

Regular Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Hyde County

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

After opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. called the Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing equipment.

The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr., Vice-chairman Barry Swindell, Commissioners Dick Tunnell and Ben Simmons; Attorney Fred Holscher; County Manager Bill Rich; Assistant County Manager Kris Cahoon-Noble; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; and, members of the public.

Commissioner Tom Pahl, Public Information Officer Teresa Adams, IT Director Donnie Shumate and members of the public were present on Ocracoke.

Agenda:

Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the January 3, 2017 Hyde County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Consideration of Minutes:

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the December 5, 2016 Hyde County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by the Clerk with amendment on page 8, line 2 – Commissioner Swindell ~~attended~~ will attend the Health Board quarterly meeting. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Presentations:

Hyde County ABC Board Update

Meredith Nicholson, Director, presented a general Hyde County Board of Alcohol Control financial update. She reported on State Commission's compliance audit findings; request for timing of bottle tax payment from quarterly to annual as suggested by the State Commission.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve distribution of bottle tax to Hyde County annually. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

2015 SOTCH Report

Luana Gibbs, Interim Health Director, reported every three (3) years, Local Health Departments (LDHs) are required to submit a comprehensive Community Health Assessment (CHA), which requires the collection of primary and secondary data specific to Hyde County. The most recent CHA for Hyde County was conducted in 2014. During the two (2) interim years, the local health department issues a State-of-the-County's Health Report (SOTCH) that provides update information about the priority health issues specific to the county. The results are to be disseminated to local health department stakeholders, community partners and the general population.

Anna Motteler, Public Health Educator II, presented the 2015 SOTCH Report for Hyde County. The SOTCH provides an overview of leading health priorities, emerging issues and new health initiatives in the county.

Employee Recognition:

Corrinne Gibbs

Bill Rich, County Manager, commended Corrinne Gibbs, Finance Officer, for monitoring debris pick up on Ocracoke Island and on Mainland Hyde County after Hurricane Matthew. Ms. Gibbs spun the "Wheel of Thanks" and won a \$25.00 Gift Certificate for Pat's Service Station in Swan Quarter.

Justin Gibbs

Manager Rich presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Justin Gibbs, EM Director, from Governor Pat McCrory, "for demonstrating great commitment and dedication in helping the State of North Carolina respond to Hurricane Matthew, one of the worst natural disasters in our state history. Your tireless compassion has brought relief to our citizens and put them on a path to recovery". Governor McCrory commented "I saw firsthand as I traveled the state how the strong waters tragically forced people from their homes and businesses. But those waters also brought out the best of North Carolina. Rising waters can crumble our roads and flood our communities, but they cannot wash away our resilience or the spirit to rebuild.

Public Comments:

Peter Vankevich, Ocracoke – asked that paper and pencil be placed outside the Ocracoke Sheriff's Department with the lost and found box so citizens and visitors can list their lost items.

Seldon Taylor, Swan Quarter – has been bothered by 20 to 30 free range chickens in his yard over the past year. Mr. Taylor referenced Hyde County Code of Ordinances – Section 4 – Animal Control and NCGS 68-25 and 153A-127 in his research on how to handle the problem. County Attorney Fred Holscher will research the matter. Mr. Taylor applauded the Board for opening the meeting with prayer and for the work commissioners do.

There being no further comment from the public, Chairman Pugh continued the meeting.

Items of Consideration:

Resolution Opposing the Proposed Expansion of the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge

Debbie Cahoon, S&W District Tech/Education Coordinator, reported the Hyde Soil & Water Conservation Board of Supervisors have reviewed the proposed expansion report of Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge dated September 19, 2016 and are opposed to the acquisition of 11,932.8 acres of land belonging to Mattamuskeet Ventures and Coastal Land Holdings, LLC.

After Discussion, it was agreed County Manager Bill Rich will research the loss of tax dollars from the Hyde County Tax books and report his findings at the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 6, 2017.

Debbie Cahoon will ask the Soil & Water Board Supervisor to contact Commissioner Simmons now to discuss the acquisition and to attend the February 6, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting to discuss the acquisition with other Board members.

Mr. Rich will invite Pam Wingrove, Area III Field Planner, Southeast Region Fish & Wildlife Service, to speak at the March 6 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Resolution Opposing Petition to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas “Trawl Ban”

Kris Cahoon-Noble, Assistant County Manager, presented a resolution opposing NC Wildlife Federation petition to designate special secondary nursery areas and reduce bycatch mortality in North Carolina coastal fishing waters.

Commissioner Swindell moved to adopt Resolution In Opposition To Petition For Rulemaking To Amend 15A Admin. Code 3L.0101, 3L.0103, 3M.0522, 3M.0523, 3N.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. Mr. Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Resolution In Opposition To Petition For Rulemaking To Amend 15A Admin. Code 3L.0101, 3L.0103, 3M.0522, 3M.0523, 3N.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" is attached herewith as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Appointments:

Trillium Central Regional Advisory Board

Kris Cahoon-Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported Trillium Health Resources is a local government agency (LME/MCO) that manages mental health, substance use and intellectual/developmental disability services in a 24-county area in eastern North Carolina. Hyde County is responsible for managing state and federally funded services for people who receive Medicaid, are uninsured or cannot afford services.

Commissioner Swindell moved to appoint Luana Gibbs, Hyde County Interim Health Director, to serve on the Trillium Central Regional Advisory Board. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging

Bill Rich, County Manager, reported the Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging (AAA) needs two appointed representatives on the Regional Advisory Council (RAC). This group meets quarterly to give direction to the AAA's efforts in serving the senior population in Hyde County. The primary purpose of this council is to serve as advocates for older adults, their caregivers and their families living with the service area of the Albemarle Commission. Mr. Rich recommended Emma Cahoon-Williams of Swan Quarter and Elizabeth Dyer of Ocracoke for appointment to the Albemarle Commission (AAA). Both are registered nurses working for Coastal Home Care to promote home health care in Hyde County.

Commissioner Swindell moved to appoint Emma Cahoon-Williams and Elizabeth Dyer to serve on the Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging to represent Hyde County on the Regional Advisory Council. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Revisions/Additions to Fee Schedule Approved for FY2016-2017

Luana Gibbs, Interim Health Director, reported at the quarterly meeting held on December 20, 2016 the Hyde County Board of Health approved revisions and/or additions to the Fee Schedule for FY16-17. Fees are set based on Medicaid rates and local and surrounding counties Health Department costs. Local health departments must receive approval of both the Board of Health and the Board of Commissioners for new or revised fee schedules.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the revised Hyde County Health Department Fee Schedule FY2016-2017. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

2017 IRS Standard Mileage Rate

Corrinne Gibbs, Finance Officer, reported the Internal Revenue Service has decreased its standard mileage rate from \$0.54 to \$0.535 for 2017.

Commissioner Swindell moved to adopt the IRS standard mileage rate of \$0.535 for 2017. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Amend Rules of Procedure for The Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Kris Cahoon-Noble, Assistant County Manager, presented amendment (page 5 and 9) to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners “Rules of Procedures” to change the location of Commissioners meetings from Ocracoke School to Ocracoke Community Center, 999 Irvin Garrish Highway, Ocracoke Island.

Commissioner Pahl moved to approve amendment to the Hyde County “Rules of Procedure” to change the Board of Commissioner meeting location on Ocracoke Island from Ocracoke School to Ocracoke Community Center. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Hyde County Youth Athletics Volunteer Policy and Waiver, Contracts for Coaches

Kris Cahoon-Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported that Hyde County is sponsoring a youth winter basketball league known as Hyde County Youth Athletics. This activity was supported by “A Resolution to Support the Hyde County Youth Athletics League as a County Function” passed by the Board of Commissioners at the December 2016 meeting. Hyde County Youth Athletics Volunteer Policy and Waiver have been developed in coordination with the County Attorney and Traveler’s Insurance. The Policy provides guidelines for volunteers including the coaches in regard to recruitment, selection and screening of volunteers; program supervision; conditions of service; a waiver for signature; and consent for criminal background check. This policy incorporates everything that Traveler’s Insurance has advised Hyde County to include, in order, to remain covered.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to approve Hyde County Youth Athletics Volunteer Policy and Waiver. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

In addition, Ms. Noble presented contracts for Bryant Morrison and Shawn Zehnaker. These contracts for services have been reviewed by the County Attorney. The stipends described in each contract are coming from grant funds acquired and administered by the Hyde County Health Department. Separate insurance coverage for general liability and gap medical insurance for the participants has been purchased from K&K Insurance using registration fees.

<p>SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED</p> <p>The services to be furnished under this contract are as follows:</p> <p>A. CONTRACTOR agrees to perform in a manner satisfactory on behalf of the County the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Coordinate youth basketball on a “volunteer” basis, not to be considered as a County employee;ii. Authorize the County to obtain a Background Investigation and Sex Offender Registry Search;iii. Sign and abide by the standards outlined in the County’s Volunteer Sports Policy and Waiver;iv. Be professionally courteous and act as an extension of the County, representing it in a positive manner; and,v. Serve as member(s) of the Joint Use Interagency Team, as referenced in Section 5.b.i. of the AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HYDE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF HYDE FOR USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS AND FACILITIES. <p>B. The COUNTY agrees to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Establish a recreation budget line within the COUNTY budget for FY2016-17;ii. Provide insurance coverage for the Hyde County Youth Athletics Basketball program on COUNTY Active Use Areas; insurance coverage for youth basketball participants consisting of scheduled, sanctioned, approved, organized and supervised practices, try-outs, clinics and games; and provide sexual abuse or sexual molestation liability coverage for volunteers.iii. Provide a Hyde County Youth Athletics Recreation Program Volunteer Policy and Waiver; and,iv. Provide technical assistance and support, as needed.

Commissioner Swindell moved to enter into contract with coaches Bryant Morrison and Shawn Zehmaker for services to be provided for the Hyde County Youth Athletics League. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Budget Transfers:

Bill Rich, County Manager, presented the following budget transfers for Board of Commissioner approval:

Health Department

- i. BR17-17 – Maternal Health Interpreter
- ii. BR18-17 – Immunization Capitol Outlay
- iii. BR19-17 – Child Health Physician
- iv. BR20-17 – BFPC Salary & Fringes
- v. BR21-17 – WIC
- vi. BR22-17 – B CCCP Radiology
- vii. BR23-17 – General Health – Essential Services
- viii. BR24-17 – Maternal Health Supplies
- xvi. BR25-17 – Ebola Supplies & Travel

Commissioner Tunnell moved to approve Health Department BR17-17, BR18-17, BR19-17, BR20-17, BR21-17, BR22-17, BR23-17, BR24-17 and BR25-17 transfers as presented. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Management Reports:

Commissioner Ben Simmons – discussed the proposed shrimp ban and will follow up on concerns for commercial fishermen in Hyde County.

Commissioner Barry Swindell – attended the Health Board quarterly meeting at Martelle’s in Engelhard and the employee Christmas breakfast at Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department in Swan Quarter.

Commissioner Dick Tunnell – attended the employee Christmas breakfast, Mid-East Housing meeting and Swan Quarter Dike (Hwy 45) meetings. He discussed needed repairs to the Sheriff’s Department and Health Department driveways and the need for routine maintenance of the grounds. Mr. Tunnell is also concerned about dangerous curves in the Brickhouse Fork area and the need for safer roads in Hyde County.

Commissioner Tom Pahl – met with Susan West from ECU to discuss commercial fishing and met with ODO Planning Board Chairman Pentz and attended the NC DOT Passenger Ferry meeting.

Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. – attended the employee Christmas breakfast, the Passenger Ferry meeting, the Ocracoke Fish House Oyster Roast fundraiser and the Wanchese Seafood Park meeting.

County Manager Bill Rich – complimented all who assisted in moving the teleconferencing equipment for commissioners meeting from the School to the Community Center on Ocracoke. He reported Occupancy Tax and Sales Tax collections have increased. Mr. Rich’s December 2016 calendar was provided.

Assistant County Manager Kris Noble – thanked all who decorated the Government Center and assisted with the employee Christmas breakfast. Ms. Noble reported on projects, meetings and events attended in December.

Emergency Services Director Justin Gibbs – thanked commissioners, Kris Noble, Anna Motteler, Bryant Morrison and Sean Zehmaker for the Hyde County Youth Athletics program.

Public Comments:

There being no comment from the public, Chairman Pugh continued the meeting.

Closed Session (none)

Adjourn

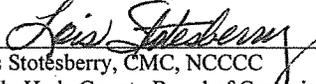
Commissioner Simmons moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

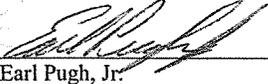
The meeting adjourned at 8:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 6th day of February, 2017.

Attest:


Lois Stofesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners


Earl Pugh, Jr.
Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Attachments:

Exhibit A: *"Resolution In Opposition To Petition For Rulemaking To Amend 15A Admin. Code 3L.0101, 3L.0103, 3M.0522, 3M.0523, 3N.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"*

**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

