

# Chairman's Report







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March 3, 2015

Ms. Janet Cowell, Treasurer  
The Department of State Treasurer  
325 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27603-1385

Dear Ms. Cowell:

Session Law 2005-455, Senate Bill 1126 established the Coastal Recreational Fishing License. This Legislation establishes both the Marine Resources Endowment Fund (G.S. 113-175.5) and the Marine Resources Fund (G.S. 113-175.1). The revenues from these funds can only be disbursed with the approval of the chair of the Marine Fisheries Commission.

This will serve as notification of disbursements approved by the Marine Fisheries Commission. Monies have been approved to be disbursed from the Marine Resources Fund with the following listing showing the specific project and budget approved by the Marine Fisheries Commission, with consultation of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

<b><u>Project Title</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2014-15 Funding</u></b>
N.C. Coastal Recreational Fishing Digest	\$30,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,500</b>

Jeannie Betts, Controller for N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will process these disbursements from the cash available in the fund. The Division of Marine Fisheries assigned coordinator for these projects is Beth Govoni and she can be reached at (252) 808-8004 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sammy Corbett".

Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: Mercidee Benton, OSBM Budget Analyst  
Louis Daniel, DMF Director  
Doug Lewis, DENR Director BP&A  
Jeannie Betts, DENR Controller





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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Sea Turtle Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
Marine Fisheries Commission

**DATE:** March 5, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Charge to the Sea Turtle Advisory Committee

There have been a number of committees in the past that have provided advice to the Marine Fisheries Commission and the Division of Marine Fisheries regarding sea turtles. The previous Sea Turtle Advisory Committee was created in 2010 under a lawsuit settlement agreement between the state and the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center to assist in protecting threatened and endangered sea turtles. The settlement agreement provisions were incorporated into the Sea Turtle Incidental Take Permit issued to North Carolina by the National Marine Fisheries Service, thereby removing the mandate for the committee.

However, the commission believes there is a need to continue with this committee, and voted to restructure its appointment and operating processes to align with those of our other commission advisory committees. While there are several folks that have served as sea turtle advisers previously, we also have several folks that are new to our committee process. I'd like to take this time to welcome all of you and thank you for your willingness to serve.

The following committee charge was adopted by the commission on Nov. 20, 2014 in order to facilitate effective operation of your panel:

### **Sea Turtle Advisory Committee Charge**

- **Providing recommendations on reducing sea turtle interactions in commercial and recreational fisheries;**
- **Reviewing information on sea turtle strandings and interactions; and**
- **Assisting with public education.**





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March 12, 2015

Secretary Donald van der Vaart  
N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
1601 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1601

Dear Secretary van der Vaart:

Enclosed for your signature is a letter to Governor McCrory endorsing the nomination of a slate of qualified candidates for consideration by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for an at-large appointment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act specifies that state governors must submit a slate of not less than three qualified individuals for each applicable council vacancy. Council appointments will be effective August 2015. Mr. Preston Pate currently serves as a North Carolina at-large appointee to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and is seeking reappointment. State governors must submit nominations for council appointments to the National Marine Fisheries Service no later than March 15, 2015.

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission compiled a slate of nominees for an at-large appointment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council in accordance with N.C. General Statute 113-260. The commission submits the names of Mr. Preston Pate, Dr. Roger Rulifson, Ms. Sara Winslow and Mr. Casey Wagner for your review and Governor McCrory's consideration as nominees for a N.C. at-large appointment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. All of the nominees are North Carolina residents, and by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise or training, are knowledgeable regarding the conservation and management of the commercial or recreational harvest of North Carolina's fisheries resources.

The enclosed draft letter from Governor McCrory to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Assistant Administrator for Fisheries addresses the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act concerning the nominees' residency, knowledge of fisheries of the council's geographical area, and persons that were consulted in the recreational and commercial communities regarding the nominations. The Division of Marine Fisheries has reviewed the nomination materials submitted by the candidates to ensure all forms are complete and all required information is provided. It is requested the enclosed nomination materials be forwarded to Mr. Charles Duckett in the governor's office as soon as possible. The governor's letter and the enclosed nomination materials must be received by the National Marine Fisheries Service no later than March 15, 2015.

Secretary van der Vaart  
March 12, 2015  
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Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the nomination process for an at-large appointment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Should you have questions or need additional information concerning the nominees or the nomination process, please feel free to contact me or Dr. Michelle Duval, Executive Assistant for Councils, Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557, phone 252-808-8011.

Sincerely,



Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

MD/nf

Enclosure

cc (letter only):    Mary Joan Pugh            Louis Daniel  
                             Charles Duckett           Nancy Fish  
                             John Broome                Michelle Duval  
                             Brad Knott                  Caroline Daly  
                             Matthew Dockham



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**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory  
Obligatory  
Obligatory  
At-large

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Matthew G. McKenzie/CT/O  
Terry A. Alexander/ME/C  
\*\*David E. Preble/RI/R  
John F. Quinn/MA/O  
Vincent M. Balzano/ME/C

<b><u>STATE</u></b>	<b><u>OBLIGATORY NOMINEES</u></b>	<b><u>AT-LARGE NOMINEES</u></b>
Connecticut	*Matthew G. McKenzie Gregory Myerson Franklin A. Rathbun	No submission
Maine	*Terry A. Alexander Margaret "Maggie" J. Raymond Raymond C. Swenton	*Vincent M. Balzano Margaret "Maggie" J. Raymond Raymond C. Swenton
Massachusetts	Catherine E. O'Keefe Alicia M. Pradas-Monne *John F. Quinn	No submission
New Hampshire		No submission
Rhode Island	Donald E. Fox Gregory J. Mataronas, Sr. Theodore A. Platz, III Eric E. Reid	No submission

\*Renominated

\*\*This member has served three consecutive terms and is ineligible by law to be reappointed.

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**MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory  
At-large  
At-large

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Jeffery D. Deem/VA/R  
Christopher J. Zeman/NJ/O  
Anthony D. Dilernia/NY/R  
Preston P. Pate, Jr./NC/O

**STATE**

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

Delaware

No Submission

Virginia

Charles Meade Amory  
Peter L. deFur  
Kennedy "Ken" E. Neill, III

No Submission

Maryland

No Submission

New Jersey

Eleanor A. Bochenek  
Adam C. Nowalsky  
\*Christopher J. Zeman

No Submission

New York

Patrick H. Augustine  
\*Anthony D. Dilernia  
Lisa R. Poyer

North Carolina

Roger A. Rulifson  
Kenneth "Casey" Wagner  
Sara E. Winslow

Pennsylvania

No submission

\*Renominated.

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**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory  
At-large  
At-large

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Benjamin C. Hartig, III/FL/C  
Edward "Zack" Z. Bowen/GA/R  
Charles M. Phillips/GA/C  
Anna B. Beckwith/NC/R

**STATE**

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

North Carolina

\*Anna B. Beckwith  
Charles "Bernie" McCants, Jr.  
Robert J. Lorenz

South Carolina

No submission

Florida

\*Benjamin C. Hartig III  
Robert A. Johnson  
Scott A. Taylor

No submission

Georgia

\*Edward "Zack" Z. Bowen  
Wendell C. Harper  
John C. A. Marr

\*Charles M. Phillips  
Richard A. Vendetti, Jr.  
John A. Wallace

\*Renominated.

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**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEAT**

Obligatory  
At-large

**INCUMBENT<sup>1</sup>**

Carlos F. Farchette/VI/O  
Eugenio Piñeiro-Soler/PR/R

**STATE**

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

Puerto Rico

\*Eugenio Piñeiro-Soler  
Roberto M. Silva  
Carlos J. Velazquez

U.S. Virgin Islands

Thomas Daley  
\*Carlos E. Farchette  
Daniel Santiago-Colon

\*Renominated.

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**GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

<u>VACANT SEATS</u>	<u>INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup></u>	
Obligatory	John R. Greene, Jr./AL/R	
Obligatory	Juan M. Sanchez/FL/C	
Obligatory	Campo E. Matens/LA/R	
At-large	**Harlon H. Pearce/LA/C	
At-large	William S. Perret/MS/O	
<u>STATE</u>	<u>OBLIGATORY NOMINEES</u>	<u>AT-LARGE NOMINEES</u>
Alabama	Randy W. Boggs Joseph G. Dobbs, Jr. *John "Johnny" R. Greene, Jr.	No submission
Florida	*Juan M. Sanchez Robert A. Spaeth Edward O. Walker	No submission
Louisiana	George A. Huye *Campo E. Matens Christopher M. Macaluso Charles C. Trascher	George A. Huye Christopher M. Macaluso Edward W. Swindell, Jr. Charles C. Trascher  Billy P. Broussard George A. Huye Charles C. Trascher Bart R. Yakupzack
Mississippi		Dale A. Diaz J. Read Hendon Harvey S. "Sonny" Schindler
Texas		William "Tres" L. Atkins III Ronald "Ronnie" O. Luster Michael W. Jennings Troy B. Williamson II
	*Renominated.	
	**This member has served three consecutive terms and is ineligible by law to be reappointed.	

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**PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory  
Obligatory  
At-large  
At-large

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

David M. Crabbe/CA/C  
Dorothy M. Lowman/OR/O  
\*\*David B. Sones/Tribal/O  
William L. Brizendine, II/CA/R  
\*\*Dale D. Myer/WA/C

**STATE**

California

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

William L. Brizendine, II  
\*David M. Crabbe  
Peter P. Leipzig  
Peter H. Flournoy

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

\*William L. Brizendine, II  
David M. Crabbe  
Peter P. Leipzig  
Peter H. Flournoy

Idaho

No Submission

Oregon

Walter Chuck Jr.  
Robert B. Duncan  
\*Dorothy M. Lowman

No Submission

Tribal

James E. Harp  
Susan M. Masten  
Melvin E. Moon, Jr.  
Joseph Y. Oatman  
Michael W. Orcutt

Not eligible

Washington

Philip M. Anderson  
Brent C. Paine  
Douglas H. Fricke

\*Renominated.

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**NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory  
Obligatory

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Howard Daniel Hull/AK/C  
Robert E. Dersham/AK/R  
Craig A. Cross/WA/C

**STATE**

Alaska

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

Paul R. Gronholdt  
\*Howard Daniel Hull  
Michael "Buck" Laukitis

Andrew D. Mezirow  
Arthur N. Nelson  
Richard N. Yamada

Washington

Milton J. Bundy  
\*Craig A. Cross  
Tim A. Henkel

\*Renominated.

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**WESTERN PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Michael P. Duenas/GU/C  
Michael K. Goto/HI/C

**STATE**

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

Guam

James C. Borja  
\*Michael P. Duenas  
Peter Daniel C. Perez

Hawaii

Alton K. Miyasaka  
\*Michael K. Goto  
Edwin N. Watamura

\*Renominated.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF JONES

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MARINE  
FISHERIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING BY )  
RICHARD ALLYN )  
CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF )  
COMMISSION RULE 15A NCAC 03M .0510 )  
TO AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS )

**DECLARATORY RULING**

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THIS MATTER came before the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission (hereinafter the Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting in Wilmington, North Carolina on February 19, 2015, as a request for a declaratory ruling pursuant to N.C.G.S. §150B-4 by Mr. Richard Allyn on behalf of American Eel Farm (hereafter Petitioner). As described more fully in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions, below, Petitioner seeks a ruling concerning the application of Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0510, as it relates to an aquaculture operation.

The Petitioner and the Division of Marine Fisheries, through its Director, stipulated to the facts presented in Petitioner’s February 12, 2015 Petition for Declaratory Ruling, as supplemented by the Statement of Facts submitted by the Director on February 17, 2015, and the matter was presented to the Commission as a joint request by the Petitioner and the Division. The Fisheries Director presented the joint request to the Commission at its meeting on February 19, 2015. The Commission by proper motion and majority vote granted the Request for Declaratory Ruling, and to proceed to the merits of the applicability of 15A NCAC 03M .0510 to the given state of facts. Upon review of the record documents and stipulated facts, the Commission makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS**

1. Petitioner American Eel Farm, through Mr. Richard Allyn, seeks a declaratory ruling on the issue of whether the current prohibition on the possession of American eels less than nine (9) inches (also known as “glass eels” or “elvers”), as provided in 15A NCAC 03M .0510 and enforced through

Proclamation FF-71-2014 (effective November 28, 2014), applies to an aquaculture facility that is permitted under an Aquaculture Operation Permit issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §113-169.1 and Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03O .0501, .0502, and .0503(f).

Petitioner's Operation

2. Petitioner proposes to operate an aquaculture facility located at Highway 41, Trenton, Jones County, North Carolina, for the purposes of rearing American eels. The facility includes a building housing 24 self-contained (closed-loop) 1,000 gallon and two 7,500 gallon, automated, self-cleaning and oxygenated holding tanks in which American eels are to be reared until they are sold outside the state of North Carolina, or until the eels reach a size at which they may be legally sold within the State of North Carolina to bait shops, bait brokers or other markets in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

3. Petitioner stipulated that it does not intend to possess, buy or sell American eel glass eels collected in the State of North Carolina, including its coastal and inland waters. Petitioner intends to purchase American eel glass eels from sources in the States of Maine and South Carolina or the Maritime Provinces of Canada, where the harvest American eel glass eels is authorized.

4. Petitioner has been issued an Aquaculture Operation Permit annually since 2013, and previously operated under the Commission 2002 Declaratory Ruling until the issuance of Proclamations FF-52-2014 and FF-71-2014, which temporarily suspended and modified the size limitations contained in Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0510.

Previous Commission Declaratory Ruling

5. In 2002 on behalf of North Carolina Eel Farm (now the American Eel Farm), George Koonce and Alexis Blanchard requested a declaratory ruling as to the applicability of the size limitation found in Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0510.

6. Predicated on the 2002 Request for Declaratory Ruling filed by North Carolina Eel Farm (now the American Eel Farm), the Commission issued the following Ruling:

The 15A NCAC 3M .0150 prohibition on possession of American eels less than six (6) inches in length does not apply to an aquaculture facility issued a valid Division of Marine Fisheries aquaculture operation permit for the cultivation or rearing of eels legally harvested outside North Carolina and imported into this State. This Declaratory Ruling does not exempt an aquaculture facility permitted by the Division of Marine Fisheries from complying with the requirements of all other applicable State and federal laws and regulations.

7. Petitioner purchased North Carolina Eel Farm in 2012, renamed the facility the American Eel Farm, and operated the facility pursuant to the Commission's 2002 Declaratory Ruling and an applicable aquaculture operations permit as issued by the Fisheries Director.

American Eel Fishery Management Plan, Addendum III

8. The Commission's 2002 Declaratory Ruling was nullified upon the issuance of Proclamation No. FF-52-2014 on August 26, 2014, which was superseded by Proclamation FF-71-2014, issued on November 25 and effective November 28, 2014.

9. In relevant part, Proclamation FF-71-2014 temporarily suspends Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0510, and modifies its requirements by increasing the size limitation for possession of American eel from six (6) inches to nine (9) inches.

10. Proclamation FF-71-2014 was issued pursuant to Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0512 in order to maintain compliance with Addendum III of the American Eel Fishery Management Plan, which was adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and applicable to North Carolina pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 113-252 and 143B-289.51(b)(4), and the North Carolina Interjurisdictional Fisheries Management Plan.

11. On February 19, 2015, the Commission voted to adopt language revising Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0510, in relevant part, by increasing the size limitation for possession of American eel from six (6) inches to nine (9) inches.

Commission's Authority to Regulate Aquaculture Facilities

12. In accord with its authority to regulate aquaculture facilities which cultivate or rear marine resources pursuant to N.C.G.S. §113-132, to issue permits for specialized activities pursuant to

N.C.G.S. §113-169.1, and to regulate the importation and exportation of fish pursuant to N.C.G.S. §113.70, the Commission has adopted regulations establishing an aquaculture operations permit which, in the discretion of the Director, may be conditioned as to species, quantity, size, time or locations (15A NCAC 03O .0501, .0502, and .0503) and has adopted regulations establishing a permit for the importation and transfer of marine and estuarine organisms (15A NCAC 03I .0104).

13. Legally obtained out-of-state stocks of this marine resource, American eels, qualify as “artificially propagated stocks of marine resources” under the rule defining aquaculture operation. 15A NCAC 03I .0101(2)(a)

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission makes the following:

**DECLARATORY RULING**

The prohibition in Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0510 on possession of American eels less than nine (9) inches in length does not apply to an aquaculture facility issued a valid Division of Marine Fisheries Aquaculture Operation Permit for the cultivation or rearing of eels legally harvested outside North Carolina and imported into this State. This Declaratory Ruling does not exempt an aquaculture facility permitted by the Division of Marine Fisheries from complying with the requirements of all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2015



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Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
Marine Fisheries Commission



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March 17, 2015

Ms. Dawn York  
Cape Fear River Partnership  
617 Surry Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

Dear Cape Fear River Partnership:

On behalf of the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission, I am writing to thank you for your efforts to restore migratory fish stocks to the Cape Fear River Basin, and to express the Commission's support for the construction of rock weir fish passages at the Cape Fear River Lock and Dams Nos. 2 and 3.

As you know, the Cape Fear River once supported thriving migratory fish populations, including American shad, striped bass and sturgeon. Over the years, development and the construction of dams have blocked or impacted the ability of these migratory fish to travel to the upper reaches of the Cape Fear River to spawn, and has constrained efforts intended to rebuild stock of the various fish. The construction of a rock weir passage at Lock and Dam No. 1 was an excellent first step, but weir passages are also necessary for Lock and Dam Nos. 2 and 3 in order to allow migratory fish to reach historic spawning sites in the upper reaches of the Cape Fear River Basin, such as the Smiley Falls area. The increased size and availability of the spawning habitats is essential to facilitate recovery efforts intended to return the abundance of the resource.

Migratory fish are a valuable public trust resource and provide innumerable benefits to communities surrounding water bodies where they exist. The Commission appreciates your efforts in promoting the need for additional rock weir passages, which is a critical next step in rebuilding these important fish stocks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sammy Corbett".

Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: Colonel Kevin P. Landers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Wilmington District  
Leslie Craig, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Secretary Donald van der Vaardt, N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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March 26, 2015

The Honorable Pat McCrory  
Governor of North Carolina  
20301 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, N.C. 27699-0301

Dear Governor McCrory:

I am writing to inform you the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission endorses allowing our state Marine Patrol inspectors to enter into a joint enforcement agreement with the law enforcement branch of the National Marine Fisheries Service. The Appropriation Act of 2014 (S.L. 2014-100) states the Fisheries Director may enter into such an agreement.

In a joint enforcement agreement, coastal marine enforcement agencies are given federal funds to help enforce federal fisheries regulations within 200 miles of the U.S. coastline known as the Economic Exclusive Zone. In such an agreement, our N.C. Marine Patrol determines annually the type and amount of work to perform and can withdraw from the agreement at any time. Marine Patrol intends to use these funds for supplies, equipment and fuel. The National Marine Fisheries Service anticipates Marine Patrol would receive approximately \$311,000, if the state were to enter into a joint enforcement agreement for the upcoming fiscal year.

The agreement is mutually beneficial both to North Carolina and the National Marine Fisheries Service because state fishery regulations often mirror federal fishery regulations. In effect, N.C. Marine Patrol could be paid for enforcement work they already perform. Additionally, minor fisheries violations that would have been heard in federal court will be handled in our state court system.

The commission respectfully requests you advise the Fisheries Director to enter into a joint enforcement agreement with the National Marine Fisheries Service. Funding allocation decisions will be made by National Marine Fisheries Service by mid-April, so time is of the essence in this matter.

Thank you for your service to North Carolina and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sammy Corbett".

Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: DENR Secretary Donald van der Vaart  
N.C. General Assembly







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March 27, 2015

Mr. Dave Kielmeier  
1815 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Morehead City, N.C. 28557

Dear Mr. Kielmeier:

I have been notified that you have pleaded guilty to a fishery resource violation related to oyster limits. Due to this incident, I regret that I have to remove you from the Southern Regional Advisory Committee.

Members of advisory committees for the Marine Fisheries Commission are held to a high standard of conduct in relation to fishing practices. The bylaws of the Marine Fisheries Commission stipulate that advisory committee members will be removed if they are guilty of a significant fishery resource violation.

Please know I appreciate your service to the Marine Fisheries Commission and the state of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sammy Corbett".

Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: Marine Fisheries Commission  
Fred Scharf  
Pam Morris  
Trish Murphey





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March 31, 2015

Dear Advisory Committee Leadership:

I am writing to let you know of a reorganization I am implementing for the Marine Fisheries Commission's advisory committees. I am switching from the co-chair structure that we have previously used, to having a chair and vice chair. Organizationally, I think this is a more efficient way to conduct business and I want the committees to be structured more like the commission.

The chair will be responsible for running the meetings and working with the committee staff leads on agenda items. And if the chair is unavailable for a meeting, or has to step away during a meeting, then the vice chair will be responsible for conducting business. I envision the chair and vice-chair working closely together on committee issues.

Following is a list of the assignments I have made:

#### Northern

Frank Folb - chair, Sara Winslow – vice chair

#### Habitat and Water Quality

Chuck Laughridge - chair, Mike Wicker – vice chair

#### Shellfish/Crustacean

Allison Willis - chair, Anna Beckwith – vice chair

#### Southern

Fred Scharf - chair, Pam Morris – vice chair

#### Finfish

Sammy Corbett - chair, Mike Wicker – vice chair

#### Sea Turtle

Bob Lorenz - chair, Adam Tyler – vice chair

If you have any questions about this change, please feel free to call me at 910-620-1804 or email me at [samjcorbett3@gmail.com](mailto:samjcorbett3@gmail.com).

Having served on various advisory committees, I know you spend countless hours and drive numerous miles to deliberate in meetings, review materials and provide invaluable advice to the commission. I appreciate the important role you play in assisting the commission with the management of our fishery resources and want to thank you for your dedication and commitment. I look forward to working with you on future fisheries issues and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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

Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: Committee Staff Leads





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April 9, 2015

Dear Bay Scallop Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee:

The Marine Fisheries Commission voted to adopt the Bay Scallop Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 on Feb. 19, 2015 at its Wilmington business meeting. When a plan is adopted, the management strategies are implemented by proclamation, rule or both. For this plan, the management strategies implemented by rule are scheduled to be effective May 1, 2015.

You can view or download the plan on the Division of Marine Fisheries' website by going to <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/fmps-under-development>, scrolling down to *Completed FMPs* and selecting the March 2015 *Bay Scallop FMP Amendment 2*. If you have trouble accessing the plan online please contact Michelle Hensley at 252-808-8013 or [Michelle.Hensley@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Michelle.Hensley@ncdenr.gov).

On behalf of the commission and the division, I would like to thank you for your dedication and service in developing the Bay Scallop Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2. You have spent countless hours and driven numerous miles to participate in meetings, review materials and provide invaluable advice. Now, with the adoption of the plan, your advisory committee has completed its mission and is being disbanded. And while your work on this plan is finished, there are still plenty of other fisheries issues that we could use your input on. Please stay involved by attending commission and advisory committee meetings and providing your thoughts on fisheries management.

Sincerely,

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

Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: Marine Fisheries Commission  
Louis Daniel  
Catherine Blum  
Plan Development Team





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April 9, 2015

Dear River Herring Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee:

The Marine Fisheries Commission voted to adopt the River Herring Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2 on Feb. 19, 2015 at its Wilmington business meeting. When a plan is adopted, the management strategies are implemented by proclamation, rule or both. For this plan, the management strategies implemented by rule are scheduled to be effective May 1, 2015.

You can view or download the plan on the Division of Marine Fisheries' website by going to <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/fmps-under-development>, scrolling down to *Completed FMPs* and selecting the March 2015 *River Herring FMP Amendment 2*. If you have trouble accessing the plan online please contact Michelle Hensley at 252-808-8013 or [Michelle.Hensley@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Michelle.Hensley@ncdenr.gov).

On behalf of the commission and the division, I would like to thank you for your dedication and service in developing the River Herring Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2. You have spent countless hours and driven numerous miles to participate in meetings, review materials and provide invaluable advice. Now, with the adoption of the plan, your advisory committee has completed its mission and is being disbanded. And while your work on this plan is finished, there are still plenty of other fisheries issues that we could use your input on. Please stay involved by attending commission and advisory committee meetings and providing your thoughts on fisheries management.

Sincerely,

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

Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: Marine Fisheries Commission  
Louis Daniel  
Catherine Blum  
Plan Development Team







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April 9, 2015

Dear Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee:

The Marine Fisheries Commission voted to adopt the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1 on Feb. 19, 2015 at its Wilmington business meeting. When a plan is adopted, the management strategies are implemented by proclamation, rule or both. For this plan, the management strategies implemented by rule are scheduled to be effective May 1, 2015.

You can view or download the plan on the Division of Marine Fisheries' website by going to <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/fmps-under-development>, scrolling down to *Completed FMPs* and selecting the March 2015 *Shrimp FMP Amendment 1*. If you have trouble accessing the plan online please contact Michelle Hensley at 252-808-8013 or [Michelle.Hensley@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Michelle.Hensley@ncdenr.gov).

On behalf of the commission and the division, I would like to thank you for your dedication and service in developing the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Amendment 1. You have spent countless hours and driven numerous miles to participate in meetings, review materials and provide invaluable advice. Now, with the adoption of the plan, your advisory committee has completed its mission and is being disbanded. And while your work on this plan is finished, there are still plenty of other fisheries issues that we could use your input on. Please stay involved by attending commission and advisory committee meetings and providing your thoughts on fisheries management.

Sincerely,

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Sammy Corbett, Chairman  
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

cc: Marine Fisheries Commission  
Louis Daniel  
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## RESOLUTION ASKING THE NC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION (MFC) TO SUPPORT THE NC DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES (DMF) USE OF THE SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT REDUCTIONS ON SOUTHERN FLOUNDER

Whereas, all marine creatures are public trust resources owned equally by all citizens of NC regardless of residency; and

Whereas, the southern flounder fishery is a traditional recreational target of thousands of Alamance County residents; and

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

WHEREAS, a recent NCDMF stock assessment as well as the peer reviewers agreed that the stocks are showing no signs of improvement and that harvest of juvenile fish within the population is alarming; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alamance County have no representation except through the MFC to manage these public trust resources conservatively and for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, many Alamance County businesses including motels, gas stations, tackle shops, restaurants, and boat dealers provide goods and services to many local citizens as well as traveling fishermen on I-85/40 in the pursuit of southern flounder; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alamance County Board of Commissioners asks the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to support the NC Division of Marine Fisheries use of the supplement process to implement reduction of southern flounder harvest and that such reductions be made so that the fishery is revived in order to serve all of NC's citizen fishermen and not just ones who fish for profit.

ADOPTED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

  
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Dan Ingle, Chairman  
Alamance County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tory M. Frink, Clerk to the Board



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**A RESOLUTION ASKING THE  
NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (NCDENR) AND  
THE NC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION (NCMFC) TO OPPOSE THE NC DIVISION  
OF MARINE FISHERIES (NCDFM) USE OF THE SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO  
IMPLEMENT REDUCTIONS OF SOUTHERN FLOUNDER**

**WHEREAS**, the southern flounder fishery is important to North Carolina counties throughout the coastal area; and

**WHEREAS**, the southern flounder population has been able to sustain itself at levels allowing substantial harvest for over 30 years, landing millions of pounds annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the latest southern flounder stock assessment did not pass peer review and has been deemed unable to assess the status of the southern flounder population in North Carolina, and thus the status of the population is unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, the supplement process allows for limited stakeholder and public input;  
and

**WHEREAS**, when there is need for an amendment, a thoughtful and comprehensive review of any proposed measure to assess the long-term viability of the fishery, it should allow ample opportunity for stakeholder and public input; and

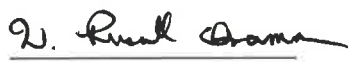
**WHEREAS**, North Carolina began requiring substantial conservation measures on southern flounder to provide for a sustainable population and viable fisheries in 1979 and has continued to responsibly manage the fishery until the present; and

**WHEREAS**, effort in the gill net fishery and pound net fishery, the largest fisheries harvesting southern flounder in North Carolina, has been drastically reduced in recent years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners asks the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of the Environment and Natural Resources and the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to oppose the development of a supplement to the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan.

**ADOPTED**, this day the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015

Attest:

  
Russell Overman,  
Interim Clerk to the Board

  
Robin V. Comer, Chairman  
Carteret County Board of Commissioners







**A RESOLUTION  
ASKING THE NC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION (NCMFC)  
TO NOT SUPPORT THE NC DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES (DCDMF) USE OF THE  
SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT REDUCTIONS OF SOUTHERN FLOUNDER**

WHEREAS, the southern flounder fishery is regionally diverse throughout Dare County and statewide with regards to gear, timing of harvest and size of fish harvested; and

WHEREAS, the southern flounder fishery is a \$5.6 million fishery for NC commercial fisherman and the economic impact to the region would be devastating if harvest cuts of 25% to 60% are implemented by NCMFC; and

WHEREAS, Recent NCDMF stock assessment report did not pass peer review and the harvest reduction parameters are arbitrary and subjective and not based on stakeholder input; and

WHEREAS, the supplement process disenfranchises stakeholders because of lack of public input; and

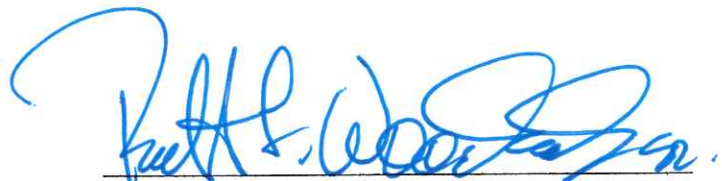
WHEREAS, Dare County's commercial fishermen have already made their investments for the fall 2015 season that will not be able to be recovered, which subjects them to a double economic hit that will be catastrophic for these small businesses; and

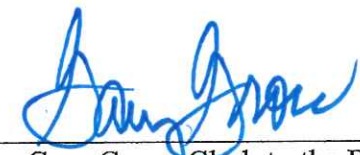
WHEREAS, there is need for thoughtful and comprehensive review of any proposed measure to assess the long-term viability of the fishery, and that review must incorporate stakeholder input.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dare County Board of Commissioners asks the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to not support the NC Division of Marine Fisheries use of the supplement process to implement reductions of southern flounder and that any proposal to limit the fishery be subjected to comprehensive review that includes stakeholder input.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015



  
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Robert Woodard, Chairman

Attest:   
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Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board





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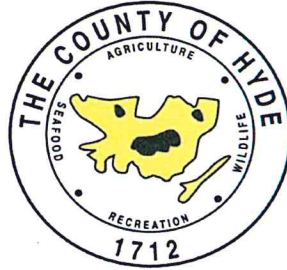
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**WHEREAS**, the southern flounder fishery is regionally diverse throughout Hyde County and statewide with regards to gear, timing of harvest and size of fish harvested; and,

**WHEREAS**, the southern flounder fishery is a \$5.6 million fishery for NC commercial fishermen and the economic impact to the region would be devastating if harvest cuts of 25% to 60% are implemented by NCMFC; and,

**WHEREAS**, recent MCDMF stock assessment report did not pass peer review and the harvest reduction parameters are arbitrary and subjective and not based on stakeholder input; and,


**WHEREAS**, the supplement process disenfranchises stakeholders because of lack of public input; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hyde County's commercial fishermen have already made their investments for the fall 2015 season that will not be recovered, which subjects them to a double economic hit that will be catastrophic for these small business; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is need for thoughtful and comprehensive review of any proposed measure to assess the long-term viability of the fishery, and that review must incorporate stakeholder input.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners asks the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to not support the NC Division of Marine Fisheries use of the supplement process to implement reductions of southern flounder and that any proposal to limit the fishery by subjected to comprehensive review that includes stakeholder input.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

  
Barry Swindell, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board





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

**WHEREAS**, the southern flounder fishery is a traditional recreational target of thousands of Lenoir County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the southern flounder population stocks in NC are classified as “depleted”; and

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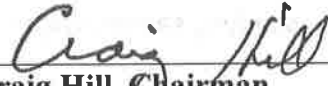
**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Lenoir County have no representation except through the MFC to manage these public trust resources conservatively and for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, many Lenoir County businesses including tackles shops, restaurants, and boat dealers provide goods and services to many local citizens as well as traveling fishermen on US 70 in the pursuit of southern flounder; and

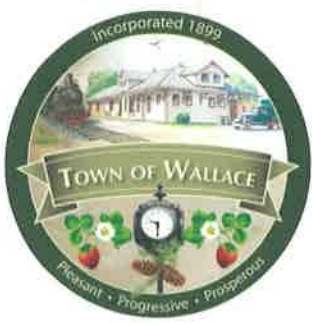
**WHEREAS**, there is need for absolute and focused management of these fish to attain, and then maintain, a viable stock of not only southern flounder, but all traditional estuarine fish stocks for our citizenry to enjoy in perpetuity as required by the NC Fishery Reform Act of 1997.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners asks the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to support the NC Division of Marine Fisheries use of the supplement process to implement reduction of southern flounder harvest and that such reductions be made so that the fishery is revived in order to serve all of NC’s citizen fishermen and not just ones who fish for profit.

April 20, 2015

  
Craig Hill, Chairman





# Town of Wallace

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the southern flounder fishery is a traditional recreational target of Town of Wallace residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the southern flounder population stocks in NC are classified as "depleted"; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent NCDMF stock assessment as well as the peer reviewers agreed that the stocks are showing no signs of improvement and that harvest of juvenile fish within the population is alarming; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Town of Wallace have no representation except through the MFC to manage these public trust resources conservatively and for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, many Town of Wallace businesses provide goods and services to many local citizens as well as traveling fishermen on interstate 40 in the pursuit of southern flounder; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Wallace Town Council asks the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to support the NC Division of Marine Fisheries use of the supplement process to implement reduction of southern flounder harvest and that such

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reductions be made so that the fishery is revived in order to serve all of NC's citizen fishermen and not just ones who fish for profit.

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April 23, 2015

  
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Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

  
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Attest



**NORTH CAROLINA  
WAYNE COUNTY**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION TO  
SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES USE OF THE  
SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT REDUCTIONS ON SOUTHERN FLOUNDER**

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

**WHEREAS**, the southern flounder fishery is a traditional recreational target of thousands of Wayne County residents; and

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

**WHEREAS**, a recent North Carolina Department of Marine Fisheries stock assessment, as well as the peer reviewers, agreed the stocks are showing no signs of improvement and the harvest of juvenile fish within the population is alarming; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Wayne County have no representation except through the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to manage these public trust resources conservatively and for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, many Wayne County restaurants and other businesses including tackle shops, restaurants and boat dealers provide goods and services to many local citizens as well as traveling fishermen on US Highway 70 in the pursuit of southern flounder; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wayne County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission support the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries use of the supplement process to implement reduction of southern flounder harvest and that such reductions be made so the fishery is revived in order to serve all of North Carolina’s citizen fishermen and not just ones who fish for profit.

Adopted this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015.



Attest:

*Marcia R. Wilson*  
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Marcia R. Wilson, Clerk to the Board

*George Wayne Aycock, Jr.*  
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George Wayne Aycock, Jr., Chairman  
Wayne County Board of Commissioners





# REMINDER

## MANDATORY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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### MANDATORY EDUCATION.

**Public Servants and Ethics Liaisons.** The State Government Ethics Act *requires* that every public servant and ethics liaison complete an ethics and lobbying education presentation/program approved by the State Ethics Commission *within 6 months* of the person's election, reelection, appointment, or employment **and** complete a refresher ethics presentation *at least every two years thereafter*.

The willful failure of a public servant serving on a board to comply with the education requirements may subject the person to removal from the board. The willful failure of a public servant who is a State employee to comply with the education requirement may be considered a violation of a written work order permitting disciplinary action. Therefore, if there are public servants in your agency or on your covered state board or commission who are past due for completing their ethics education requirements, **those individuals should attend a live presentation, distance video-streamed presentation or complete the online education as soon as possible.**

**Legislators.** The State Government Ethics Act *requires* that every legislator complete an ethics and lobbying education presentation/program approved by the State Ethics Commission and the Legislative Ethics Committee *within 2 months* of either the convening of the General Assembly to which the legislator is elected or the legislator's appointment, whichever is later, **and** complete a refresher ethics education presentation *at least every two years thereafter*.

The willful failure of a legislator to comply with these education requirements may subject the legislator to sanctions under the Legislative Ethics Act.

**Legislative Employees.** The State Government Ethics Act *requires* that every legislative employee complete an ethics and lobbying education presentation/program approved by the State Ethics Commission and the Legislative Ethics Committee *within 3 months* of the person's employment **and** complete a refresher ethics education presentation *at least every two years thereafter*.

The willful failure of a legislative employee to comply with these education requirements may subject the person to disciplinary action by their hiring authority.

**Legislators and Legislative Employees** may check the status of their ethics education by going to the General Assembly intra-net page. Legislators and legislative employees who are past due for completing their ethics education requirements should contact Denise Adams with the Research Division of the General Assembly at [denise.adams@ncleg.net](mailto:denise.adams@ncleg.net) or 919-301-1991 to coordinate/schedule their ethics education training.

## **ETHICS AND LOBBYING EDUCATION TRAINING.**

**Public Servants and Ethics Liaisons** may complete the required basic or refresher ethics and lobbying education training by either attending a live presentation, a distance video streamed presentation or completing the online education modules.

- **Live and Distance Video-Streamed Presentation Dates.** The State Ethics Commission has scheduled live ethics and lobbying education presentations and distance video-streamlined presentations for the remainder of 2014. Dates, locations, and registration information are on the Commission's website at:  
[www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/education/eduSchedule.aspx](http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/education/eduSchedule.aspx).
- **Online Education.** The State Ethics Commission also offers online ethics and lobbying education. The education modules and instructions are on the Commission's website at:  
[www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/education/eduOnline.aspx](http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/education/eduOnline.aspx).

**Legislators** may complete the required basic or refresher ethics and lobbying education training by attending a live presentation at the beginning of the legislative session jointly provided by the Ethic Commission and the Research Division of the General Assembly.

**Legislative Employees** may complete the required basic or refresher ethics and lobbying education training by going online to the General Assembly intra-net page.

## **REGISTRATION AND QUESTIONS.**

- **Public Servants and Ethics Liaisons** please contact Sue Lundberg at (919) 715-2071 or by e-mail at [Education.Ethics@doa.nc.gov](mailto:Education.Ethics@doa.nc.gov) to register for ethics and lobbying education training or if you have ethics education questions.
- **Legislators and Legislative Employees** please contact the General Assembly ethics hotline at 919-301-1991 or email Denise Adams at [denise.adams@ncleg.net](mailto:denise.adams@ncleg.net) if you have questions about the ethics and lobbying education training or have ethics education questions.

Thank you for giving this matter your immediate attention and for sharing this information with all members of your covered board, commission or committee, all staff and employees covered under the State Government Ethics Act, and all legislators and legislative employees.

# 2015 Meeting Planning Calendar

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