

Chairman's Report





**NORTH CAROLINA MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
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Oct. 15, 2018

Captain Bion Stewart, Commander
U.S. Coast Guard - Sector North Carolina
721 Medical Center Drive
Wilmington, NC 28401

Dear Captain Stewart:

At its August 2018 business meeting, the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission discussed a collision of two trawlers in Pamlico Sound that occurred this past summer. The commission expressed concern for the boating safety in North Carolina coastal fishing waters in light of this incident. The commission noted the requirements in 33 C.F.R. § 164.35 that "each vessel must have . . . [a] marine radar system for surface navigation . . ." and 33 C.F.R. § 164.46(b), that vessels larger than 65 feet engaged in commercial service have Class A Automatic Identification System equipment installed and operational.

The commission recognizes its jurisdiction does not extend to navigation safety regulations administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. However, the commission did want to bring its general safety concerns to your attention and that radar and AIS devices should be employed and monitored by the Coast Guard, at times dictated by regulation, in a manner that will promote safe maritime navigational practices to avoid accidents like the trawler collision referenced above.

Thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this information.

Sincerely,

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W. Robert Bizzell, Chairman
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cc: N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission



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Oct. 30, 2018

Mr. Sammy Corbett
691 Washington Acres Rd
Hampstead, NC 28443

Dear Sammy:

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Mr. Mark Gorges
5446 Ridgewood Heights Dr
Wilmington, NC 28403

Dear Mark:

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Ms. Janet Rose
212 Poyners Road
Moyock, NC 27958

Dear Janet:

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Mr. Rick Smith
2404-B Montgomery Drive
Wilson, NC 27893

Dear Rick:

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Ms. Alison Willis
585 Oak Hammock Drive
Harkers Island, NC 28531

Dear Alison:

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State Board of Elections & Ethics Enforcement

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Ethics & Lobbying Education

The following information applies to public servants, legislators, legislative employees, and ethics liaisons. For information on lobbying education and awareness presentations for lobbyists and lobbyist principals.

Mandatory Education. The N.C. State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement provides mandatory ethics and lobbying education for *public servants, legislators, legislative employees* and *ethics liaisons*. Topics covered include:

- Filing a Statement of Economic Interest ("SEI")
- Monitoring and avoiding conflicts of interest
- The gift ban and its exceptions
- Prohibition on use of public position for private gain
- Lobbying and how it affects individuals covered by the State Government Ethics Act

Ethics education is the primary way individuals subject to the State Government Ethics Act are made aware of their public duties and responsibilities as well as the consequences for violating the ethics laws.

Who Must Participate

- **Public Servants & Ethics Liaisons.** All public servants and ethics liaisons are required to attend a Commission-approved basic ethics and lobbying education presentation within six (6) months of the person's election appointment, or employment and attend a refresher presentation at least every two (2) years thereafter.
- **Legislators & Legislative Employees.** The Commission, jointly with the Legislative Ethics Committee, makes mandatory ethics education and lobbying presentations to all legislators within two (2) months of the legislator assuming his or her office. Legislative employees must also participate in ethics education within three (3) months of employment and attend a refresher at least every two (2) years.
- **Education Presentations & Schedule.** Ethics and lobbying education presentations for public servants and ethics liaisons are offered [online](#) and [live at Raleigh-only and distance education sites](#). Completing an online presentation or attending a live session meets either the basic or refresher mandatory education requirements. Visit <https://www.ncsbe.gov/Ethics/Education> to access online and live training options.

Ethics education for **legislators** is conducted in live sessions. Legislative employees may participate in ethics education online through the General Assembly.

- **Consequences for Failure to Attend.** Failure to attend an ethics and lobbying education presentation is a violation of the State Government Ethics Act and may result in the individual being recommended for removal from his or her public position or disciplined in his or her State job.

Contact Information

For education related questions, contact:

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2018 SEI FILING REMINDERS:

Completed SEIs must be filed on or before **APRIL 16, 2018**. If you have already filed a 2018 SEI, do not refile. To confirm your filing, visit our website at: <https://ethics.ncsbe.gov/masterSearch.aspx>

- We strongly recommend that you file your SEI online at www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/sei. Filing online is fast, easy, ensures immediate confirmation of your filing, and saves your information for all future filings. Follow the instructions on our website to get an NCID user id and password prior to your initial online filing. Consider using Internet Explorer or Chrome to submit your SEI. Some users have had trouble using other browsers. Also, the State Board's system limits documents to a file size of 2MB. Paper documents larger than that may have to be copied and sent physically to the State Board.
- If you filed a 2017 SEI *and* you have had *no changes* since your 2017 filing, you may file a 2018 SEI No Change Form, located on our website.
- **You must file a 2018 Long Form if any of the following apply to you:**
 - a. You filed a 2017 SEI *but* you have had changes since your 2017 filing;
 - b. You did not file a 2017 SEI; or
 - c. You are a first-time filer or have been appointed to a new or additional position/board.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Who must file?

A: All public servants, legislators and judicial officers (justices, judges, district attorneys, clerks of court) **must file an SEI**. *However*, State Employees who are covered by the State Government Ethics Act *and* earn less than \$60,000.00 annually do not have to file an SEI.

Q: If I was an elected official but am no longer in office, do I have to file an SEI ?

A: Maybe. Elected officials who were subject to the SEI filing requirements while in office (Constitutional Officers, Legislators and Judicial Officers) must file an SEI **the year after leaving office**; filing deadline is April 16th.

Q: Do I still have to file if my term on a Board or Commission has already expired or will expire on or before April 16th?

A: If your term has already expired or will expire on or before April 16, 2018 *and* you are still serving because you have not been replaced or have not formally resigned prior to April 16th, you are still required to file an SEI on or before April 16, 2018.

Q: Do I have to file my SEI online?

A: While the Commission strongly recommends that you file online, you have the option to file manually by printing out a blank hard copy, completing the form by hand, and mailing or hand-delivering the **original** completed form to the Commission.

Q: Where can I find additional help and/or information regarding SEIs?

A: SEI Helpful Tips on our website at <https://ethics.ncsbe.gov/library/pdfs/sei/SEI%20Helpful%20Tips.pdf>; or call us at (919) 814-3600.



N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission 2019 Business Meeting Schedule

Feb. 20-22: Morehead City/New Bern area*
May 15-17: Morehead City/New Bern area*
Aug. 21-23: Raleigh area*
Nov. 13-15: Morehead City/New Bern area*

***Venue to be determined**

2019 Meeting Planning Calendar

January						
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	MFC
	ASMFC
	SAFMC
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	State Holiday

	Southern Regional AC
	Northern Regional AC
	Finfish AC
	Habitat and Water Quality AC
	Shellfish/Crustacean AC

POLICY ON SCIENTIFIC UNCERTAINTY

At the Marine Fisheries Commission's August 15-16, 2018 business meeting, under *Issues from Commissioners*, the following motion was tabled:

Motion by Pete Kornegay to adopt the following policy. Second by Chuck Laughridge.

Policy on Scientific Uncertainty

It shall be the policy of the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission that in deliberating fishery management cases where there is uncertainty or where information is unknown or where there are no certain data with which to guide fishery management determinations or decisions, that a precautionary approach to fisheries management will be employed. A precautionary approach requires preventative conservation actions, when in the absence of certainty and without action; there is a risk of damage to fish or shellfish stocks. In cases in which there is disagreement on the need to implement conservation actions, the burden of proof that conservation actions are not warranted falls on those who seek inaction. Fisheries management actions adopted under this policy, either interim or long-term, shall give highest priority to rebuilding, conserving and wisely managing fish or shellfish stocks until stock recovery is achieved or the case is otherwise resolved. This policy shall be stated and addressed in every Fishery Management Plan prepared by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries.

Motion tabled.

