change the gear and take limits and it hurt. But it worked and today this fishery fills the motel rooms, camp grounds and restaurants in sparsely populated, economically challenged mountain counties.

Over forty years later I see the same possibilities here on the coast. I do not support a total ban on shrimp trawling in North Carolina and believe the cultural and historical significance of that fishery needs to be protected. However, I strongly believe that the petition is critical to ensure not only a viable shrimp fishery, but to rebuild fish stocks that were also critical to the history and culture of our coast that are but a fraction of what they were.

Mr. Chairman I look forward to going back to the mountains and telling my fellow anglers the Marine Resources Commission has taken the higher ground and they very shortly can turn their suvs and boats toward the North Carolina Coast because in a very time our overall fisheries are going to improve dramatically.

I'm also looking forward to acknowledging the fact that my granddaughters will have the same opportunity to enjoy wild North Carolina that I knew as a boy.

Richard Mode 1
Morganton, NC

I am speaking in support of petition in front of the Commission to designate all coastal fishing waters areas as special secondary nursery areas, establish clear criteria for the opening of shrimp season, and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used in special secondary nursery areas during shrimp season.

What I hear in these speakers – both commercial and conservation speakers – is a common goal: More fish and more shrimp and thus more money in Eastern NC. To accomplish these goals we must rebuild stocks of shrimp and fish. Now I have never raised shrimp – or fish. But I learned about wildlife populations from hunting quail with my father. He taught me never to hunt when the quail were immature and never to take all of a covey. Dad said, “You take all of the birds in a covey and we can’t hunt them next year.”

We are all concerned with making money for our family. We all need to pay the bills that let us take care of the people we love. But we don’t live in isolation. To make money this season at the expense of our children and our neighbors is short sighted. The next generation of shrimpers will need shrimp in our NC waters. Our neighbors who run the sports fishing guide services and the motels and restaurants need fishing resources that bring anglers to NC. Their families need a successful fishery so that they can rent rooms to fishermen and their families. I have watched a shrimp trawler working the shore so close in front of a motel’s casting guests that the lines were almost tangled. Shrimpers put money in the local economy but so do motels, restaurants, guides. NC needs all of these sources of income to put money in the economy to support schools, hospitals, roads and the growth of towns and cities along the NC coast.

Last year we spent a month in Georgia so that my husband could fish and I could do some coastal birding. Every restaurant we ate at had a sign on the wall and on the menu stating that “We serve only GA shrimp. I could get behind a movement to make this a NC program – if I’m not killing 4 x as many fish as I’m eating shrimp. If I am supporting a viable, sustainable shrimp population. I know that many people here would join with me in making this a priority.

This wonderful NC fishery resource is not for one group: It is for all of us! For all of us to conserve, share and nurture

Julia Mode, Morganton, NC

John Canup, Retired banker
1409 St. James Place, Kinston NC 28504

I am a recreational fisherman.

35 years ago I was going to Pamlico Sound and catching 1-2 pound croakers by the cooler full. After 5-10 years they were gone. I WAS PART OF THE PROBLEM.

30 years ago I was going to Pamlico Sound, Ocracoke, Drum Inlet and catching coolers of gray trout. After 5-10 years they were gone. I WAS PART OF THE PROBLEM.

15 years ago I was catching all the speckle trout I could use and then a limit of 10 fish was put in place. Soon 10 fish limits were hard to catch and 4 fish limits were put in place. Now I feel fortunate to catch 1 or 2 trout per trip.

Commercial fishing in the same time frame:

35 years ago family trawlers pulling 60-70-foot head ropes on their nets were trawling Pamlico Sound. These trawlers grew in size and numbers to over 100 plus. They also began pulling nets exceeding 200 feet of head rope. Today's electronics and GPS units allow these trawlers to cover Pamlico Sound with the same efficiency you mow every blade of grass in your front yard. This is done daily during shrimping season.

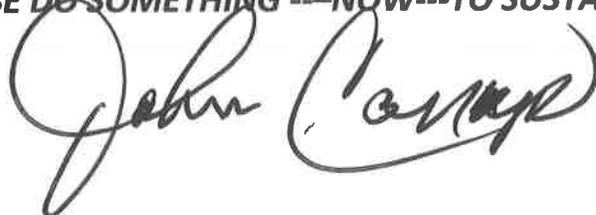
PAMLICO SOUND is a nursery area and it cannot sustain the constant abuse it is subjected to by these large trawlers. This is evidenced by historic data and not just my observations.

Limitations on all user groups must be put in place immediately to sustain the few remaining fish stocks in our state.

Please read and understand the factual data supplied by these experts.

PLEASE, PLEASE DO SOMETHING ---NOW---TO SUSTAIN OUR FISHERIES -----

Thank You.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Canup". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop for the letter 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

O'NEAL'S SEA HARVEST, INC.
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I am a small business owner in Wanchese, NC. My business is comprised of a fish house, a seafood retail and a restaurant. Pamlico Sound shrimp is crucial to our existence since the new large mesh gill net regulations, pound net regulations and increased minimum size restrictions on southern flounder have gone in effect. We supply numerous retails and restaurants in our area with NC shrimp. In 2016 we had 25 full-time employees with a payroll of \$662,649. In addition we employed 117 people under 1099 contract labor and paid them \$77,806. We bought 376,575 lbs. of shrimp and paid our boats \$799,972. This is only the tip of the economic iceberg. Some weeks we purchase seafood from over 100 fishermen. The shrimp petition filed by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation will cause my fish house to close. We need your help to stay open. I have served on the Finfish Committee and the Rockfish Committee and understand the unwarranted pressure you are under. Please send a strong message to the Marine Fisheries Committee that this shrimp petition is wrong for North Carolina. It is scientifically wrong, economically wrong and morally wrong. By its nature it mandates the use of imported shrimp. Please reject this environmentally inspired petition aimed at the commercial fishing industry.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benny O'Neal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Benny O'Neal
Owner-O'Neal's Sea Harvest, Inc.

COMMENTS ON THE NC WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S PETITION TO CHANGE NC SHRIMP FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS

My name is Dr. Stanley M. Warlen. I have lived in Carteret County since 1965 and during that time spent over 33 years as a Fishery Research Biologist with the NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service Laboratory in Beaufort, NC studying fish and fisheries in North Carolina. During that time my studies were focused on the ecology, biology and early life history (eggs, larvae and juveniles) of coastal marine fishes: especially those fall/winter spawning estuarine dependent species such as Atlantic menhaden, spot and Atlantic croaker. I have over 30 scientific publications in peer reviewed journals. I am now retired.

I am opposed to the changes proposed in the NC Wildlife Federation's petition to change the fishing regulations that apply to the NC shrimp fishery. The petition does not address any concerns regarding the health of the shrimp populations in NC. Its main concern is the impact of the shrimp trawl fishery on the incidental catch of spot, Atlantic croaker and weakfish. Mortality of marine fishes is commonly thought of as either human caused mortality (i.e. fishing mortality) or all other mortality (i.e. natural mortality). Both types result in a reduction in the number of fish in a population. Natural mortality starts early in the life history (e.g. egg and larval stages) and continues throughout the life span of the species. So if we are to know changes in the number of fish in a population, then we need to know the contribution of each type of mortality on the population. It is not reasonable or even the least bit accurate to ascribe changes in fish population numbers to one mortality or the other without the best scientific estimates of both types of mortality. Where is the evidence that the stock sizes of these three fish species are declining and to what do we attribute those declines? If there is no evidence then there is no need to implement any changes in the shrimp trawl fishery regulations.

Until we know the contribution of each mortality in the populations of these three species we should NOT forge ahead and put any new shrimping restrictions that put the entire burden or blame on the backs of commercial and recreational fishermen. The livelihoods of commercial fishermen and their families, seafood processors and retailers are at stake and the access to this valuable seafood resource for all consumers should not be diminished. Many North Carolinians as well as residents of other states enjoy shrimp that were caught in our waters. Also, remember that between 100,000 and 200,000 people come every year to the NC Seafood Festival to eat NC seafood some of which includes NC caught shrimp. Please let all our citizens continue to enjoy safe and healthy shrimp caught in NC waters. We need NC caught shrimp and we need fishermen out there catching them. Acceptance and implementation of the ideas in the NC Wildlife Federation petition would severely reduce the shrimp catch in NC. I beseech you to not let that happen.

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January 11, 2017

Mr. Sammy Corbett, Chairman
Marine Fisheries Commission Office
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Mr. Corbett:

The American Shrimp Processors Association (ASPA) writes to the commission to encourage the commission to deny the petition request currently seeking to restrict shrimp trawling in inshore North Carolina state waters. According to a 2014 report by the International Trade Commission, members of ASPA process more than seventy percent of the shrimp harvested in the Gulf and South Atlantic. Membership in ASPA ranges from North Carolina to Texas. Like commercial shrimpers, members of ASPA are multi-generational, family-owned and privately-held businesses. Collectively, with commercial shrimpers, these businesses form an integral part of small coastal communities throughout the Gulf and South Atlantic areas. Not only do these small businesses contribute substantially to the economic well-being of coastal areas, but they are also the backbones of coastal ambiance.

As Executive Director of the American Shrimp Processors Association and as a former university researcher, I have spent more than four decades working with a variety of seafood industries. Many times, I have seen actions like those proposed under the current petition. Justification for this and other similar petitions is most often structured so that it appears to be protecting some part of the natural resource. In fact, these kinds of petitions are nothing more than an effort to reallocate some often unnamed renewable resource.

Suffice it to say, no user group is more concerned about the health of our marine resources than those who depend on it for their livelihood. Commercial fishing industries of all types have a long history of adapting to changes necessary to ensure continuation of their industry and businesses.

Unfortunately, we are likely to see more actions like this petition--not only in North Carolina but also in other coastal states-- as competition for a share of resources intensifies.



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We encourage the commission to carefully consider this petition for what it is--an effort to reallocate some resource other than the shrimp fishery. We believe any management decision should be based on hard science. Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

C. David Veal, Ph.D.



January 4, 2017

Mr. Sammy Corbett
Chairman, NC Marine Fisheries Commission
NC Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Regarding the petition of November 2 from the North Carolina Wildlife Federation proposing changes to designated nursery areas and shrimp harvesting, we find it necessary to express our concern on a matter so important to our industry.

While we share the concern in keeping our coastal environment healthy and productive for all for generations to come, we feel the petition as proposed would essentially make it so prohibitive for shrimpers to continue harvesting and may result in the collapse of North Carolina's shrimping industry, and significantly impact the economy of the state, and in particular, Dare and the other coastal counties.

Specifically:

- The most recent shrimp harvest value of almost \$17 million represents nearly 18% of the entire commercial landings of finfish and shellfish, 50% the value of the entire finfish landings, and is second only to blue crabs in single species in overall value.
- Limiting harvest to only three days in daytime only will make it untenable for many to continue in the industry, leading to significant economic impacts, including the loss of one of our most prized foods, and increased reliance on imported shrimp, much of which has serious food safety and other ethical and quality issues. The effect would go well beyond the commercial fishing industry, and include the restaurant/hospitality and retail industries, and by extension, all others in our coastal economy.
- By catch concerns are already being addressed and improved upon including NCMFC's approval of Amendment 1 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan in February 2014 with a three year plan for further bycatch reduction, with much of the gear changes currently being implemented.
- The petition, which was built on the premise of protecting the integrity of North Carolina's entire ecosystem, omitted the mention of anything other than trawl impacts on these special secondary nursery areas, to include water quality and other human impacts.

With these concerns in mind, we asked that NCMFC deny the NCWF petition as written and continue to the efforts currently in place, and necessary amendments, to ensure a productive yet sustainable shrimp industry that is so important to all. Thank you for your time and consideration.

On behalf of the membership of the Outer Banks Restaurant Association, as resolved at our regularly scheduled meeting, January 4, 2016, respectfully,



Daniel Lewis, President

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January 10, 2017

Mr. Sammy Corbett
Chairman
North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission
3441 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

RE: Support for North Carolina's Commercial Watermen

Dear Chairman Corbett:

Oh behalf of Nags Head's Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express our support for our state's commercial watermen. As such, we oppose the North Carolina Wildlife Federation's petition for rulemaking to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters, which has been submitted to your organization.

This petition would severely limit shrimp trawling, which would have a devastating effect on our commercial fishing families and their small businesses, as well as negatively impact the availability of fresh, local shrimp. At a time when our state is seeking to support its citizens and businesses by promoting local businesses, limiting a citizen's ability to live and thrive in our great state doesn't make a lot of sense.

Commercial fishing lies at the heart of coastal North Carolina's heritage. It is critically important to our state's working watermen and their families, as well as to our state's economy. We implore you to make the right decision concerning the Wildlife Federation's petition by opposing it. Please do not put the success of North Carolina's shrimping industry, as well as all of those who rely on it, in jeopardy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robert C. Edwards'.

Robert C. Edwards
Mayor

Anna Brophy
233 S Harbor Watch Dr.
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Jan.3, 2017

Marine Fisheries Commission Office
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
PO Box 769
Morehead City, N.C. 28557

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to ask that you lend your support to the petition submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to implement Rulemaking, which will help to better manage and protect the marine fisheries of North Carolina. The changes will expand the Special Secondary Nursery Areas to include all currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters and to apply special rules to govern the shrimp trawling industry in these areas.

The restrictions to the currently undesignated inshore waters and ocean waters to the three-mile limit and the shrimp trawling industry will include:

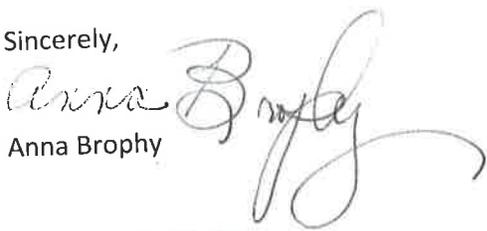
1. limiting the headrope length of trawlers to 90 feet,
2. the shrimp season will open when count per pound of 60 is reached at Pamlico Sound,
3. limit trawling to three days a week and during daylight hours only,
4. the limiting of tow times to 45minutes, and
5. the requiring of two finfish excluder devices on all trawls.

In addition, I support the proposed size limits for spot and croaker of 8 and 10 inches respectively, so these declining fish populations are given the chance to reach maturity and spawn at least one time. This proposed size limit is necessary to allow these two species to recover from over fishing.

As a resident of North Carolina and having several family members who reside on the coast of North Carolina, I feel strongly that we must implement rules that protect our coastal habitats to insure the future of tourism, amateur fishing, and commercial fishing.

Sincerely,

Anna Brophy



January 6, 2016

Chairman Sammy Corbett
NC Marine Fisheries Commission
Division of Marine Fisheries
NC Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Chairman Corbett:

On behalf of the North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association (NCRLA) and our state's more than 20,000 restaurants and hotels, I write to express the Association's opposition to the November 2, 2016 petition from the North Carolina Wildlife Federation proposing changes to designated nursery areas and shrimp harvesting.

While we share the concern about keeping our coastal environment healthy and productive for generations to come, the proposed changes would make it difficult for shrimpers to continue harvesting and may threaten the viability of North Carolina's shrimping industry, which is a vital source of fresh seafood served at North Carolina restaurants and hotels.

We ask that the NC Marine Fisheries Commission deny the petition and continue discussions with all interested parties about ways ensure a productive yet sustainable shrimp industry for our state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lynn D. Minges
President & CEO

January 4, 2017

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
3441 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

RE: Public Hearing
January 17, 2017
New Bern, NC
N.C. Wildlife Federation Petition

Dear Sirs:

I and my family very much support the N.C. Wildlife Federation Petition to reduce shrimp trawling finfish bycatch.

Now being 82 years old, and having fished N.C. Outer Banks my entire adult life, I can readily attest that croaker, gray trout, speckled trout and spot are severely depleted now versus years past.

Conversations with commercial fishing interest has confirmed that sound shrimping is a primary reason. Common sense dictates that several pounds of finfish bycatch for one (1) pound of shrimp would soon result in no finfish.

Question... why ruin a viable economic needed finfish Recreation and Commercial Fishery for \$3 per pound "heads on" shrimp retail market season??

Please adhere to the reasonable requests of the petition. It is in everyone's interest.

Thank you,



Douglas E. Jackson, Jr.
Nags Head, NC 27959

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January 3, 2017

Mr. Sammy Corbett
North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Mr. Corbett:

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners, through attached resolution, recommends that the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Committee (MFC) deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation that proposes to designate the internal coastal and near oceanic waters of North Carolina special secondary nursery areas. The rules proposed in the Petition would close the internal coastal waters and near-shore oceanic waters of North Carolina to trawling unless opened by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), establish a shrimp size for shrimp trawling season to open, establish a more restrictive headrope size for shrimp trawls, create a trawl tow time for shrimp trawling, further restrict the taking of shrimp to daylight hours and three days per week, require the use of two DMF certified bycatch reduction devices in shrimp trawls, and create a recreational size limit of 8 inches for spot and 10 inches for croaker.

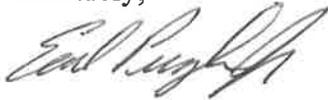
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Secondly, the Petition should be denied because these issues were recently discussed and addressed by the 2015 Shrimp FMP after two years of development. Bycatch and habitat protection measures were deliberated by the DMF and MFC Shrimp FMP Advisory Committee through the development of the FMP. Recommendations were reviewed by several other MFC advisory committees. Many public meetings were held where stakeholders provided input.

Thirdly, the Petition should be denied because the cost factors described in the Petition are clearly inadequately described. This omission is significant because the shrimp fishery is North Carolina's most important fishery economically.

The proposals will have a substantial economic impact on many small businesses, have significant negative effects on coastal communities and negatively impact the availability of North Carolina shrimp to consumers, which is why we are recommending that the MFC deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

Sincerely,



Earl Pugh, Jr. Chairman
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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cc: Governor-Elect Roy Cooper
Senator Norman W. Sanderson
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Representative Tim Moore
Dr. Braxton Davis

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO AMEND 15A
ADMIN. CODE 3L .0101, 3L .0103, 3M .0522, 3M .0523, 3N .0151, AND 3R .0105 TO
DESIGNATE SPECIAL SECONDARY NURSERY AREAS AND REDUCE BYCATCH
MORTALITY IN NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL FISHING WATERS AS PRESENTED BY
THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION**

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Wildlife Federation has filed a Petition for Rulemaking to amend 15A Admin. Code 3L .0101, 3L .0103, 3M .0522, 3M .0523, 3N .0151, and 3R .0105 to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters.

WHEREAS, Hyde County strives to promote and ensure the viability and sustainability of North Carolina's valuable fisheries resources for all citizens including consumers demanding fresh North Carolina seafood.

WHEREAS, Hyde County strongly supports this resolution against rulemaking that proposes reclassifying internal coastal waters as secondary nursery areas.

WHEREAS, Hyde County has a 300 year history of commercial fishing in Pamlico Sound and relies greatly on commercial fishing as their second largest industry supporting the Hyde County economy.

WHEREAS, hundreds of people in Hyde County rely on shrimp trawling to support their families, surrounding businesses, communities and the local economy. Hyde County's shrimp fishermen are small, family-owned, independent businesses that sell to seafood dealers that seasonally employ hundreds more and whose expenditures spread through the communities in Hyde County.

WHEREAS, trawl effects greatly depend on the design of the gear, intensity of use and location used. The largest proportion of the bottom of the Pamlico Sound is soft, muddy bottom or soft, sandy bottom, where shrimp trawls and their doors have not been found to be highly destructive.

WHEREAS, D. Corbett et al. 2004, found that shrimp trawl effects on the bottom found in most of the Pamlico Sound have been described by scientists as similar to harsh winter storms with short term impacts.

WHEREAS, R.A. Deehr 2012, found that scientists have found that trawling disturbance can stimulate an increase in population numbers of bottom invertebrates and that predators of those invertebrates were more common in areas not open to trawling.

WHEREAS, trawls are designed to be selective for target species by modifying the mesh size, modifying the design, and speed of tow and shrimp trawls in North Carolina are required to use finfish excluders to allow small fish to escape.

WHEREAS, according to Harrington, D.L. and R.A. Vendetti in 1996, as much as 70% of the juvenile finfish are excluded with finfish excluders and North Carolina was the first state to require finfish excluders in shrimp trawls in its internal waters.

WHEREAS, shrimp trawlers are also required to use Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) to allow sea turtles to escape and scientists have documented that TEDs exclude significant amounts of juvenile finfish.

WHEREAS, the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound, which is the largest brackish water body in any one state in the United States of America, is unique in its characteristics and cannot be compared to water bodies in other states.

WHEREAS, Pamlico Sound is one of the few water bodies that support commercial quantities of pink, white and brown shrimp in the south Atlantic.

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the only state that has formally designated nursery areas for juvenile fish, shrimp and crabs. All bottom-disturbing fishing gear is prohibited in these areas, including shrimp trawls and has been prohibited for over 35 years. The greatest majority of bays and creeks of western and northern Pamlico Sound are classified as secondary nursery areas to protect these populations.

WHEREAS, 124,000 acres of estuarine areas are classified as primary or secondary nursery areas. An additional 47,000 acres of brackish waters are classified as special secondary nursery areas. These areas are closed to trawling, but may be opened when the majority of juvenile fish have migrated from the areas. In 2006 almost 92,000 acres in the Pamlico, Pungo and Neuse Rivers were closed to shrimp trawling as part of the North Carolina Shrimp Fisheries Management Plan. In total almost 1,000,000 acres of internal coastal waters are closed to trawling in North Carolina representing approximately 48% of the total.

WHEREAS, North Carolina has not allowed trawling in Albemarle Sound since 1987. North Carolina closed extensive areas of submerged aquatic vegetation located on the eastern shore of the Outer Banks from Oregon Inlet to the mouth of Core Sound to shrimp trawling in 1994. These areas serve as nurseries for juvenile fish and shrimp.

WHEREAS, shrimp trawl fishermen try to fish in areas that maximize shrimp catch and minimize finfish bycatch. High amounts of finfish bycatch increase fuel costs and labor costs in addition to decreasing the economic quality of the shrimp caught. Shrimp trawl fishermen currently avoid high amounts of bycatch at every opportunity.

WHEREAS, characterizing bycatch in the North Carolina shrimp trawl fishery is difficult due to factors including but not limited to distribution of the bycatch species, variation in fishing effort, variations in gear, the seasonality of the fishery, and mortality of the bycatch species. The Director of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries recognized in August of 2013 that 4.5 lbs. of fish per lb. of shrimp is “not a good estimate” and is “not the appropriate way to characterize bycatch.”

WHEREAS, the variation of the amount of finfish to shrimp in a shrimp trawl is tremendous. Scientists studying bycatch in North Carolina have cautioned that finfish/shrimp ratios tend to overestimate bycatch.

WHEREAS, survival rates of discarded finfish from the shrimp trawl catches are also difficult to accurately calculate. Survival rates are greatly influenced by trawl tow times, water temperatures, catch volumes, and the time it takes to cull the fish. Studies have shown that creatures of the ecosystem where the shrimp are caught do consume large quantities of the discarded finfish that die. Blue Crabs and other benthic invertebrates, birds and bottlenose dolphins all consume discarded finfish.

WHEREAS, North Carolina is recognized by other states and the federal government as having one of the best fisheries data collection programs in the country. Since 1978, North Carolina has been collecting detailed biological data on spot, Atlantic croaker, and gray trout; species most common in shrimp trawl bycatch. Data collected by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries is used to assess population levels and to identify sources of fishing mortality.

WHEREAS, the 2010 Atlantic Croaker Stock Assessment Report for Peer Review, prepared by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, states that in a 2010 stock assessment of Atlantic croaker, that while there was too much uncertainty in the models to precisely determine if the population was overfished, scientists state it is unlikely the stock is overfished based on other population data.

WHEREAS, spot are not classified as overfished but are classified as concerned by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, primarily based on landings. However, scientists recognize it is very difficult to determine population status from landings data.

WHEREAS, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission found in their Weakfish Stock Assessment Report in 2009 that there is little evidence that overfishing is occurring on weakfish and they believe other factors besides fishing are causing the weakfish stock decline.

WHEREAS, federal scientists in the 2005 South Atlantic Shrimp FMP found that while reviewing the stock status of weakfish, spot and Atlantic croaker, they could find no evidence to indicate that the mortality of shrimp trawls with TEDs was having a significant adverse effect on those populations.

WHEREAS, North Carolina has produced a fishery management plan for shrimp and other species. In addition, the federal government has developed a FMP for shrimp in the south Atlantic, with numerous amendments. None of these plans, amendments, or addendums has recommended a ban on inside shrimp trawling in North Carolina to ensure sustainability of these fisheries resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that rulemaking reclassifying most internal coastal waters as special secondary nursery areas is not needed to improve fisheries management. The proposed reclassification will have a devastating impact on commercial fishing families and coastal fishing communities. The proposed reclassification will eliminate the availability to consumers of North Carolina harvested shrimp; a public resource to North Carolina residents, tourists, restaurants, and seafood retail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on behalf of the citizens of Hyde County, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners strongly urge the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to reject the proposed rule petition. Copies of this resolution in opposition to rule making that proposes reclassifying most internal coastal waters as secondary nursery areas will be forwarded to the Honorable Roy Cooper, NC Governor Elect, Nancy Fish, NCDMF Commission Liaison, the Hyde County Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly and each county in the great state of North Carolina.

Adopted this the 3rd day of January, 2017, in Hyde County, North Carolina.



SIGNATURE OF BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST: 
CLERK TO THE BOARD



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December 14, 2016

Mr. Sammy Corbett

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission

P. O. Box 769

Morehead City, North Carolina 28557

Dear Mr. Corbett:

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Sincerely,

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Jonathan Robinson, Chairman
Carteret County Marine Fisheries Advisory Board

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copy: Governor-Elect Roy Cooper
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Statement for Joseph J. Luczkovich, PhD

My name is Joseph Luczkovich, I am a professor of Biology and a scientist at the Institute for Coastal Science and Policy, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. I have been working as a ecologist and fishery scientist in North Carolina (first at NC State and then at ECU) for 27 years and prior to that I was assistant professor of fisheries at Humboldt State University in California. I was asked by the NC Fisheries Association to provide comments on the petition before you. I have read the petition for the NC Wildlife Federation.

First I would like to start with some quotes from the petition:

“This Petition advocates a data-driven, research-based approach to identifying existing nursery areas in North Carolina waters and in recommending management strategies most effective in protecting habitat and reducing bycatch.”

I agree with this part of the Petition.

However, they main evidence and data to support the claims in the petition is not from a peer-reviewed document. The petitioners cite:

Unintended Consequences, N.C.WILDLIFE FED’N JOURNAL 2 (Spring 2014),
<http://www.ncwf.org/wpcontent/uploads/ncwf-journal-spring-2014.pdf>;

Kevin Brown, Characterization of the commercial shrimp otter trawl fishery in the estuarine and ocean (0-3 miles) waters of North Carolina: Final Report to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, N.C. DEP’T OF ENV’TL QUALITY 14, 17 (Oct. 2015).

“Substantial fishing effort occurs in North Carolina’s nursery areas.”

Incorrect. No trawling occurs in Primary or Secondary Nursery Areas as designated by NCDMF. This ban on trawling in nursery areas is enforced by NC Marine Patrol. Shrimp trawling can occur in Special Secondary Nursery Areas if declared open to trawlers by Proclamation of the Director of NCDMF. The rest of the estuarine areas are open to trawling, but they are not designated as nursery areas.

“The amount of finfish bycatch in the North Carolina shrimp trawl fishery is unsustainably high, and the negative impact of shrimp trawl bycatch is felt coast wide.” No verifiable data exists to support this statement. The shrimp fishery and the fish species caught as bycatch are not declining or overharvested.

“In 2014, an estimated 15 million pounds of juvenile Atlantic croaker, spot, and weakfish were caught by trawl nets and thrown overboard.⁴Nearly all of the fish caught in trawl nets die in the net or shortly after culling on board.” The fact that shrimp trawl bycatch exists and that most fish die afterward is not in dispute. The exact biomass and number of fish caught as bycatch is an estimate, it is not normally weighed or counted at sea, perhaps the estimate is too high; also, 15 million pounds needs to be put in context – what is the total population biomass for these fish

...cies? In 2014, 29 million pounds of all fishes were landed in commercial fisheries, including
541,474 Atlantic croaker harvested weighing 227,826 pounds (0.42 lbs/fish)
2,111,899 Spot harvested weighing 704,445 (0.33 lbs/fish)
26,288 Weakfish harvested weighing 25,961(0.99 lbs/fish)

Although the numbers indicate that a total of 958,232 lbs of these three fishes were landed as directed commercial fishes (and another _____ amount landed by recreational fishers), the context is that most fishes die before becoming adults in the commercial and recreational fisheries. There is HUGE juvenile mortality for these fishes and marine fishes in general.

There are many, many more embryos and larvae produced from the adult mature individuals of the fishes listed above than are caught in the bycatch. The fact of the matter is that bycatch is not the main source of mortality for the early life stages of these fishes - it is larval mortality. For example, a peer-reviewed population modeling study on Atlantic croaker bycatch concluded:

"Contrary to our expectations, bycatch mortality on late juveniles was not the most important factor affecting either population of Atlantic croaker, and this result was robust to uncertainty in both adult and late juvenile mortality estimates. Both populations were most sensitive to ocean larva mortality, followed by mortality of estuary larvae and adults in the Gulf and of early juveniles and adults in the Atlantic." (Diamond et al., 2000)

Rebecca Deehr Dissertation (summary)

Finally, all of the dead fish from the bycatch are put back into the ecosystem, and the impact of that bycatch to the food web of NC estuaries was the basis of the ecosystem model and pseudo-experimental study we did for NC Sea Grant, resulting in Dr. Deehr's dissertation and the peer-reviewed publication in Ecological Modelling (Deehr, 2012; Deehr et al., 2014). The ecosystem model (Ecopath) showed there was an increase in NPP in the open trawling areas – there was more ecosystem production associated with trawling, due to higher system throughput or throughflow. That is, like a factory working at higher capacity, more output was gained at the level of the whole system when trawling was being done (from Table 23). Furthermore, contrary to our expectations prior to starting this study, there was a significant increase in biomass of benthic organisms (polychaete worms, among others benthic species, see Figure 18) in the open to trawling areas when compared with the closed PNA and SNA areas. This showed that the polychaete worms of the system were responding to trawling by scavenging the dead bycatch fishes' biomass; an alternative explanation for this unusual result is there was a trophic cascade due to the removal of the bycatch species, which prey on the polychaetes (one of the main foods of croaker, spot, pinfish and weakfish when they are small). The cause of this increase is still under investigation, but it shows that the system is responding to the trawling effect – the system is not dead, but thriving and recovering from this disturbance. It might even be considered a form of *beneficial predation* – removing the bycatch (or reducing the fishes collected as part of that group) allows for faster growth of the fishes that survive.

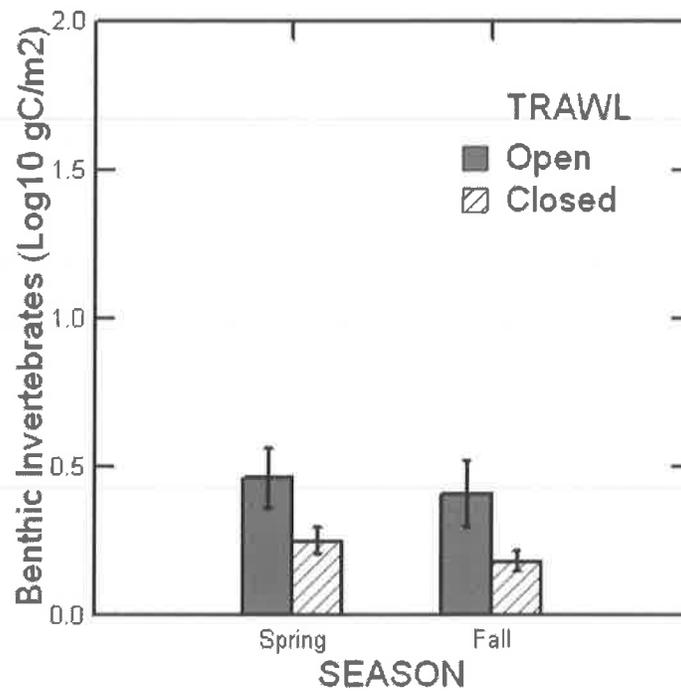


Figure 18. Total macrobenthic invertebrate biomass ($\log_{10} \text{ g C/m}^2$) comparisons for season and trawl area. Bars represent standard error of the mean.

Table 23. System measures from the four Ecopath models of Core Sound. SC = Spring Closed, SO = Spring Open, FC = Fall Closed, FO = Fall Open. System Measure

	Units	SC	SO	FC	FO
Sum of all consumption	g C/m ² /yr	423.37	367.39	387.74	300.77
Sum of all exports	g C/m ² /yr	108.23	222.05	519.94	564.20
Sum of all respiratory flows	g C/m ² /yr	181.01	172.87	200.77	133.49
Sum of all flows into detritus	g C/m ² /yr	466.33	464.65	843.56	773.48
Total System Throughput	g C/m ² /yr	1178.94	1226.95	1952.01	1771.94
Net Primary Production	g C/m ² /yr	286.42	368.85	714.02	687.11
Net Primary Production/Respiration		1.58	2.13	3.56	5.15
Ascendency	flowbits	1300.8	1597.3	2390.9	2250.0
Overhead	flowbits	2946.4	4113.6	3549.3	3864.1
Capacity	flowbits	4247.2	5710.9	5940.2	6117.1
Ascendency/Capacity	%	30.6	28.0	40.2	36.8
Transfer Efficiency (geometric mean)	%	7.0	13.1	6.2	14.6
Finn Cycling Index	%	26.9	10.9	9.4	6.3

Climate Change?

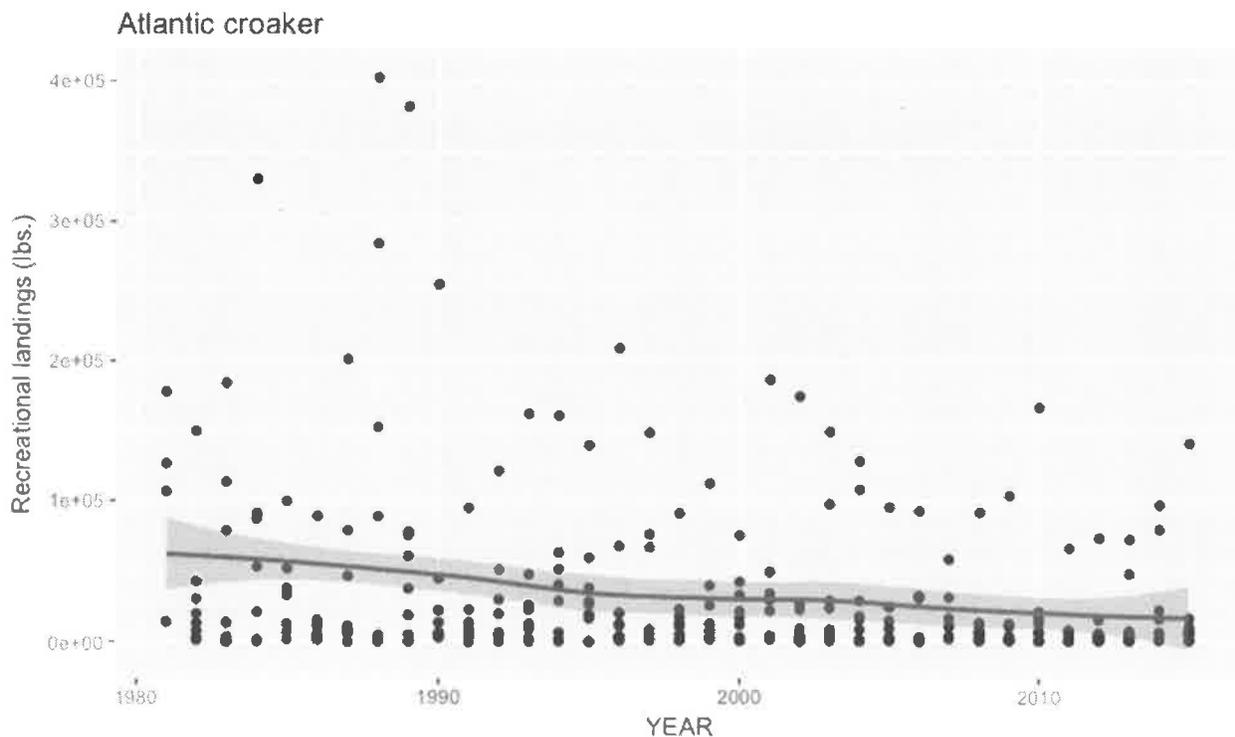
“Today, Virginia ranks number one in Atlantic croaker commercial landings while landings in the south Atlantic, including North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, have significantly declined.” from Travelstad and Daniel, Exhibit B in Petition

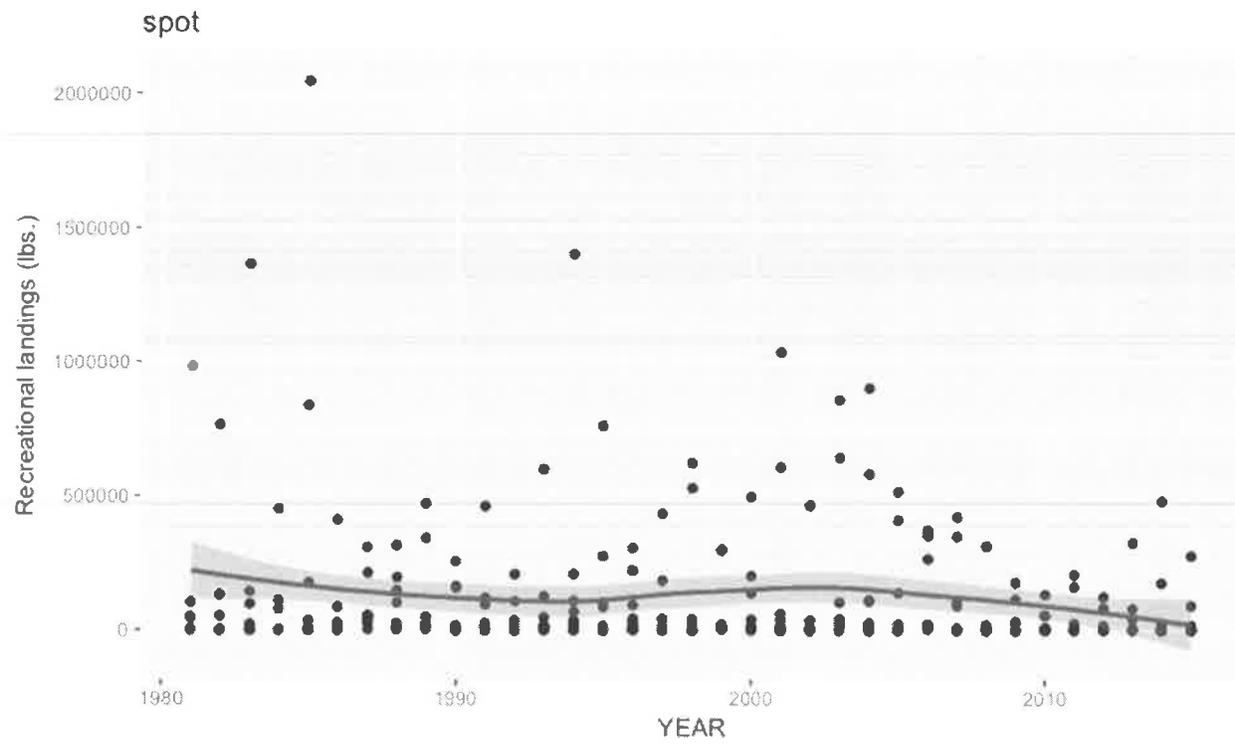
Atlantic croaker are moving northward due to climate change. There is now a fishery in NJ for this species where it has been historically absent. The statement above is consistent with the climate change view of what is happening to croaker. Could the declines in NC populations of Atlantic croaker, weakfish, and spot be due to climate change – this bears further investigation. Spotted seatrout (a southern species, related to weakfish, which is more common in the northern Atlantic coast) is actually increasing in NC – soothing that should not be occurring if bycatch alone was to blame for declines.

Recreational Fishing Impacts

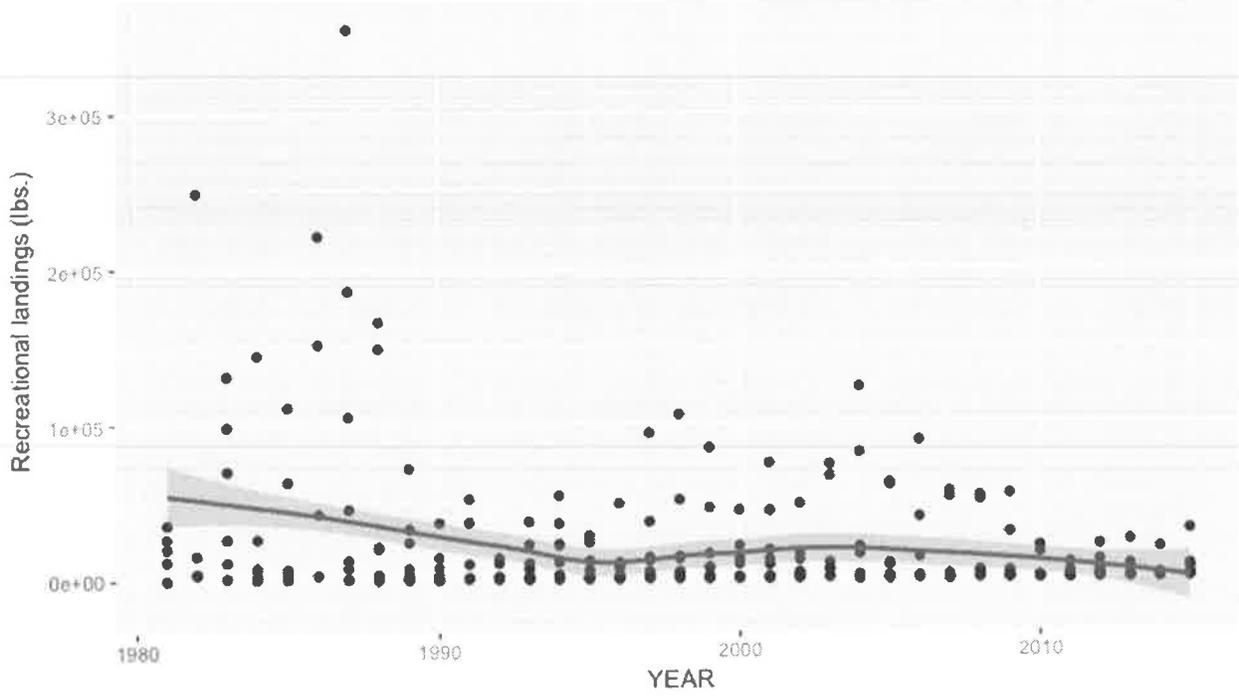
Fishing of all sorts has an impact on the ecosystem – recreational fishing as well as commercial trawling. We can see a decline in the average size of spotted seatrout (MRIP stats) – this is likely due not to bycatch from trawling (which targets the smaller end of the size distribution of all these fishes) but recreational and commercial harvest of the largest fishes – targeting the trophy seatrout. It is well known that size-selective mortality can change the average size and size at maturity of a population of fish. It appears that this is happening to spotted seatrout.

Some data from MRIP (Recreational Fisheries data follows)

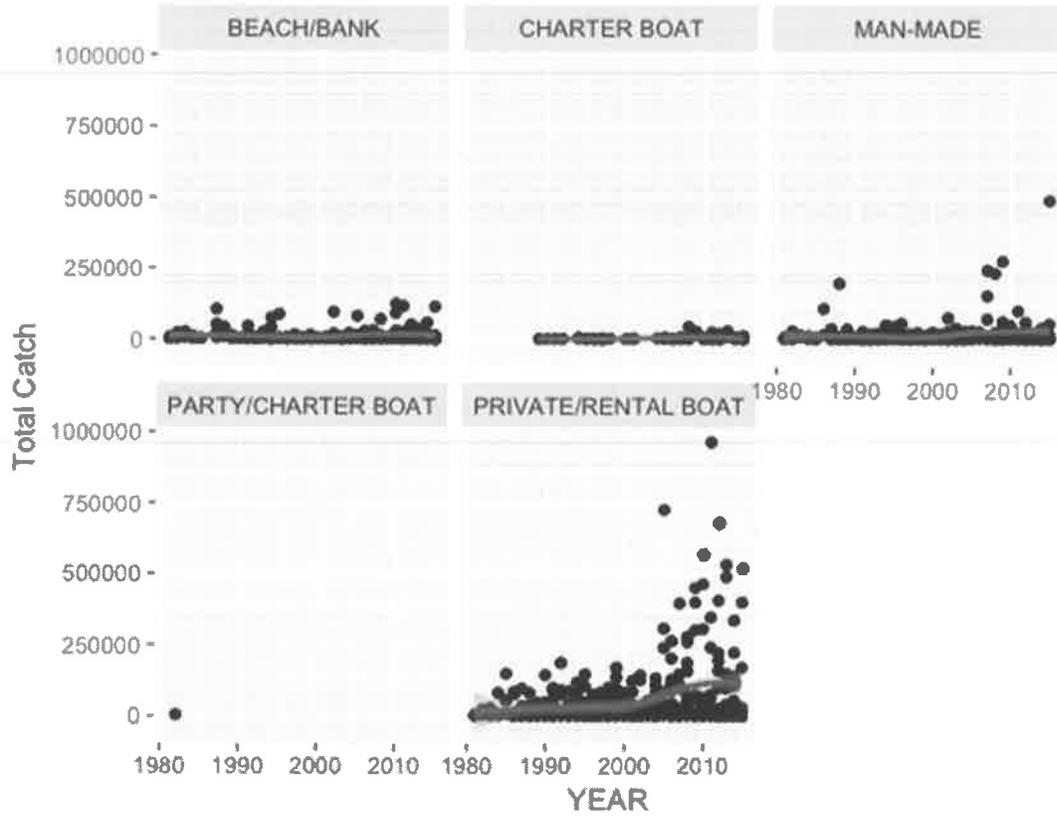




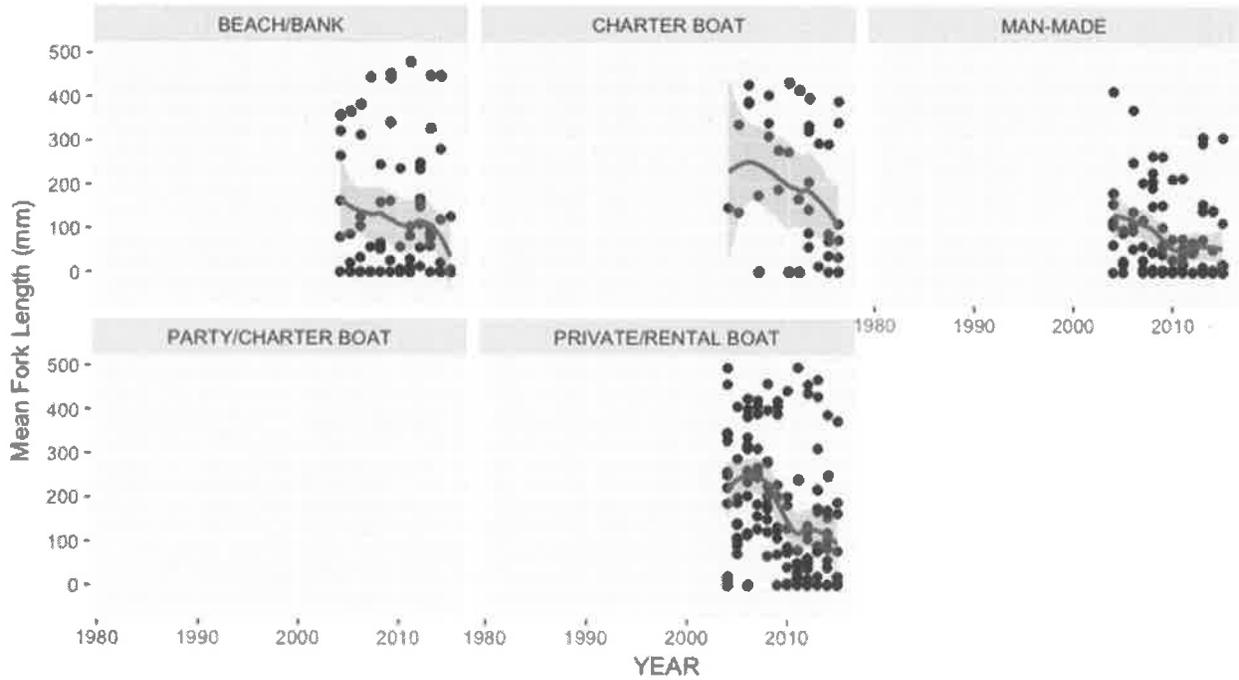
weakfish



Spotted Seatrout



Spotted Seatrout, Recreational Catch



Conclusions:

- 1) The data on bycatch modeling shows that it is not having a significant impact in the adult populations of Atlantic croaker (Diamond et al)
- 2) Deehr et al shows that the ecosystem is responding to trawling by recycling the energy in the bycatch and turning it into polychaete biomass. Polychaetes are consumed by croaker, spot, weakfish, and shrimp. The system is not dead, but alive and the energy in the bycatch is being used to produce more of these valuable species.
- 3) Other factors may be associated with the declines noted in croaker, spot and weakfish, notably climate change (these species are making a northward move) and other directed fisheries (especially the recreational harvest, which targets large individuals, should not be ignored)



Using stable isotope analysis to validate effective trophic levels from Ecopath models of areas closed and open to shrimp trawling in Core Sound, NC, USA



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Beverly J. Johnson^e, Jeffrey C. Johnson^{c,f}

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ABSTRACT

We used stable isotope ratios of nitrogen ($^{15}\text{N}/^{14}\text{N}$) as a validation tool for determining the accuracy of the effective trophic levels computed in network analysis models for Core Sound, North Carolina, USA. Ecological network models (using Ecopath) were assembled for two trawling management areas, closed areas where shrimp trawling has been restricted for 30 years, and open trawling areas within the estuary. Effective trophic levels (ETLs) were computed from the two Ecopath models and compared with $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values measured from the same species at the same time in the two areas. Comparisons of ETLs between species compartments of the two models were very similar, and ETLs were positively related to $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values. Linear regression of ETL as a predictor of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value was highly significant ($R^2 = 0.50$, $p > 0.00001$), suggesting that $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values increase by 2.52‰ per trophic level. This increase in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value agrees well with a recent global meta-analysis of nitrogen fractionation estimates. There was no significant difference in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values between trawling zones over all species examined, although there were significantly higher $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values in the areas open to trawling for certain species of fish (pinfish, spot) and invertebrate (blue crabs). Atlantic menhaden, which feed on detritus and zooplankton, had much higher $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values than the Ecopath ETL and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ regression model predicted (large studentized residuals), suggesting that Ecopath incorrectly computes the trophic level of animals that consume dead material (in our model, detritus and shrimp trawl bycatch species). Shrimp trawl bycatch species are mostly pinfish, spot and blue crabs, with ETLs of 2.5 or higher, but are inappropriately assumed to be at trophic level 1 when dead in Ecopath. Despite this discrepancy for some species of detritivores and scavengers, we conclude that this Ecopath network model of Core Sound is reliable and predicts with good accuracy the shifts and changes in trophic level and diet as measured by stable isotopes and observed in diet studies. The Core Sound network model will be a useful approach when predicting impacts in the ecosystem due to changes in trawling or other fisheries management decisions.

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1. Introduction

Ecosystems have been modeled as networks of ecological flows among species or nodes, following a medium such as carbon as a surrogate for energy. Network models are widely used in

ecosystem analysis, especially for fisheries management applications. One popular modeling approach is Ecopath with Ecosim (Christensen et al., 2008), which has been used for studies on aquaculture (Leloup et al., 2008; Lopez et al., 2008; Byron et al., 2011; Forestal et al., 2012), marine protected areas (Libralato et al., 2010; Colléter et al., 2012; Varkey et al., 2012), and the collapse of fisheries (Bundy, 2005; Arreguin-Sanchez et al., 2008; Morissette et al., 2009; Downing et al., 2012). Network models exploring changes in fisheries practices, management and policy have shown that fishing can affect the trophic structure of the

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ecosystem (Tsehaye and Nagelkerke, 2008; Heymans et al., 2009; Cisneros-Montemayor et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2012).

When fishing affects the trophic positions of species within a system, it has been suggested that trophic level change can be used as a metric of ecosystem change (Pauly et al., 1998). Early work by Lindeman (1942) assigned integer-level trophic positions to organisms, with producers at trophic level 1, herbivores at trophic level 2 and primary carnivores at trophic level 3. However, many organisms eat from multiple trophic levels; Odum and Heald (1975) suggested fractional trophic levels to account for this omnivory. This fractional trophic level is called the effective trophic level (ETL), and is the weighted average of the preys' trophic levels. Network analysis programs, such as Ecopath, calculate ETLs for nodes in an ecosystem based on the flow of carbon among nodes and known food web relationships derived from laboratory feeding experiments, direct observation and analysis of stomach contents. However, it is unclear how the ETL values change after fishing has been done and how they compare with other independent measures of trophic position.

Stable isotopes ($^{15}\text{N}/^{14}\text{N}$ and $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$) can serve as such independent measures of trophic position. A consumer's stable isotopic signature is based on the differential assimilation of stable isotopes from its food into its tissue over a period of time (Peterson and Fry, 1987). Stable carbon isotopes ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$) have been shown to indicate the origin of a food source, and laboratory and field studies have found that carbon isotopic compositions of animals reflect their source diet within about 1‰ (DeNiro and Epstein, 1978; Peterson and Fry, 1987; Vander Zanden and Rasmussen, 2001; Post, 2002; Fry, 2006; Michener and Lajtha, 2007). Stable isotopes of nitrogen ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$) have been documented to change with trophic position of the consuming organism through isotopic fractionation or discrimination during the metabolic processing of the consumed material (Fry and Sherr, 1984; Fry, 2006). In controlled laboratory experiments, researchers have found that $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of animals reflect an increase relative to the isotopic values of the prey consumed (DeNiro and Epstein, 1978, 1981; Peterson and Fry, 1987; Wada et al., 1991). Thus, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values represent a time-integrated measure of trophic position (Vander Zanden and Rasmussen, 1999).

Numerous studies report an average per-trophic-level $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value increase, but the estimates vary by tissues and species involved. The most commonly reported value for per-trophic level enrichment due to fractionation is 3–4‰ (Minagawa and Wada, 1984; Vander Zanden and Rasmussen, 2001; Post, 2002; Sweeting et al., 2007; Caut et al., 2009). Vanderklift and Ponsard (2003) conducted a meta-analysis of 134 studies and found an average enrichment of 2.54‰, which included terrestrial, freshwater and marine organisms. Similarly, McCutchan et al. (2003) reported an average $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value of 2.3‰ for all animals surveyed, 2.9‰ when muscle tissue alone was used, and a lower $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ trophic fractionation rate for consumers raised on invertebrates (1.4‰) than for consumers fed high protein diets (3.3‰). Assuming these fractionation values, isotope mixing models (Post, 2002; Phillips and Koch, 2002) can then be used to infer how a consumer's observed stable isotope concentrations could have been obtained from multiple prey sources.

The documented increase due to trophic fractionation of $^{15}\text{N}/^{14}\text{N}$ provides an opportunity to assess the underlying accuracy of network modeling used to investigate trophic position changes due to fishing or other factors. By comparing each node's ETL values with $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values from that species, it is possible to validate the network model. Disagreement in the stable isotopic signatures and modeled trophic position could indicate an incompletely specified ecosystem model or unaccounted variation in stable isotope concentration due to environmental, metabolic or species-specific parameters (Dame and Christian, 2008).

Three recent studies have shown good agreement of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values with trophic levels calculated from ecological network models for natural, unmanipulated ecosystems. Dame and Christian (2008) used stable isotope analysis and ecological network analysis to compare four salt marsh ponds (Virginia, USA) during times of high- and low-stress and following natural disturbance. Navarro et al. (2011) used stable isotope analysis to make comparisons with the effective trophic levels from a single Ecopath model of the South Catalan Sea (northwest Mediterranean Sea) marine ecosystem. Milessi et al. (2010) found that trophic positions derived from isotope analysis were highly correlated with Ecopath-calculated trophic levels for a food web of Laguna de Rocha (Uruguay). These studies found good correlation between Ecopath-calculated trophic levels and the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values, especially in higher-trophic level organisms, which indicated that the diet data used for the Ecopath model represented the trophic relations reasonably well. However, none of these studies used $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values to determine if trophic position changed due to fishing activities.

In this study, we developed separate Ecopath models and measured $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of estuarine organisms for areas in which commercial trawling was permitted (open areas) and banned for 30 years (closed areas) in Core Sound, North Carolina, USA. We had four main objectives: (1) to compare the effective trophic levels of the compartments in the open and closed models; (2) to compare the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of the compartments between the open and closed models; (3) to validate the models by determining if any relationship exists between the calculated ETLs and the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of species; and (4) to examine differences between the ETLs and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of specific model compartments that exhibited large differences in these trophic position metrics.

2. Methods

2.1. Study area

Core Sound is a narrow, relatively shallow body of water (maximum depth approximately 4 m in navigational channel) in Carteret County, North Carolina. It is bordered to the west by several bays, saltmarshes, forests, agricultural lands and small residential areas. Core Sound is bordered to the east by sound-side seagrass beds and the Core Banks, federally owned lands within the Cape Lookout National Seashore, which protect Core Sound from the Atlantic Ocean. There is one inlet which allows ocean water to enter Core Sound and the adjacent bays.

Fishery management areas in Core Sound are designated as primary and secondary nursery areas. In primary nursery areas (PNAs), where post-larval fish and invertebrate development takes place, most fishing gears are excluded. Secondary nursery areas (SNAs) are areas utilized by juvenile and sub-adult organisms, and only trawling is prohibited in these areas. In Core Sound, PNAs and SNAs are located in the bays and creeks that feed into the Sound.

Twelve study sites (six in areas closed to trawling and six in areas open to trawling) were selected for this study (Fig. 1). The sites were selected to include shallow (<2 m) and deep (>2 m) sites within three bays (closed to trawling) and adjacent Core Sound waters (open to trawling) with similar bottom types. The model assumed no depth function, so both deep and shallow sites were treated equally. Each site was sampled in the spring (April, May, June) and fall (August, September, October) of 2007, before and after peak shrimp trawl activity, respectively. For this study, we averaged the biomass data from spring and fall samples to create pooled models of the food webs in open and closed areas.

2.2. The Ecopath approach

Ecopath with Ecosim (hereafter referred to as Ecopath) is one of the most widely used food web modeling and network analysis

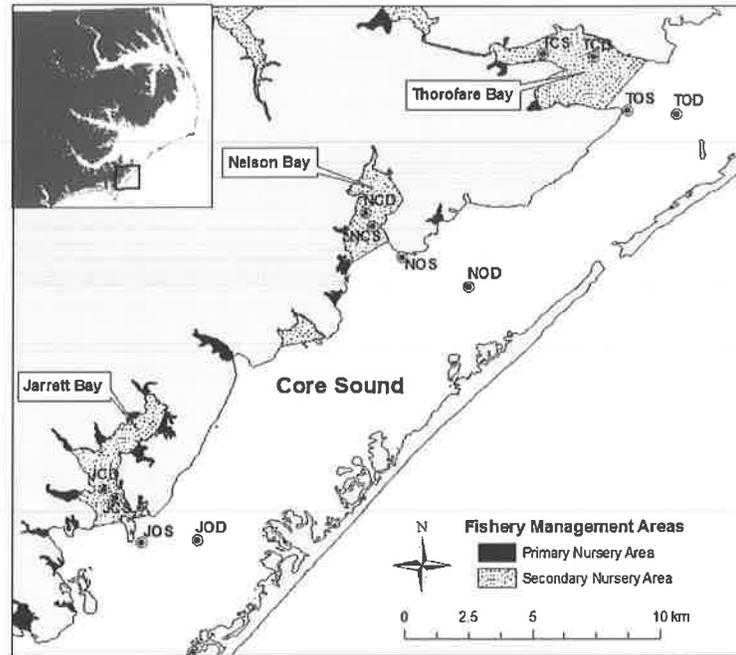


Fig. 1. Map of study sites in Core Sound, NC. There are six stations in the closed to trawling area (averaged for the closed Ecopath model), and there are six stations in the open to trawling area (averaged for the open Ecopath model). TCS=Thorofare Closed Shallow, TCD=Thorofare Closed Deep, TOS=Thorofare Open Shallow, TOD=Thorofare Open Deep, NCS=Nelson Closed Shallow, NCD=Nelson Closed Deep, NOS=Nelson Open Shallow, NOD=Nelson Open Deep, JCS=Jarrett Closed Shallow, JCD=Jarrett Closed Deep, JOS=Jarrett Open Shallow, JOD=Jarrett Open Deep.

tools for fisheries and aquatic ecosystems. Ecopath combines the biomass budget approach of Polovina (1984a, 1984b) with network analysis theory (Ulanowicz, 1986) for analyzing flows between compartments (Christensen et al., 2008). The basic input requirements for each compartment include biomass (B), production to biomass ratio (P/B), consumption to biomass ratio (Q/B) and ecotrophic efficiency (EE). Ecotrophic efficiency is defined as the fraction of total production of a group that is consumed or exported from the system. A diet matrix must also be constructed to account for the trophic interactions (consumption and import of food items) of all compartments in the system.

Ecopath models are constructed from two master equations for production and consumption: (1) Production = catch + predation + net migration + biomass accumulation + other mortality, and (2) Consumption = production + respiration + unassimilated food (Christensen and Pauly, 1992). A mass-balanced system sets production equal to consumption, combining the above equations into:

$$B_i \cdot \left(\frac{P}{B}\right)_i \cdot EE_i = Y_i + \sum B_j \cdot \left(\frac{Q}{B}\right)_j \cdot DC_{ji} + BA_i + NM_i \quad (1)$$

where B_i and B_j are biomasses of prey (i) and predators (j), respectively; P/B_i is the production/biomass ratio of group i ; EE_i is the ecotrophic efficiency of group i ; Y_i is the fisheries catch per unit area and time of group i ; Q/B_j is the food consumption per unit biomass of group j ; DC_{ji} is the contribution of group i to the diet of predator j ; BA_i is the biomass accumulation of group i (positive or negative); and NM_i is the net migration of group i (emigration less immigration). Once a system is balanced, system-wide and compartment-specific indices are calculated and provide important information about the size, organization, development and trophic dynamics of the ecosystem.

2.3. Model construction and parameterization

The Ecopath with Ecosim 6 software package was utilized to create two models of the Core Sound networks: one for areas open to trawling, the other for areas closed to trawling. We sampled a wide range of trophic levels, from producers to apex predators, as well as detritus, to construct the Ecopath models. The “currency” for these models was grams of carbon per square meter ($g\ C/m^2$) for biomasses and grams of carbon per square meter per year ($g\ C/m^2/year$) for flows. For this study, biomass was measured directly for most compartments, and a diet matrix was partially constructed from the diet data obtained by Hart (2008) for a limited number of fish species.

2.3.1. Methods for biomass sampling

At each of the 12 sites, benthic cores (inside diameter of 9.5 cm) were collected by SCUBA divers and pushed manually into the substrate to a depth of 10 cm. A total of 12 cores were collected at each site in both spring and fall to obtain biomass measurements for most benthic compartments (detritus, macrofauna and meiofauna).

Detritus samples were collected from each core and frozen until processed. Loss on ignition (LOI) was used to determine the ash-free dry mass of organic matter (Allen, 1989; Hirota and Szyper, 1975; Nelson and Sommers, 1996). Since the sample potentially included numerous sources of organic matter, values of benthic microalgae, sediment bacteria and meiofauna biomasses (also calculated for this study) were subtracted from the LOI-obtained measurement of organic carbon. Dry weights were converted to $g\ C$ by multiplying by 0.58 (Allen, 1989).

Nine cores from each site were processed for benthic macrofauna. Samples were passed through a 500- μm sieve, and all retained specimens were identified to the lowest taxonomic level (Fox and Bynum, 1975; Morris and Clench, 1975; Fauchald, 1977; Fauchald and Jumars, 1979; Uebelacker and Johnson, 1984; Williams, 1984; Fox and Rupert, 1985), dried at 60 °C for 48 h, and

then converted to carbon by multiplying dry weight by 0.40 using Jørgensen et al. (1991) and Ricciardi and Bourget (1998).

Three benthic cores were sub-sampled for meiofauna. Meiofauna were collected from each core with a 2-cm diameter syringe plunged to a depth of 3 cm, and meiofauna were separated from sediments following the method of Burgess (2001). The samples were passed through stacked 500- μm and 63- μm sieves (to exclude macroinvertebrates), and all specimens retained on the 63- μm sieve were identified to lowest taxonomic level using Higgins and Thiel (1988) and Giere (1993). All individuals (by taxa) were converted to gC from using several sources (Goodman, 1980; Van Damme et al., 1980; Widbom, 1984; Bessière et al., 2007; Nascimento et al., 2012).

A clam rake was used to collect mollusks from sites in shallow water. Four 2.32- m^2 transects were raked at the six shallow sites. Mollusks were identified to species and measured. All specimens were removed from the shells and dried in an oven at 60°C for 48 h. Dry weight mass was converted to gC by multiplying by 0.40 (Jørgensen et al., 1991).

Benthic microalgae were also sampled from each core using a 1-cm diameter syringe plunged to a depth of 1 cm. Benthic microalgal biomass was measured using fluorometry (Strickland and Parsons, 1972) as the amount of chlorophyll *a* content in the sample. Chlorophyll *a* was converted to gC/ m^2 by multiplying by 0.47 (de Jonge, 1980) and dividing by the area sampled by the syringe ($7.85 \times 10^{-5} \text{m}^2$).

The biomass of other primary producers (seagrasses, macroalgae, and drift algae) was measured using various techniques. Seagrass biomass estimates were obtained from June to September 2010 in the area closed to trawling in Jarrett Bay (Kenworthy et al., 2012). The values for seagrass biomass were only from the closed areas, but those values were also used for the open areas of the Core Sound model. Drift algae and macroalgae biomass estimates were calculated from algae collected in otter trawls for sites open and closed to trawling.

Surface water samples were collected in carboys (3.8 l) at each site to measure phytoplankton. The water was passed through a 63- μm sieve then filtered through glass microfiber filters (47 mm, GF/C). Pigment extraction was done with a mixture of 45% acetone/45% methanol/10% deionized water, then kept in a freezer for 12–24 h, using the methods of Strickland and Parsons (1972). Initial readings were done on the fluorometer, then 10% HCl was added to convert chlorophyll *a* to pheophytin pigments, and then read again. Chlorophyll *a* values were then converted to gC by multiplying by 0.47 (de Jonge, 1980).

Three zooplankton samples were collected at each site using 90- μm mesh bongo plankton nets (net diameter of 28 cm), towed for 1 min at a constant speed. All zooplankton samples were fixed in 10% buffered formalin. Any ctenophores or other large gelatinous zooplankton were removed before fixing. To estimate the biomass of ctenophores, separate 1-min tows were conducted. Total counts of ctenophores were converted to wet weight biomass using volume displacement measurement (Miller, 1974) then converted to gC by multiplying by 0.00012 (Vinogradov et al., 1989) for use in the Ecopath models. All large zooplankton specimens ($\geq 500 \mu\text{m}$) were counted and dried at 60°C for 48 h to measure dry mass, which was converted to gC by multiplying by 0.40 (Jørgensen et al., 1991). The zooplankton samples were divided using a Folsom splitter, and 50 ml subsamples were taken. All specimens $>75 \mu\text{m}$ were counted, identified to lowest taxonomic level (using Young et al., 2002; Johnson and Allen, 2005), summed and extrapolated to obtain the whole sample count. The zooplankton were dried at 60°C for 48 h to calculate dry mass, and then converted to gC by multiplying by 0.40 (Jørgensen et al., 1991). Those values were divided by the area of the tows (length of tow \times diameter of plankton net) to get gC/ m^2 for zooplankton.

To sample fishes and other forms of nekton, an otter trawl similar to the one used by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) was deployed. The otter trawl had a headrope of 3.2-m, a body net stretch mesh of 1-cm, a cod-end stretch mesh of 0.5-cm, a tickler chain, and trawl doors measuring 90 cm by 46 cm. Trawls were deployed for 2 min at a constant speed, three times at each site. Trawl tow lengths, bathymetry and bottom substrate were determined using a BioSonics DTX echo-sounder operated simultaneously with the trawl deployment. No trawl efficiency corrections were used to calculate biomasses. All specimens retained by the trawls were euthanized and preserved in 10% buffered formalin. All specimens were identified, measured for length and wet weight, and stomachs of selected species of fishes were removed for diet analyses. Biomass measurements were converted to dry weight and gC by multiplying by 0.15 (Jørgensen et al., 1991), then divided by the trawling area (length of tow \times width of trawl) to calculate gC/ m^2 for nekton.

Experimental gill nets were used to collect larger, faster fishes not captured by the otter trawl. Five 23-m panels of different stretch mesh (8.9 cm, 10.2 cm, 11.5 cm, 12.7 cm and 13.9 cm) were deployed for upwards of 6 h and checked at least every 2 h. We assumed that the gill net fished an area of 115 m \times 115 m (based on the length of the gill net). No gear efficiency corrections were used to calculate biomasses. All specimens were euthanized, tagged and stored on ice in a cooler. Specimens were identified, measured and stomachs were removed for diet analyses. Biomass measurements were converted to gC by multiplying by 0.15 (Jørgensen et al., 1991), then divided by the gill net area to calculate gC/ m^2 for these fish.

For compartments that were known to be present in closed areas in Core Sound but under-sampled in our collections, additional data were obtained from the NCDMF Program 120 Estuarine Trawl Survey for a nearby station in Core Sound (West et al., 2006). These trawl surveys use the same mesh-size trawling gear and similar sampling protocols. The surveys were conducted in the spring of each year in nursery areas to inform management decisions. Program 120 trawl data for pinfish, spot, Atlantic croaker, Atlantic menhaden, Southern flounder, anchovies and brown shrimp were included in the models for this study. The Program 120 data (counts per trawl) were adjusted according to historical patterns of biomass that were described in Nelson et al. (1991).

Visual surveys were conducted for groups such as birds, dolphins and turtles. Bird surveys were conducted for 30 min at each site within an area of 500 m^2 , similar to the methods used by Christian and Luczkovich (1999). Bird biomasses were estimated from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology online database (<http://www.allaboutbirds.org>). Loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*) were occasionally observed while sampling, and their biomasses were estimated by visual estimates of carapace length and width (and literature: Epperly et al., 1995; Sasso et al., 2007; NMFS NOAA website <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/turtles/loggerhead.htm>). Any bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) observed near study sites were counted, and estimates of biomass were made from the literature values (Hansen and Wells, 1996; Foster, 2000).

2.3.2. Fisheries data

Unpublished NCDMF Trip Ticket data for the Core Sound management area from spring and fall of 2006 and 2007 for six fishing gears (shrimp trawls, skimmer trawls, pound nets, crab pots, haul seines and gill nets) were included in the models for this study. On a Trip Ticket, fishermen must report the NCDMF Waterbody Code from which the catch was taken, in this case the Core Sound Waterbody (CSW); no landings from outside Core Sound are reported with this code. Catches of species taken by gears other than trawls can include catches from areas open or closed to trawling, but

catches taken by trawls must have originated in the open areas. The Trip Ticket data are not recorded from individual nursery areas, which are smaller than CSW, so we estimated the proportion of catches from closed and open areas from gear other than trawls. We assumed that the total catches from non-trawl gear types should be divided by relative area of open and closed areas. Approximately 10% of the area of CSW (total area approximately $2.91 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2$) is closed to trawling (Cheuvront, 2002). The average catch in g of wet weight was multiplied by 0.15 (Jørgensen et al., 1991) to convert to gC dry weight, and finally divided by the area of CSW (resulting in gC/m² for each species by gear type). For all gear types except trawls, total catches from CSW were divided by the total area with 10% allocated to closed areas and 90% allocated to open areas. For shrimp trawl and skimmer trawl catches, we used $1.46 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2$ as the area, after eliminating seagrass areas off limits to trawling. These fishery-derived biomass estimates were added to our biomass measurements from juvenile trawls and gill nets. To calculate fisheries landings data in Ecopath, we used the mean pounds/trip during the time periods listed above and calculated gC for those data. To convert fisheries trip averages to gC/m², we estimated the area fished by each gear type (Supplemental Table 1) from information provided by the NCDMF and shrimp-trawl and skimmer-trawl bycatch studies.

Supplementary Table 1 related to this article can be found, in the online version, at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2014.03.005>.

Information about shrimp and skimmer trawl landings were incorporated only in the model representing areas open to trawling. Bycatch from trawls only was also included in the open model for this study. Bycatch data were available from local studies conducted in/near Core Sound by Johnson (2003, 2006) for otter trawls, and by Coale (1993), Coale et al. (1994) and Hines et al. (1999) for skimmer trawls. While bycatch is known to occur with the other four gear types, studies reporting bycatch statistics for gill nets, pound nets, haul seines and crab pots were insufficient for inclusion in this study.

2.3.3. Energetics data

Production:biomass (P/B) and consumption:biomass (Q/B) ratios were obtained from the literature. Various studies were utilized to parameterize the energetics data for the models in this study, especially the trawl bycatch study in Core Sound by Johnson (2003, 2006), and several publications from the Neuse River estuary ModMon project (Leutlich et al., 2000; Baird et al., 2004; Christian et al., 2004, 2009). Most Q/B ratios for fish were obtained through FishBase (Froese and Pauly, 2009). Additional sources of information from other network models included: Baird and Ulanowicz (1989), Christian and Luczkovich (1999), Sellner et al. (2001), Okey et al. (2004), Christensen et al. (2009), and Harvey et al. (2010). Ecotrophic efficiencies were calculated by Ecopath in the models. The P/B and Q/B values used for these models can be found in Supplemental Table 2.

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2.3.4. Diet matrix

To construct a diet matrix, diet data were collected using stomach content analysis for eight fish species collected in Core Sound (Hart, 2008). A sieve fractionation method (modified by Luczkovich and Stellwag [1993] from Carr and Adams (1973)) and used by Baird et al. (1998), Luczkovich et al. (2002) and Chagaris (2006) was used in this study. Stomach content analysis was conducted on individual fishes collected from open and closed areas during the spring and the fall, including Atlantic menhaden (*Brevoortia tyrannus*), Atlantic croaker (*Micropogonias undulatus*), bluefish

(*Pomatomus saltatrix*), pigfish (*Orthopristis chrysoptera*), pinfish (*Lagodon rhomboides*), spot (*Leiostomus xanthurus*), smooth dogfish (*Mustelus canis*) and cownose rays (*Rhinoptera bonasus*). Diet data were pooled by species, regardless of size since stanzas (subdivisions of species compartments by age or size) were not used in this study. For all other compartments in the models, diet information was gathered from the literature (see summary in Deehr, 2012). For compartments that represented highly mobile species or species/organisms that are only present in Core Sound estuarine waters for part of the year, diet data included imported prey.

2.3.5. Final model compartments

By combining the data from our field collections and NCDMF data, each model contained the same 65 compartments, including two non-living groups, five primary producer groups, 25 invertebrate groups, 24 fish groups, two large vertebrate groups, and five bird groups. In order to maintain the same number of compartments for each model, a very small placeholder biomass value ($1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ gC/m}^2$) was used for compartments where no individuals of the representative taxa were collected by field methods. The 65 compartments and their constituent groups are listed in Table 1, and the sources for diet information are listed in Deehr (2012). Some compartments represent aggregated organisms, particularly lower trophic level organisms. Several benthic invertebrates groups (namely polychaetes, bivalves, and gastropods) were grouped together in the isotrophic classes used by Christian and Luczkovich (1999) using regular equivalence similarity metric (Luczkovich et al., 2003). No two species have the exact same relationships to predators and prey, so regular equivalence groups together “trophically analogous” species (Johnson et al., 2001), those species that share similar relationships to both predators and prey of similar trophic groups.

2.3.6. Balancing the models

We followed the general guidelines for balancing Ecopath models reported by Christensen et al. (2008). An Ecopath model is considered balanced when the ecotrophic efficiency (EE) of all compartments is less than 1.0. If $EE > 1$, the consumption of the compartment is greater than its production and therefore not mass-balanced. Following an initial run, manual balancing adjustments were made by adjusting the diets of predators consuming prey items with $EEs > 1$, adjusting gross efficiencies (production:consumption ratio), which should be around 0.1–0.3 for most compartments (Christensen et al., 2008), and adjusting the biomass of a compartment, beginning with the lowest-confidence compartments, particularly those deemed under-sampled (e.g., forage fish such as Atlantic silversides and anchovies, fishes under-sampled by trawls). We used an iterative process for the latter, adjusting biomass values by 10% at a time. If a compartment EE was still greater than 1, we set the EE to a value less than 1 (generally 0.95 or 0.99) and allowed Ecopath to calculate one of the other parameters, generally P/B. More details about the balancing process can be found in Deehr (2012).

2.4. Stable isotopes

In order to validate the Core Sound Ecopath models, representative species from as many compartments as possible were collected for stable isotope analysis, in the spring and fall for areas open and closed to trawling. Stable carbon and nitrogen isotope data were obtained from 220 samples representing 26 compartments (four producers, eight invertebrates and 14 fishes) from the Core Sound models. Most organisms were collected during the spring and fall 2007 sampling efforts; however, some additional samples were collected in early June 2010. Seagrass, drift algae, and macroalgae were thoroughly rinsed and scraped to remove non-plant tissue

Table 1

Compartment numbers, names and representative species/pooled taxa for the Core Sound Ecopath models.

Compartment number and name	Species or pooled taxa
1. Phytoplankton	Multiple unidentified species
2. Microalgae_benthic	Multiple unidentified species
3. Macroalgae_benthic	<i>Codium</i> , <i>Ruppia</i> , <i>Ulva</i>
4. Drift algae	<i>Gracilaria</i> , <i>Sargassum</i>
5. Seagrass	<i>Zostera</i> , <i>Halodule</i>
6. Bacteria_aquatic	Multiple unidentified species
7. Bacteria_benthic	Multiple unidentified species
8. Meiofauna	Harpacticoid copepods, foraminifera, nematodes, kinorhynchans, ostracods, platyhelminths, tardigrades, polychaetes, amphipods, oligochaetes
9. Zooplankton	Calanoid and cyclopoid copepods, holoplankton, meroplankton, other zooplankton
10. Jellyfish	<i>Aurelia aurita</i> , <i>Chrysaora quinquecirrha</i> , <i>Cyanea capillata</i>
11. Ctenophores	<i>Mnemiopsis leidyi</i>
12. Polychaetes_depfd	Families: Capitellidae, Cirratulidae, Maldanidae, Opheliidae, Orbiniidae, Paraonidae, Pectinariidae, Terebellidae, Syllidae
13. Polychaetes_suspdf	Families: Poecilochaetidae, Sabellidae, Spionidae
14. Polychaetes_pred	Families: Amphinomidae, Eucinidae, Glyceridae, Goniadidae, Lumbrineridae, Phyllodocidae, Nereididae, Nemertea
15. Bivalves_suspdf	Genera <i>Aesthenothaerus</i> , <i>Chione</i> , <i>Gemma</i> , <i>Lucina</i> , <i>Macoma</i> , <i>Nucula</i> , <i>Parvilucina</i> , <i>Tagelus</i> , <i>Tellina</i> , Family Lasaeid
16. Bay scallop	<i>Argopecten irradians</i>
17. Hard clam	<i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i>
18. Gastropods_depfd	<i>Astarys</i> sp., <i>Acteocina canaliculata</i>
19. Gastropods_pred	Genera <i>Eulimastoma</i> , <i>Polinices</i> , <i>Turbonilla</i> , Family Nassarid
20. Conchs/whelks	<i>Busycon</i> sp., <i>Pleuroploca gigantea</i>
21. Atl brief squid	<i>Lolliguncula brevis</i>
22. Bryozoans	<i>Bugula</i> sp., <i>Zoobotryon verticillatum</i>
23. Tunicates	<i>Styela</i> sp.
24. Sea cucumber	<i>Sclerodactyla briareus</i>
25. Brittlestars	<i>Ophioderma</i> sp.
26. Pericaridean crustaceans	Caprellid and gammarid amphipods, isopods and cumaceans
27. Blue crabs	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i> , <i>C. similis</i>
28. Crabs_other	Small crabs in Brachyurid Superfamilies: Majoidea, Portunoidea, Xanthoidea, Pinnotheroidea, and Paguroidea
29. Brown shrimp	<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>
30. Pink shrimp	<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>
31. White shrimp	<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>
32. Shrimps_other	Mantis, grass, and snapping shrimp
33. Anchovies	<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i> , <i>A. hepsetus</i>
34. Atl croaker	<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>
35. Atl menhaden	<i>Brevoortia tyrannus</i>
36. Atl silverside	<i>Menidia menidia</i>
37. Atl spadefish	<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>
38. Black drum	<i>Pogonias chromis</i>
39. Bluefish	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>
40. Flounders (Paralichthids)	<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i> , <i>P. lethostigma</i> , <i>P. albigutta</i>
41. Harvestfish/Butterfish	<i>Pepilys paru</i> , <i>P. triacanthus</i>
42. Striped mullet	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>
43. Pigfish	<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>
44. Pinfish	<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>
45. Pompano	<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>
46. Red drum	<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>
47. Sheepshead	<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>
48. Southern kingfish	<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>
49. Spanish mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>
50. Spot	<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>
51. Spotted seatrout	<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>
52. Weakfish	<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>
53. Bottlenose dolphins	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>
54. Sea turtles	<i>Caretta caretta</i>
55. Atl sharpnose shark	<i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i>
56. Smooth dogfish	<i>Mustelus canis</i>

Table 1 (Continued)

Compartment number and name	Species or pooled taxa
57. Cownose rays	<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>
58. Other rays/skates	Clearnose skate (<i>Raja eglanteria</i>), smooth butterfly ray (<i>Gymnura micrura</i>), bullnose ray (<i>Myliobatis freminvillei</i>), southern stingray (<i>Dasyatis americana</i>), spotted eagle ray (<i>Aetobatus narinari</i>)
59. Brown pelicans	<i>Pelicanus occidentalis</i>
60. Cormorants	Double-crested cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>)
61. Gulls	Black-backed (<i>Larus marinus</i>), herring (<i>L. argentatus</i>), and laughing gulls (<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>)
62. Terns	Common (<i>Sterna hirundo</i>), royal (<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>), sandwich (<i>T. sandvicensis</i>) and least terns (<i>Sterna antillarum</i>)
63. Shorebirds/waders	Great egret (<i>Ardea alba</i>), great blue heron (<i>A. erodias</i>), semipalmated plovers (<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>), semipalmated sandpipers (<i>Calidris pusilla</i>), black-bellied plovers (<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>), green heron (<i>Butorides virescens</i>), tri-colored heron (<i>Egretta tricolor</i>), black skimmer (<i>Rynchops niger</i>)
64. Bycatch	Compartments 10, 21, 27, 28, 32–37, 39–45, 48–52, 56, 58
65. Detritus	

then frozen. Water samples were filtered through a 63- μ m sieve to separate zooplankton from phytoplankton, and then filtered through ashed 47-mm glass fiber filters (GF/F) before being frozen. For invertebrates, organisms were identified, recorded, hard parts (mollusk shells, crustacean exoskeletons) were removed and then the remaining soft tissues were frozen until processed. Detritus, which is a key compartment in these models, was not directly sampled for stable isotope analysis because of the difficulties of separating bacteria and differentiating decomposed plant and animal material.

Pinnegar and Polunin (1999) indicated that white muscle is less variable in $^{15}\text{N}/^{14}\text{N}$ than red muscle, liver or heart tissue, so care was taken to remove only white muscle from fishes for this study. For fishes, all individuals were identified to species and measured before a section of dorsal white muscle tissue was removed and frozen until processed. Standard lengths of fishes and carapace width of all blue crab individuals were recorded. All stable isotope tissue samples were freeze-dried for 24 h before being ground to a fine powder with a mortar and pestle, then stored in scintillation vials.

The stable carbon and nitrogen isotope composition of all filters and ground, freeze-dried samples were measured using a ThermoFinnigan Delta V Advantage isotope ratio mass spectrometer coupled to a Costech elemental analyzer via the ConFlo III combustion interface in the Environmental Geochemistry Laboratory, Department of Geology, Bates College. Stable isotope data are expressed in parts per thousand (‰) deviation from international standards using the following equation:

$$\delta X = \left(\frac{R_{\text{sample}}}{R_{\text{standard}}} - 1 \right) \times 1000, \quad (2)$$

where $X = ^{15}\text{N}$ values or ^{13}C values, and R = ratio of heavy/light isotope content ($^{15}\text{N}/^{14}\text{N}$ or $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$). The standard for carbon is PeeDee Belemnite limestone, and the standard for nitrogen is atmospheric nitrogen gas. Internal standards (acetanilide, caffeine and fish muscle) were run every 8–10 samples. The reproducibility, as determined by the standard deviation of the internal standards, was $\pm 0.2\%$ for both $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$.

2.5. Comparisons of effective trophic levels and stable isotope analysis

The effective trophic levels (ETLs) of the two 65-compartment Core Sound models were calculated by Ecopath. Ecopath computes ETLs using:

$$\text{ETL of predator } j = \left(\sum_{i=1}^S (p_i * \text{ETL}_i) \right) + 1 \quad (3)$$

where p_i is the proportion of prey i in the diet of the predator compartment, ETL_i is the trophic level of prey i and S is the total number of prey types in the diet. Since there are only two values of ETL for each compartment in the Core Sound Ecopath models, comparisons between open and closed ETLs are strictly relative.

To compare ETL and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values in this ecosystem, we performed a generalized linear model (GLM) using SYSTAT 13. In the GLM, the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values were regressed on the Ecopath ETL (trophic level effect) with factors for trawling management area (open vs. closed to trawling) and an interaction term (ETL \times trawling area) using paired points for each of the taxa sampled for isotopic analysis. Studentized residuals were used to identify taxa for which the regression model is a poor fit (those with residuals that were >2 or <-2). Nonparametric Wilcoxon–Mann–Whitney tests (with Exact Monte Carlo sampling, using StatExact 8.0) were used to compare the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values and trawl area (open vs. closed) by species/compartment.

3. Results

3.1. Visualization of the network models in trawling management areas

To visualize the entire ecosystem C flows, the two trawling area models were displayed as node-and-edge flow diagrams with nodes arranged in the vertical dimension by ETL, with edge thickness proportional to C flow and node size scaled by C biomass (closed model, Fig. 2A; open model, Fig. 2B). Generally, the model flow diagrams show a decrease in the compartment's biomass as ETL increases, with species such as sharks and birds having small biomasses near the top of flow diagrams, and large biomasses for producers (seagrass, phytoplankton, and algae) at the base of the flow diagram. Detritus and bycatch are non-living compartments and thus are designated trophic level 1 in the Ecopath modeling approach; these appear at the bottom of the flow diagram. Most compartments had greater biomass in the open area, including sea turtles, bluefish, weakfish, spotted seatrout, Spanish mackerel, Atlantic menhaden, pinfish, hard clams, suspension feeding bivalves, blue crabs, brown, pink and white shrimp, polychaetes, sea cucumbers, brittlestars, and bycatch (Table 2). In contrast, detritus, drift algae, meiofauna, zooplankton, and Atlantic croaker had more biomass in the areas closed to trawling.

3.2. Core Sound Ecopath model effective trophic levels

The Ecopath models produced effective trophic levels (ETLs) for the 65 compartments modeled in open and closed trawling areas. Producers (phytoplankton, benthic microalgae, benthic macroalgae, seagrasses and drift algae), detritus and bycatch had ETLs of 1.0 (Table 2). Primary consumers had ETLs ranging from 2.0 to 2.9, with herbivores and detritivores such as benthic and aquatic bacteria, hard clams, polychaetes, omnivorous fishes such as pinfish, spot, and Atlantic menhaden. White shrimp were relatively low in trophic position (2.14 in closed, 2.16 in open), consuming mostly detritus and benthic micro- and macroalgae (see Supplemental Tables 3 and 4 for Ecopath diet matrices). In contrast, the

pink and brown shrimp occupied higher trophic positions (pink: 3.10 in closed, 3.11 in open; brown: 3.06 in closed, 3.11 in open), consuming infaunal invertebrates, small crabs and shrimps and detritus. These three shrimps were the target of the trawl fishery in Core Sound.

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Trophic level 3 species were mostly fishes, including zooplanktivores (bay and striped anchovies and Atlantic silversides), benthic carnivores (pigfish, harvestfish/butterfish, Florida pompano), and molluscivores (cownose rays). Trophic level 3 species also included fish-and-invertebrate consumers (weakfish, spotted seatrout) and piscivores (Spanish mackerel, black drum, red drum, bluefish, paralicthid flounders, and smooth dogfish). Invertebrate animals that were high-trophic level predators included blue crabs, jellyfish, ctenophores, and Atlantic brief squid. The ETLs of birds ranged from 3.36 (shorebirds and waders) to 3.83 (double-crested cormorants). Sea turtles were relatively high trophic level species, with ETLs of 3.57 in closed and 3.62 in open models. Bottlenose dolphin (4.21 in closed, 4.05 in open) and Atlantic sharpnose sharks (4.01 in closed, 4.05 in open) were top predators in Core Sound, occupying trophic level 4.

3.3. Comparison of effective trophic level between trawling management areas

Overall, most compartments had similar ETLs in both the open and closed models (Table 2). There were 40 compartments which did not differ in Ecopath trophic level (open ETL–closed ETL differed by no more than ± 0.04). There were 18 compartments that had ETLs that were greater (0.05 or more) in the open model than in the closed model. This group included four invertebrate compartments, 10 fishes, three bird groups and sea turtles. Florida pompano, sheepshead, and brown pelicans had ETLs that were >0.25 higher in the open areas (Table 2). There were seven compartments that had higher (by at least 0.05) ETLs in the closed model than in the open model, including suspension-feeding bivalves, predatory gastropods, conchs/whelks, Spanish mackerel, spot, bottlenose dolphins and gulls.

3.4. Stable isotope measurements in Core Sound

In general, the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values ranged from approximately -22% to -12% , and the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values ranged from 3% to 15% (Fig. 3). The biplot of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values shows that primary producers (macroalgae, microalgae, and drift algae) had low $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values, with consumers exhibiting high $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values; thus, the increase in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ was associated with an increase in trophic position. The biplot of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values also shows that there were differences between samples from open and closed areas, with an increase in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values for many species in the open areas.

3.5. Comparison of stable isotopes values between trawling management areas

Values of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ differed between trawling management areas, with higher values in the areas open to trawling (Table 3). Species with significantly higher $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values in open trawling areas were blue crab (WMW stat = 79.5, $p = 0.0026$), pinfish (WMW stat = 107, $p = 0.022$) and spot (WMW stat = 92, $p = 0.001$). Fifteen groups did not differ in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values between the two trawling management areas: benthic microalgae, *Gracilaria*, hard clam, Atlantic brief squid, bryozoans, tunicates, bay anchovies, Atlantic menhaden, Atlantic spadefish, bluefish, flounders, pigfish, Atlantic sharpnose shark, smooth dogfish and southern stingray (Table 3). An

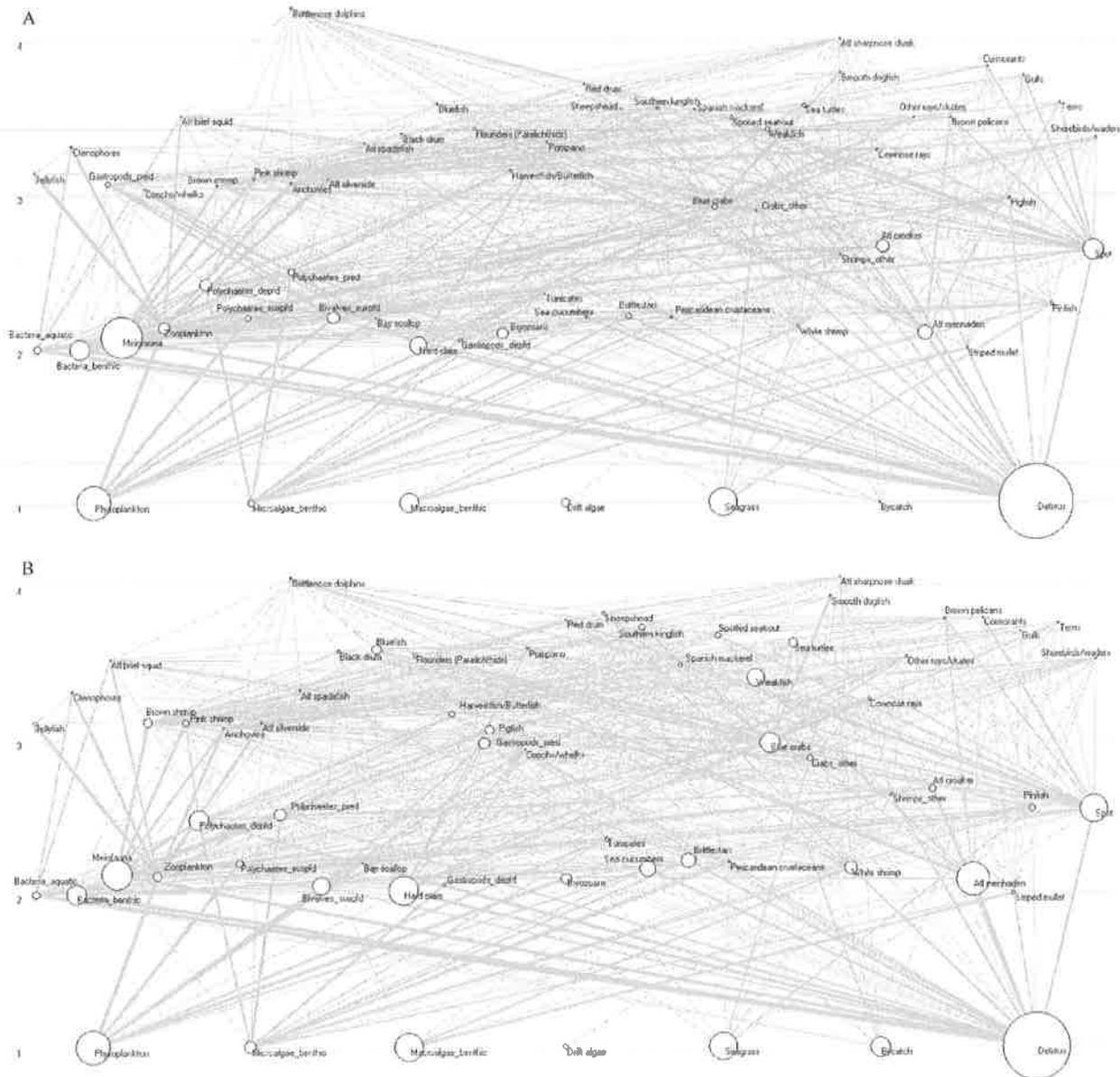


Fig. 2. Ecopath flow diagram for the (A) closed trawling area and (B) open trawling area model. Each compartment is represented by a circle node that is scaled to biomass in gC/m^2 . The nodes are labeled by compartment name. Each edge represents flow between nodes, and the thickness of the line is scaled to flow in $gC/m^2/year$. The y-axis represents the Effective Trophic Level (ETL, 1 through 4), with producers, detritus and bycatch assigned to trophic level 1. Higher level consumers are found at the top of the diagram.

additional thirteen compartments did not have sufficient samples to compare areas. None of the compartments had significantly lower $\delta^{15}N$ values in open areas, but three low-trophic level compartments (benthic microalgae, tunicates and hard clams) appeared to have slightly lower $\delta^{15}N$ values in the open trawling zone.

3.6. Relationship of Ecopath ETL and stable nitrogen isotope values

Stable nitrogen isotopic values increased with Ecopath effective trophic levels. There was a significant positive relationship between the ETL and the stable isotope values of nitrogen ($R^2=0.5051$, $p<0.00001$; Fig. 4). The linear regression relationship between ETL and $\delta^{15}N$ value was described by the equation: $\delta^{15}N = 2.52 \times ETL + 3.899$. Thus, there was an increase of $2.52 \pm 0.15\%$ in $\delta^{15}N$ per trophic level (Table 4). However, trawling

closure area was not a significant factor influencing the $\delta^{15}N$ values when ETL was used as a covariate ($F_{1,190} = 0.047$, $p = 0.829$, Table 4). There was no significant interaction between trawling area effect and ETL (Table 4), indicating the ETL effect was similar in both trawling management areas. Individual measurements of $\delta^{15}N$ values from benthic microalgae (compartment 2), Atlantic brief squid (compartment 21), bryozoan (compartment 22), Atlantic menhaden (compartment 35), and other rays (compartment 58) had very large studentized residuals (<-2.0 and >2.0) (Fig. 5). These extreme values lowered the variance explained by the regression model and suggest that the Ecopath ETL poorly predicted the $\delta^{15}N$ values for these seven out of 193 samples. But overall, the ETL explained 50% of the variation in $\delta^{15}N$ values, and the regression model confirmed the Ecopath results for most of the species.

Some individual species-level comparisons are of interest when considering the relationship between ETL and $\delta^{15}N$ values, because

Table 2
Ecopath balanced model outputs for the open and closed trawling areas in Core Sound, NC.

Compartment number and name	ETL		Biomass (g C/m ²)	
	Closed	Open	Closed	Open
1. Phytoplankton	1.00	1.00	3.5	3.405
2. Microalgae_benthic	1.00	1.00	0.08	0.22
3. Macroalgae_benthic	1.00	1.00	0.644	1.884
4. Drift algae	1.00	1.00	0.117	0.051
5. Seagrass	1.00	1.00	1.8	1.8
6. Bacteria_aquatic	2.00	2.00	0.1	0.1
7. Bacteria_benthic	2.00	2.00	0.7	0.7
8. Meiofauna	2.08	2.13	7.285	2.18
9. Zooplankton	2.14	2.11	0.189	0.135
10. Jellyfish	3.14	3.11	0.004	0.035
11. Ctenophores	3.31	3.31	0.007	0.011
12. Polychaetes_depfd	2.42	2.48	0.221	0.712
13. Polychaetes_suspfd	2.20	2.20	0.0572	0.1
14. Polychaetes_pred	2.50	2.51	0.0789	0.217
15. Bivalves_suspfd	2.20	2.00	0.22	0.493
16. Bay scallop	2.20	2.20	1.00E–05	2.60E–04
17. Hard clam	2.02	2.02	0.51	2.151
18. Gastropods_depfd	2.06	2.06	0.016	0.02
19. Gastropods_pred	3.07	2.98	0.047	0.208
20. Conchs/whelks	3.04	2.94	7.83E–05	7.90E–04
21. Atl brief squid	3.51	3.52	1.72E–04	0.002
22. Bryozoans	2.10	2.10	0.206	0.171
23. Tunicates	2.36	2.36	0.002	0.026
24. Sea cucumbers	2.20	2.16	0.013	0.429
25. Brittlestars	2.21	2.21	0.054	0.338
26. Pericaridean crustaceans	2.20	2.20	0.005	0.01
27. Blue crabs	2.92	2.98	0.048	0.664
28. Crabs_other	2.89	2.87	0.001	0.057
29. Brown shrimp	3.06	3.11	0.005	0.131
30. Pink shrimp	3.10	3.11	0.006	0.075
31. White shrimp	2.14	2.16	0.004	0.268
32. Shrimps_other	2.61	2.64	0.002	0.024
33. Anchovies	3.07	3.07	0.006	0.012
34. Atl croaker	2.66	2.68	0.254	0.084
35. Atl menhaden	2.10	2.09	0.338	3.063
36. Atl silverside	3.10	3.11	0.002	0.005
37. Atl spadefish	3.33	3.32	4.85E–04	0.008
38. Black drum	3.39	3.57	0.002	0.018
39. Bluefish	3.59	3.59	0.014	0.15
40. Flounders (Paralichthids)	3.42	3.55	0.015	0.026
41. Harvestfish/Butterfish	3.15	3.16	0.005	0.055
42. Striped mullet	2.00	2.00	0.001	0.018
43. Pigfish	2.97	3.06	0.011	0.128
44. Pinfish	2.29	2.55	0.021	0.081
45. Pompano	3.34	3.59	4.89E–04	0.006
46. Red drum	3.71	3.77	2.66E–04	0.003
47. Sheepshead	3.55	3.82	0.002	0.018
48. Southern kingfish	3.56	3.73	0.007	0.077
49. Spanish mackerel	3.55	3.48	0.001	0.033
50. Spot	2.64	2.54	0.749	1.659
51. Spotted seatrout	3.49	3.67	0.015	0.056
52. Weakfish	3.42	3.40	0.045	0.525
53. Bottlenose dolphins	4.21	4.05	0.004	0.004
54. Sea turtles	3.57	3.62	0.038	0.125
55. Atl sharpnose shark	4.01	4.05	4.94E–04	4.00E–05
56. Smooth dogfish	3.78	3.93	0.001	0.009
57. Cownose rays	3.29	3.26	0.007	0.021
58. Other rays/skates	3.49	3.53	0.004	0.007
59. Brown pelicans	3.49	3.78	0.004	0.004
60. Cormorants	3.83	3.79	9.00E–05	0.002
61. Gulls	3.77	3.70	7.83E–04	7.80E–04
62. Terns	3.59	3.75	9.31E–04	7.00E–04
63. Shorebirds/waders	3.36	3.52	0.004	1.30E–04
64. Bycatch	1.00	1.00	1.00E–05	0.696
65. Detritus	1.00	1.00	266.76	125.99

ETL = effective trophic level.

these species showed large or significant differences between the trawling management areas in the two metrics of trophic position. Although Florida pompano, sheepshead, and brown pelicans had ETLs that were >0.25 higher in the open trawling areas, we did not plan in advance to sample these species for $\delta^{15}\text{N}$; thus,

it was not possible to make a comparison of ETL and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values for these species. However, stable isotope sample size was sufficient to detect $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ differences in Atlantic menhaden, spot, pinfish and blue crabs collected from closed and open areas of Core Sound (Section 3.5), and diet analysis was conducted for Atlantic

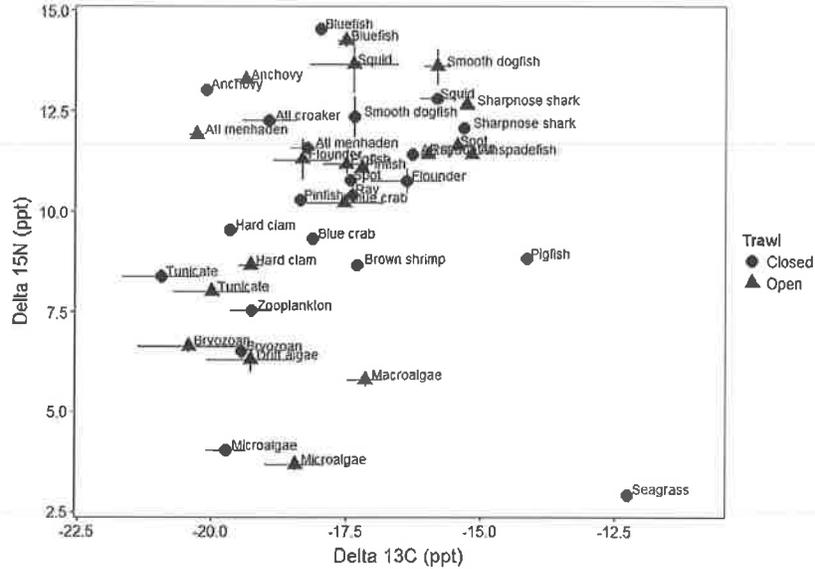


Fig. 3. Biplot of mean $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰) and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ (‰) for samples collected in the open and closed to trawling areas in Core Sound. Solid circles represent samples collected in areas closed to trawling, and solid triangles represent samples collected in areas open to trawling. Lines through the points are the standard deviations.

Table 3

Average $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value (‰) and standard error of the mean (SEM) for samples from closed and open areas in Core Sound, with Wilcoxon–Mann–Whitney (WMW) statistics when appropriate.

Species/compartment	n closed	n open	Mean $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ closed	SEM closed	Mean $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ open	SEM open	WMW stat	p-Value
Benthic microalgae	5	4	4.0	0.2	3.7	0.3	30	0.2858
Gracilaria	1	3	4.4		6.2	0.9	1	0.4981
Hard clam	2	2	9.5	0.1	8.7	0.1	7	0.3308
Atlantic brief squid	12	2	12.8	0.5	13.7	1.0	87	0.6544
Bryozoans	1	4	6.5		6.6	0.4	2	0.8016
Tunicates	5	5	8.4	0.4	8.0	0.2	31	0.5545
Blue crabs	12	4	9.3	0.1	10.2	0.3	79.5	<u>0.0026</u>
Bay anchovy	11	11	13.0	0.4	13.3	0.2	133	<u>0.6983</u>
Atlantic menhaden	12	7	11.6	0.2	11.9	0.4	112.5	0.5515
Atlantic spadefish	1	1	11.4		11.4		1	1.0000
Bluefish	1	4	14.5		14.3	0.3	4	0.7988
Paralichthid flounder	2	2	10.8	0.5	11.3	0.7	4	0.6605
Pigfish	1	3	8.8		11.2	0.4	1	0.4900
Pinfish	12	11	10.3	0.2	11.1	0.3	107	<u>0.0220</u>
Spot	12	10	10.8	0.2	11.6	0.1	92	<u>0.0012</u>
Atlantic sharpnose shark	1	1	12.1		12.6		1	1.0000
Smooth dogfish	2	3	12.4	0.7	13.6	0.8	5	0.8016
Southern stingray	3	6	10.4	0.3	10.9	0.4	11	0.3814
Codium	0	5			5.6	0.4		
Dictyota	0	1			5.0			
Ulva	0	1			7.4			
Sargassum	0	1			6.5			
Halodule	1	0	2.9					
Deposit-fd polychaete	0	1			7.7			
Suspension-fd bivalve	1	0	6.7					
Brown shrimp	11	0	8.7	0.2				
Striped anchovy	5	0	13.1					
Atlantic croaker	2	0	12.3	0.03				
Southern kingfish	0	1			12.3			
Spanish mackerel	0	2			14.0	0.6		
Bullnose ray	0	9			11.8	0.3		

Underlined names of species/compartments and p-values are significantly different at $\alpha = 0.05$ level. n = sample size.

Table 4

Generalized linear model regression estimates of effect size for Ecopath effective trophic level and trawling area (open vs. closed) as predictors of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value (‰) stable isotope data from Core Sound, NC. Only compartments that were sampled for $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value (‰) in both open and closed areas were included in this model.

Factor	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ‰ Effect size coefficients	df	F-Ratio	p-Value
Ecopath effective trophic level	2.52	1	187.287	<0.0001
Trawling area	0.11	1	0.047	0.829
Effective Trophic Level × Trawling area	-0.05	1	0.061	0.806
Constant	3.91	190		

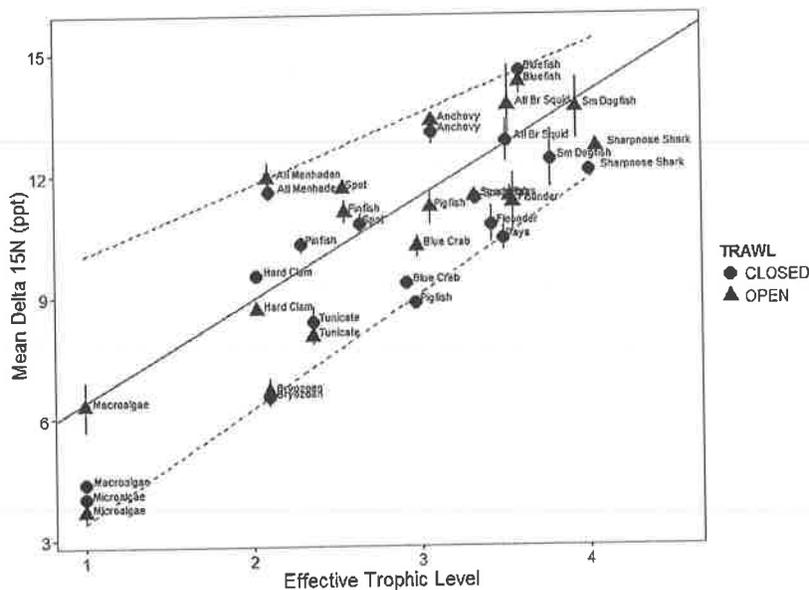


Fig. 4. Regression of Ecopath-calculated effective trophic level (ETL) and mean $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value (‰). Solid circles represent samples from areas closed to trawling; solid triangles represent samples from areas open to trawling. Lines through the points are the standard deviations. The solid line is the regression line, and the dashed lines indicate 5% and 95% prediction quantiles.

menhaden, spot and pinfish. Pinfish and blue crabs (diet estimated from the literature) had higher ETLs and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values in the open trawling areas (Tables 2 and 3). This was not the case for spot, which had a lower ETL in the open areas in spite of the higher $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values. Although Atlantic menhaden, pinfish and blue crabs consumed a greater proportion of detritus in the closed trawling areas than they did in the open areas, spot consumed more detritus in the areas open to trawling than in the closed areas (Supplemental Tables 3 and 4). This increased detritivory in the open trawling areas produced a lower ETL for spot. Similarly, Atlantic menhaden consumed a large proportion of detritus in both open and closed trawling areas, and that influenced the ETL estimated by Ecopath.

4. Discussion

We can draw the following conclusions in relation to the objectives of this study: (1) there are differences in the Ecopath effective trophic levels (ETLs) of some, but not all, of the compartments that are associated with the shrimp trawling of Core Sound, NC; (2) there is a significant positive relationship between ETL and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values, validating the use of Ecopath ETLs derived from network models for use in assessing fishing impacts; and (3) although there was not a uniform change in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values in all species measured between open and closed shrimp trawling areas, nearly all compartments that increased in ETL also increased in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value, with two notable discrepancies. In the sections that follow, we explain

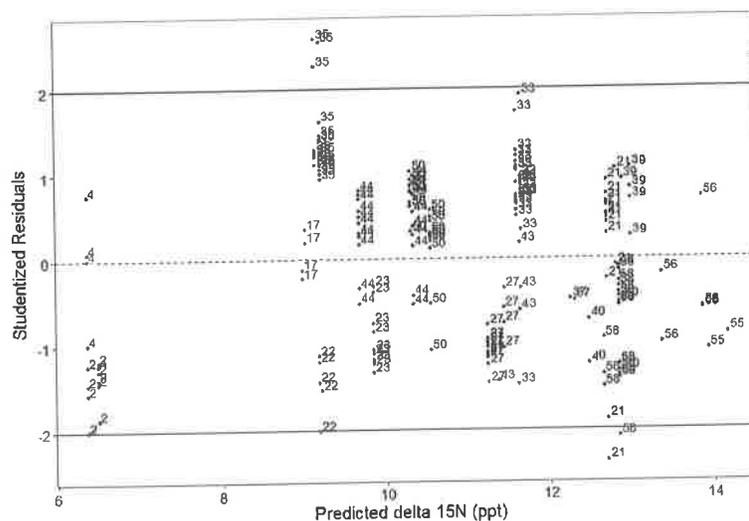


Fig. 5. Studentized residuals plot of the predicted $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values (‰) from the regression analysis. The points are individual observations of the Core Sound nodes (by compartment number; see Table 1 for compartment numbers and representative taxa). Observations of individual samples with Studentized residuals greater than 2.0 or less than -2.0 (individuals in compartments 2, 21, 22, 25, 35 and 58) are poorly fitted to this regression model.

how each of the objectives was met, and if there were discrepancies in the results, we provide some possible explanations. These discrepancies often involved detritus and species that consumed detritus, which suggests a possible improvement for the treatment of detritus in Ecopath.

4.1. Objective 1: are there system-wide differences in ETLs between the open and closed models?

There were no dramatic differences in the ETLs for most compartments between the open and closed trawling management areas, with a few notable exceptions. In part, this similarity is because the diet matrices were similar in the two trawling areas due to our reliance on parameterizing the Ecopath model using the literature values for diet composition. Others have relied on the literature estimates of dietary composition as we did here, using similar diet matrices (with adjustments in consumption rates to account for prey availability) with Ecopath to compare fished and non-fished areas (Christensen, 1998; Libralato et al., 2010). We attempted to avoid that problem for some key compartments by examining the stomach contents of eight species of fishes collected in the two trawling management areas (Hart, 2008). Some of these species (pinfish, spot, Atlantic croaker) are known to be part of the shrimp trawl bycatch. Even then, the diets of these species were very similar between trawling management areas; larger differences in diet were observed among the species' feeding niches than between trawling management areas. Similar prey types were consumed within species collected in both trawling management areas, but due to the proportions of the prey types, the diet shifted for pinfish and spot. The open and closed trawling areas were close to one another, and the proximity of the sample locations and possible mixing of populations among these areas may have contributed to small trophic differences observed.

In addition, ETLs differed due to prey availability. Prey availability varied between open and closed models, leading to differences in Ecopath-calculated ETLs for several compartments. In Ecopath, using a steady-state balanced model, we assumed that total flow into and out of each node were equal, with inflow calculated as being proportional to available prey in the absence of dietary data. When the proportion of diet increased for a high-ETL prey, the predator ETL increased proportionately (see Eq. (3)). Three species (Florida pompano, sheepshead and brown pelicans) had open area ETLs that were at least 0.25 greater than their closed area ETLs. This is due to their increased consumption of crabs and shrimps (with ETLs ranging from 2.87 to 3.11) in the open areas, where the availability of those prey items was greater than in the closed areas (Table 2, Supplemental Tables 3 and 4). In addition to those prey items, brown pelicans were modeled as consuming 29% more spot and 18% more Atlantic menhaden in open areas, due to their high availability in those areas, which raised the ETL relative to closed trawling areas.

4.2. Objective 2: are there differences in stable isotopes values between the open and closed management areas?

Our statistical analyses showed no system-wide differences in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values between trawling management areas across all species tested (Table 3). We did find that some high-trophic level species (pigfish, paralichthid flounders, stingrays, smooth dogfish, Atlantic sharpnose sharks, and Atlantic brief squid) had higher in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values in the open trawling areas, but had small or unbalanced sample sizes and thus our tests were not powerful enough to determine if statistical differences existed (see Fig. 4 and Table 3). There were significant increases in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values for spot, pinfish and blue crabs, all common shrimp trawl bycatch species, in the areas open to trawling. Because the average standard lengths of these fishes

used in the stable isotope analyses were not statistically different between open and closed areas (Hart, 2008), differences in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values are not due to a size or ontogenetic difference. The higher $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of pinfish, spot and blue crabs in open trawling areas are likely due to the increased trophic position of these species (observed dietary shift from plants to invertebrates in pinfish; consumption of bycatch by blue crabs in open areas). Thus, we hypothesize that trawling and bycatch consumption by scavengers can increase the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values by adding fractional trophic levels to the open trawling ecosystem.

This increase in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values may be due to a bycatch subsidy, which has been described previously by multiple authors. Fish discards from trawling are known to be consumed by crabs (Wassenberg and Hill, 1987; Ramsay et al., 1997; Johnson, 2003), birds (Navarro et al., 2009; Wickliffe and Jodice, 2010; Jodice et al., 2011), other fishes, amphipods, isopods, ophiuroids, cephalopods (Bozzano and Sardà, 2002), polychaetes (Groenewold and Fonds, 2000; Sanchez et al., 2000) and bottlenose dolphins (Broadhurst, 1998; Zollett and Read, 2006). Because of direct evidence of groups consuming bycatch in our system (personal observation and Johnson, 2003), we included aquatic and sediment bacteria, predatory gastropods, conch and whelks, blue crabs, other crabs, gulls, and Atlantic sharpnose sharks as bycatch consumers. All of these groups, in addition to blue crabs and Atlantic sharpnose sharks (that we examined for stable isotope analysis), should show increased $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values relative to the closed trawling areas if this hypothesis is correct. Further explorations of the subsidy provided by trawl discards, the impact of discard subsidy on $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of scavenger species, and the influence of trawling on the ETL and trophic structure of Core Sound and other heavily fished ecosystems is warranted by our results. Analysis of stomach contents, in conjunction with stable nitrogen isotope measurements, would corroborate or refute the importance of bycatch in raising the ETL of scavengers in the open trawl areas.

Another possible reason for the higher $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ level in the open trawling areas is that fish species fed indirectly on nitrogen-enriched food sources from outside the Core Sound system and this caused elevated $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values. Migratory fishes included in our analyses (bluefish, Atlantic menhaden, Atlantic sharpnose sharks, smooth dogfish, cownose rays, other rays) may have recently arrived from outside the Core Sound ecosystem, and their stable isotope values would reflect a longer period of time (weeks to months) feeding on different prey outside of Core Sound with higher $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ isotopic values. However, it is not possible to assess the influence of this source of variation in our study.

4.3. Objective 3: do the stable isotope data validate the Ecopath ETLs?

The stable isotope data from this study match well with the Ecopath-calculated ETLs from the two Core Sound models. The linear regression between $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values and ETL indicated an increase of 2.52% per trophic level, which is comparable to other studies, where trophic enrichment ranged from 1.3% (Minagawa and Wada, 1984) to 9.2% (DeNiro and Epstein, 1981). Numerous other studies report average trophic increases of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values around 2.5% to 3.5% (Vander Zanden and Rasmussen, 2001; Post, 2002; McCutchan et al., 2003; Sweeting et al., 2007). In fact, the meta-analysis of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values conducted by Vanderkluft and Ponsard (2003) revealed an average $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value-trophic increase of 2.54%. This agreement between our estimate for the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value and the meta-analysis indicates that the diet matrices we constructed for the Core Sound models reliably reflect the nitrogen stable isotope ratios of organisms within the system as a whole.

4.4. Objective 4: are there differences in ETLs and stable isotope values?

Although the linear regression analysis indicated that the relationship between ETL and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value was significant and linear, there was not a perfect relationship, with ETL explaining only 50% of the variation in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values. The average values for Atlantic menhaden, bluefish, and Atlantic brief squid were near the upper 95% quantile, and microalgae, bryozoans, pigfish and other rays were near the lower 95% quantile of the regression slope (Fig. 4). This variation in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values was not explored explicitly in this study, but as the stable isotope literature demonstrates, such variation can be due to many sources. First, stable isotope turnover and trophic fractionation may be affected by temperature and/or feeding rate (Bosley et al., 2002; Olive et al., 2003; Barnes et al., 2007). Furthermore, isotopic turnover and fractionation vary among and within species, due to growth rate and developmental stage (DeNiro and Epstein, 1978, 1981; Trueman et al., 2005; Sakano et al., 2005; Sweeting et al., 2005; Weidel et al., 2011). In addition, fish movement, migration and feeding differences between locations can cause variation in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values (Jackson and Harkness, 1987; Deegan and Garritt, 1997; Kline, 1999; Herzka, 2005; Kurlle et al., 2011). Differences in water biogeochemistry or pollution have also been shown to influence $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values (Bucci et al., 2007). Comparison with basal group $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values is important to know what the baseline nitrogen stable isotope ratios are in primary producers and primary consumers. We did not allocate enough sampling effort for assessment of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values for organisms such as benthic microalgae and bryozoans, so these other factors were unaccounted for in our analyses. Further studies of Core Sound and fisheries impacts need to take these sources of variation into explicit account.

Because Ecopath calculates ETLs based on diet information, if a species diet is poorly characterized, then there is greater chance that the ETL and the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values may not agree. Potential mismatches in ETL and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values can occur due to detrital consumption. Unidentifiable stomach contents are often assigned to detritus rather than an unknown prey item, which would result in a lower ETL for that predator. The definition of detritus in a study can greatly influence the ETL value, which can cause discrepancies with the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values.

In our study, two species in particular showed such discrepancies. Atlantic menhaden showed no significant differences in either measure of trophic position, and spot showed an increase in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values in the open areas, but had a lower calculated ETL in open trawling area. Both of these species consumed significant amounts of detritus, leading to the discrepancy between ETLs and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values. In our models, Atlantic menhaden were characterized as predominantly detritivores, based on the stomach analysis used to develop the diet matrices of our models (Hart, 2008). Thus, the ETL was ~ 2.1 for Atlantic menhaden in both areas, due to the high consumption (60% of its diet) of detritus in both trawling management areas of Core Sound, with the rest coming from benthic microalgae, meiofauna and zooplankton. This percentage of detritus diet composition is higher than Deegan et al. (1990) found for gulf menhaden (approximately 30%), but that study supports our findings that detritus is an important component of menhaden diet. The effect of the high detrital consumption on ETL in our model was dramatic: the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values for menhaden were 11.59‰ in the closed areas and 11.91‰ in the open areas, whereas the GLM model predicted $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value was 9.26‰, a difference of 2.32 and 2.64‰, respectively. This is equivalent to a $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value approximately a whole trophic level higher than suggested by the regression model and contributed to high studentized residuals.

We were unable to identify the ultimate sources of carbon in the detritus consumed by Atlantic menhaden, but we suspect that it was not solely plant material. If the detritus were composed

solely of autotrophic organisms (ETL = 1.0), then the trophic level calculated by Ecopath would be correct. If the detritus that we observed in the gut contents had been identified as originating in heterotrophic species, then the calculated trophic level would have been higher. We suspect the latter occurred. One explanation is that the detritus may have had a relatively high $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value because of decomposition due to microbial activity and isotopic fractionation, and this would raise the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value for detritivores. The stable isotope results reported here lead to the conclusion that the detritus we observed in the guts of Atlantic menhaden was not all derived from autotrophs, or had been significantly altered by microbial decomposers before consumption. We recommend that identification of the detritus in Atlantic menhaden guts be investigated using molecular or genetic techniques (King et al., 2008) to clarify the trophic relations of this ecologically important species of fish.

Spot had a paradoxical relationship between ETL and stable isotope $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values. Once again, non-living detritus was a large proportion (0.19 in the closed trawling area, and 0.26 in open trawling area) of the diet for this species. This observed dietary shift toward increased detritivory had the effect of lowering the ETL of spot in the open trawling areas, given the assumption that ETL = 1.0 for non-living detritus. However, the stable nitrogen isotope results showed that a significant increase in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value occurred in spot in the open trawling area relative to the closed trawling area. The explanation for the discrepancy is similar to that discussed above for menhaden and detritus. When detritus is a major component of the diet of a species, Ecopath ETLs are insensitive to trophic shifts measured by stable isotope analysis. Just as with Atlantic menhaden, if the detritus were derived from autotrophic organisms, then the ETLs would be correctly computed. If the detritus in the spot stomachs were derived from heterotrophic organisms including microbially colonized detritus that had been isotopically fractionated, then the ETLs would underestimate the trophic position of spot, leading to a disagreement with the stable isotopic measure. We suspect that the elevated $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value of spot in Core Sound is due to its feeding on microbially colonized detritus.

4.5. Non-living food: bycatch and detritus

A final discrepancy noted was that Ecopath ETLs were insensitive to the fact that some species were consuming large amounts of shrimp trawl bycatch in the open trawling areas (such as blue crabs) and larger amount of detritus in the closed trawling areas. This discrepancy is another example of how Ecopath can underestimate trophic shifts using the ETL measure: if much of the diet of a species originates in non-living food (bycatch is by default ETL of 1.0) in the diet matrix, then it will lower the consumer species computed ETL. Clearly this is untrue, because the bycatch derives from pinfish, spot, croaker, pigfish and other higher trophic level species in the Core Sound ecosystem. We calculated that the weighted average of those Core Sound bycatch organisms (fish and invertebrates) could be as high as 2.78, nearly two trophic levels greater than that assigned by Ecopath. Thus, the ETL of a bycatch-consumer like blue crabs would be lower than what stable isotope analysis would predict. We did not collect isotope samples from many bycatch-consuming organisms (such as birds, dolphins, sharks and predatory mollusks), so we cannot be sure how bycatch may affect their $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values. However, the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ stable isotope results reported here for blue crabs suggest that a trophic shift to higher trophic level species occurred, which was not evident in Ecopath ETL calculations. Additional research is warranted to support or refute our assumption that Ecopath underestimates trophic shifts as a result of bycatch consumption.

Most of the discrepancies noted above derived from the contribution of non-living material to the predatory diets and the

assigned trophic level used by Ecopath. It was suggested by Cousins (1987) that detritus should not be considered trophic level 1; however, Ecopath assigns detritus, a non-living compartment, to trophic level 1. The Ecopath model underestimated the trophic position for two species (spot and Atlantic menhaden) and may have underestimated the blue crab's trophic level as well. As mentioned earlier, the reason for these anomalies may have to do with Ecopath's handling of non-living food (such as bycatch and detritus, which may include microbial complexes growing on dead plant or animal material).

These discrepancies in the results from the two metrics of trophic position suggest several alternative hypotheses that should be tested in the future. The first is that unidentified material that we called "detritus" in the stomach analysis, which is assumed in Ecopath calculations to originate mostly from plants and to have an ETL = 1.0, may be other than plant-derived. This material would thus have an ETL that is greater than 1.0, and may contain significant amounts of higher trophic level organisms. Secondly, any dead material (plant or animal) is likely to be colonized by microbes that have begun the process of decomposition. Such microbial decomposition may in fact raise the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value and should also increase the ETL. Ecopath and other network models should adjust for this microbial trophic level by adding a microbial pathway flowing from live compartment biomass to dead material and include the ETL of the original compartment factored in to the ETL computations. In addition, a dead "carion" compartment should be included in future models, with ETL determined as it is done for live prey. This approach for food network "unfolding" has been suggested before (Higashi et al., 1989), but has not been included in Ecopath.

We believe it would be more appropriate to assign both detritus and bycatch to a trophic level greater than 1, taking into account the trophic level of the source organisms that make up those compartments (Burns, 1989). It has been previously observed that when detritus is a major component of a consumer's diet, the Ecopath-calculated ETL will be lower than the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value (Gaedke and Straile, 1997; Dame and Christian, 2008; Milessi et al., 2010; Navarro et al., 2011). This is because detritus is most likely a mixture of producers and some higher trophic position consumer groups (Swift et al., 1979; Moore et al., 2004), and thus the mean $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value for detritus would be expected to be greater than the producers. The Ecopath assumption that all these groups have the same trophic level (1.0) is a poor assumption that should be changed. If the detritus were assigned a trophic level that reflected the origin of the material (plant, benthic invertebrate, or fish), then an increased ETL of detritus may bring the two methods of estimating trophic position into better alignment. One method that should be explored in correcting this discrepancy is to adjust the ETL values by using a linear inverse modeling (LIM) approach to include stable isotope data in the trophic level computations, as suggested by Soetaert and van Oevelen (2009). We are exploring this LIM approach for a new model of the Core Sound ecosystem.

4.6. Conclusions

The nitrogen stable isotope values show good agreement with the Ecopath-calculated effective trophic levels of the Core Sound Ecopath models. The results of this work indicate a $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value increase of 2.52‰ with each trophic level, which is similar to a host of studies comparing stable isotope analysis and effective trophic level. We believe that this is strong evidence to show that the stable isotope analysis has validated the Ecopath models for Core Sound. Overall, there was no significant difference in the $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values between open and closed trawling areas. However, a closer inspection of three common bycatch species (blue crabs, pinfish and spot) indicated that those species did have higher $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values in the open areas, which suggests that shrimp trawling may have an

effect on the diets of those consumers. In addition, because bycatch species are consumed by many high trophic level species, and their ETLs may not reflect the ETL of bycatch, shrimp trawling impacts may be underestimated by looking at Ecopath ETLs alone.

In the future, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values should be obtained for many of the species we omitted or insufficiently sampled because of lack of sampling resources: detritus, phytoplankton, zooplankton, benthic microalgae, meiofauna, polychaetes, bivalves, brittlestars, and the large vertebrates (birds, turtles, dolphin). These are necessary for further assessment of trawling impacts. We would have liked to sample the baseline values of producer species and higher trophic groups more intensively for both $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values and consumer diets but lacked the resources to do so. Any such ecosystem like Core Sound is very complex, so this kind of thorough isotopic validation would require an even more intensive sampling effort than we could accomplish. Because these compartments were not well characterized in the current study, validation of the Ecopath models' predictions for these groups should be regarded with caution. We hope that additional resources will be devoted to the study of trophic position and potential impacts of shrimp trawling on of these species in the future.

We believe that further work should be conducted to better characterize the diet of detritus-consumers in Core Sound, especially Atlantic menhaden. The discrepancy between Ecopath ETL and the stable nitrogen isotope data is significant, and may require modification of the ETL computation in Ecopath, specialized LIM modeling studies, and experimental studies focusing on diet and nitrogen metabolism of Atlantic menhaden. Such studies may include laboratory feeding experiments of the increased $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values while being fed diets of salt marsh and seagrass detritus, microbially altered detritus, and zooplankton diets. There may also be microbiota in the Atlantic menhaden intestinal tract, as there are in pinfish, which may be adding a trophic level in terms of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ value (Luczkovich and Stellwag, 1993).

Finally, the effect of trawling can be readily observed in some of the species nitrogen stable isotope values and the modeling results we have examined here. These species (pinfish, spot and blue crabs) are among the most commonly discarded animals during shrimp trawling, and they themselves are important ecologically and commercially. We believe that experimental, temporary closures of open areas and openings of closed areas in Core Sound would be a necessary next step to further explore if the trophic level differences suggested by these models, and corroborated by the stable isotope measurements, are real and indicative of our hypothesized trawling bycatch subsidy effects. Manipulation of these trawling management areas can provide a perfect arena for further exploration of the impacts of trawling on estuarine ecosystem trophic dynamics.

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