

Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting Date: September 3, 2019
Presenter: Board of Commissioners

ITEM TITLE: CLOSED SESSION

SUMMARY: The County Manager may request entering Closed Session in accordance with NCGS143A-318.11 (a)

- 1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law.
- 2) To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary award.
- 3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege.
- 4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses.
- 5) To establish or instruct the public body's staff or agent in negotiating the price or terms of a contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase; or compensation and terms of an employment contract.
- 6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.
- 7) To plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct.
- 8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence.
- 9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety.

RECOMMEND: Enter into Closed Session if required.

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Human Resources Dept. Report

September 2019

- Verified information for vacation/sick leave for employees
- Completed monthly payroll
- Completed and processed monthly vouchers to pay employees' insurances, tax garnishments, child support payments, retirement, etc.
- Daily Tasks - Assisted employees as necessary concerning hours worked, salary, insurance, benefits, retirement, deposit changes, etc.
- Enrolled two part-time employees
- Generated the monthly Human Resources employee newsletter
- Generated one FMLA case
- Generated two workers compensation cases
- Assisted MedCost/Robert Taylor Group in correcting insurance information
- Assisted one employee with retirement process
- Assisted Financial Auditors with compiling audit information

Respectively submitted,

Tammy Blake

MATTAMUSKEET SENIOR CENTER

Manager's Monthly Report

July, 2019

Participants on Meals-On-Wheels	Swan Quarter	Fairfield	Engelhard	Matt. Village	Ocracoke	TOTAL
	4	3	12	2	7	28
Total Meals-on-Wheels Served	616					
Congregate Meals Served	208					
Participants served for Congregate	15					
Attendance to center for activities, (crafts, exercise, meals, meetings, etc.)	311					

8--Coffee With Expert - Mike Adam's-Davis Ventures 10 participants

8-Night Paint Class - 6 participants

12th-Special Family Paint Class -5 participants

15th -Special Family Paint Class - 8 participants

18th- Monthly Paint Class - 10 participants

22nd -Presentation by CapTel Communications - 12 participants

Health Department Monthly Summary Report – July 2019

CLINICAL SERVICES	Current Month	Year To Date
Family Planning	18	18
Maternal Health	16	16
Adult Health: Wellness/Primary Care/Chronic Disease/Telemedicine	77	77
BCCCP	5	5
Immunizations	10	10
Seasonal Flu Shots/Flu Mists		
Adults	0	0
Children	0	0
STD Treatments	1	1
Communicable Disease Cases/Investigations	0	0
TB Treatments (Latent) & Skin Tests	1	1
Child Health (Wellness)	18	18
Child Health (Sick Care)	5	5
Rabies Treatments/Investigations**	0	0
Dental Varnishing	2	2
Lab Services	65	65
WIC (Women, Infant & Child Nutrition Assistance)		
WIC – Mainland		
Certifications	8	8
Mid-Certification Assessments	3	3
Pick-ups	9	9
Vendor Trainings		
WIC – Ocracoke (Quarterly)		
Certifications		
Mid-Certification Assessments		
Pick-ups		
Vendor Trainings		
PREGNANCY/EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES		
Pregnancy Care Management (for healthy pregnancies and births)		
Current Case Load	9	////////////////////
Contacts this Month		////////////////////
Attempts (No Contact)		////////////////////
Care Coordination for Children (for healthy children 0-5 years)		
Current Case Load	9	////////////////////
Contacts this Month		////////////////////
Attempts (No Contact)		////////////////////
BEHAVIOR HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES		
Behavior Health Services		
Licensed Clinical Counselor visits	15	15
Psychiatrist Visits	3	3
Substance Abuse Services		
Educational Programs in the Community	2	////////////////////
Navigated Services	4	////////////////////
Media Events	2	////////////////////
Needle Exchange Pick Ups	0	////////////////////
Narcan dispensed	0	////////////////////

FOREIGN INTERPRETER/OUTREACH WORKER		
Outreach programs		
Home visits:	1	////////////////////
Phone calls:	11	////////////////////
Letters sent:	2	////////////////////
Patients served in clinic:	39	////////////////////
Community work:		
Request for transportation:	1	////////////////////
Other: Ocracoke E.H.; NNO; Focus Groups; Matt Seafood		////////////////////
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH		
Food and Lodging		
F&L Inspections	4	4
F&L Visits		
F&L Pre-Opening Visits		
F&L Permits Issued		
F&L Permits Suspended		
F&L Suspensions Lifted		
F&L Complaint Investigations	1	1
F&L Consults	5	5
General Sanitation		
Vector Control		
Animal Control		
Health Education		
On-Site Wastewater		
Sites Visited/Evaluated	30	30
Improvement Permits Issued	1	1
Construction Authorizations	1	1
Other Authorizations	4	4
Consultative Contacts	81	81
Operation Permits Issued	4	4
Migrant Housing Inspections		
On-Site Wells		
Well Site Evaluated	1	1
Grouting Inspections		
Well Site Construction Visits		
Well Construction Permits Issued	1	1
Well Certificate of Completion	1	1
Bacteriological Samples Collected	1	1
Other Sample Collected		
Well Consultative Contacts	9	9



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October 3, 2019 • 10:00 am– 2:00 pm (lunch included)
Registration Begins at 9:30 am

Mattamuskeet Senior Center
160 Juniper Bay Rd.
Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Pre-Registration Required by September 27, 2019

To Register Contact: (252) 926-1956

Representatives from the NC Dept. of the Secretary of State's Office, NC Attorney General's office, NC Dept. of Insurance, and the Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging are scheduled to speak.

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Lake Mattamuskeet watershed restoration plan approved

From North Carolina Coastal Federation

The locally developed watershed restoration plan designed to clean up Lake Mattamuskeet was approved by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality on Aug. 7. The Department's Nonpoint Source Program staff says that the plan recommended projects to restore water quality are now eligible to apply for restoration implementation funds administered by the state.

"This approval helps to propel efforts forward to address the water quality and flooding problems that plague Lake Mattamuskeet," said Todd Miller, executive director for the North Carolina Coastal Federation. "It took the entire community that cares about the lake to devise this plan, and it will continue to require everyone's participation to execute the plan so the lake can be restored as one of North Carolina's environmental

treasures."

Hyde County, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission partnered with the federation and community members to develop the plan. Project partners are collectively seeking funding to begin implementation of the plan as part of a multi-year effort.

"Approval of the plan is excellent news and a tribute to the partners and stakeholders who worked diligently for two years to get us to this point," said Pete Campbell, refuge manager for Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge. "Now the time to cooperatively implement the plan's strategies begins."

The plan sets out a blueprint for addressing water quality and flooding issues that affect the lake and surrounding lands. The initial priority actions of the watershed restoration plan concentrate on establishing active water-level management capabilities

on Lake Mattamuskeet and improving water management throughout the watershed. This includes creating a formal body that provides management authority, such as a service district, to oversee water management within the watershed in close coordination with the refuge. Engineering studies will identify and evaluate designs to divert water towards existing or restored wetlands, where nutrients and sediment can be absorbed before discharging into a water body.

"Hyde County has been fortunate to be the beneficiary of some incredible partnerships throughout the process of writing the plan," said Daniel Brinn, water and flood control coordinator for Hyde County and a key partner in developing the plan. "Now that it has been approved we look forward to utilizing those same partnerships to move towards implementation as we seek to restore the

environmental, cultural and historical gem that is Lake Mattamuskeet."

"The Wildlife Resources Commission considers approval of the restoration plan to be a milestone in our collaborative efforts to reverse the declines in water quality in the watershed," said Doug Howell, migratory game bird coordinator for N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The watershed restoration plan and information about the planning process can be found at www.nccoast.org/lakemattamuskeet. This webpage will be updated regularly as plan implementation progresses.

Interested community members can also offer comments and sign up for email updates and notifications about future public meetings on the web page. Questions about the watershed restoration plan can be directed to Michael Flynn, coastal advocate for the federation's Wanchese office, at 252-473-1607.

Hyde County recognized for watershed restoration at Lake Mattamuskeet

From the North Carolina Coastal Federation

The North Carolina Coastal Federation recognized Hyde County, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission for their efforts to develop a watershed restoration plan for Lake Mattamuskeet, as well as Bill Trimyer, Kill Devil Hills resident and federation volunteer, who has been a key player in the federation's Restaurant to Reef oyster shell recycling program, at its 2019 Pelican Awards on Aug. 3 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City.

The federation's annual awards event is held to recognize the exceptional people, community associations, businesses and government agencies that make standout contributions to protecting and restoring the North Carolina coastal environment over the past year.

"The Pelican Awards were created to celebrate very special people and organizations who work to protect and restore our coast," said Todd Miller, federation executive director. "The recipients this year come from different walks of life, but still work tirelessly to keep our coast healthy and beautiful."

Hyde County, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission received the award for "Fostering Successful Partnerships that Protect and Restore the Coast."

Declining water quality and elevated water levels are threatening the future of Lake Mattamuskeet and lands within the watershed. In order to combat the problem, these groups



N.C. COASTAL FEDERATION

RESTORING THE LAKE: Employees of Hyde County government, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission were honored with North Carolina Coastal Federation Pelican Awards for their work to improve the health of the watershed at Lake Mattamuskeet.

worked together to develop a watershed restoration plan to reverse the trend of degradation to the lake.

By working together, the project partners will be able to help protect an area that serves as a premier overwintering site for more than 300,000 migratory waterfowl, a location for educational and recreational activities and supports residents who depend on a healthy lake for their livelihoods.

Bill Trimyer received the award for "Outstanding Volunteer Contributions to Our Coast." He has spent many long, hot and smelly hours collecting oyster shells from local businesses in order to return them to the water.

"The reward for me is contributing to cleaner waters and lands," said Trimyer. "I believe I have a responsibility to leave my little corner of the world cleaner than how I found it. This award stands as a symbol of many hands joined together to give back for future generations."

The shell recycling program is entirely based upon the help of amazing volunteers like Trimyer.

The awards event and evening celebration was made possible by several community sponsors, including lead sponsor Wells Fargo. Visit nccoast.org/celebrate or call 252-393-8185 for more information about the Pelican Awards.

Pamlico County Resolution
To Oppose North Carolina House Bill 867
Coastal Fisheries Conservation / Economic Development

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and the area now known as Pamlico County have a long history of commercial and recreational fishing dating back hundreds of years; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina commercial and recreational fishermen have both been an integral part of extraordinary scientific gains made in the areas of environmental protection and the sustainability of fish stocks, which both groups also rely upon for their wellbeing and way of life; and

WHEREAS, commercial and recreational fishermen both work to protect the waters and fisheries for the next generation and future generations; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 867, is limited in its potential positive economic impact and may in fact be detrimental to coastal economic development and to the tax base in many small and already economically stressed communities; and

WHEREAS, commercial fishing, including seafood dealers and restaurants, in North Carolina has suffered and continues to endure many changes, such as competition from imported seafood, the closing of working waterfronts, increased government regulations and burdensome fuel costs which have already greatly reduced the numbers of remaining commercial fishermen; and

WHEREAS, some imported seafood is often lower in quality and may not have been raised in the same natural environment as locally harvested seafood; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 867 would change the current focus on sustainability of fish stocks, including conservation and environmental sustainability, to a purely conservation-only model without needed, fully unbiased scientific data, and threatens to create a lack of access to a stable local food source for North Carolina citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 867 does not address the long term impacts of upstream contaminants on coastal fisheries and communities; and

WHEREAS, a proper required economic impact study was not prepared; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 867 would give the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission increased power and authority with less oversight and would remove full public, community, scientific, recreational and commercial input; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 867 seeks to rewrite the North Carolina Fisheries Reform Act of 1997, which was passed after months of public scrutiny, removing public vetting; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 867 would eliminate the currently mandated advisory committees which include a prescribed number of commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen, and scientists to advise the Commission and replace these committees with one, 20 member advisory committee appointed by the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission itself, without any designation as to any members' qualification or status in the industry; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 867 offers a commercial fishing license buyback plan which could further adversely affect a sustainable way of life for so many North Carolina residents and cause harmful impact to the aforementioned economically stressed communities; and

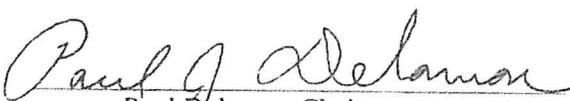
WHEREAS, there previously existed a commission that reported to the General Assembly regarding contentious fisheries issues and was more representative of all involved, House Bill 867 does not take into consideration input from the commercial fishing industry, communities or governments adversely impacted by the bill; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 867 is sponsored by persons whose districts will not be adversely impacted by its passing, who are not necessarily aware of fisheries history and current data related to North Carolina fisheries, and who may have not considered the impacts on low to moderate income coastal communities, businesses, schools, and local government tax base; and

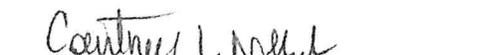
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners hereby steadfastly opposes North Carolina House Bill 867 in its entirety and respectfully requests that North Carolina Legislators reject this legislation and support the State of North Carolina's working watermen and local communities in order to sustain a vital economic engine for the State of North Carolina and its coastal communities by preserving our jobs, tax base and access to a sustainable food source for future generations.

Adopted this the 15th day of May, 2017.

Pamlico County Board of Commissioners


Paul Delamar, Chairman

ATTEST:


Courtney L. Norfleet, Clerk to the Board



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RESOLUTION
OPPOSING NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE BILL 486
THAT WOULD CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL
FISHING

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

WHEREAS, House Bill 486 proposes to drastically raise the annual Commercial Fishing license fee and impose burdensome requirements on commercial license holders, who are still recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Florence; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of House Bill 486 is yet another attempt to redefine commercial fishing, which would be detrimental to North Carolina's Commercial Fishing Industry. In fact, last year the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission embarked on an effort to change the criteria of what constitutes a commercial fishing operation by imposing, among other things, that license holders document annual seafood landings of at least 1,000 pounds; and

WHEREAS, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners on February 5, 2018, again on March 5, 2018, and yet again on June 18, 2018 adopted unanimous resolutions opposing any change in the definition of commercial fishing based on the following - - -

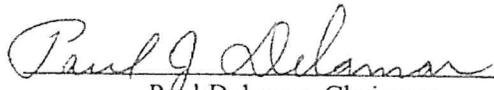
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- No other professional license issued by the State dictates a level of participation in order for its holders to qualify. Furthermore, the definition of what constitutes commercial fishing in North Carolina has already been determined by the General Assembly and has long been established in section 113-168 of North Carolina's General Statutes.
- Imposing an arbitrary level of participation based on landings would unfairly have a harsh and punitive effect on coastal communities hit by hurricanes and other natural disasters where many commercial license holders, whose income generating season may have been entirely wiped out by a storm, are forced to temporarily divert their time and talents to other business enterprises.
- Those who engage in commercial fishing already suffer because of government overregulation that imposes severe quotas and unnecessary restrictions on fishing seasons, limits, and gear forcing many to take on additional jobs and engage in part-time businesses in order to support their families.
- In October of 2010, the Marine Fisheries Commission empaneled a Fishing License Review Taskforce, which examined in detail the requirements for holding a commercial fishing license and concluded that the definition contained in the General Statutes was adequate and therefore there was no real need to modify the definition of what constitutes a commercial fisherman. In its Final Report the Taskforce clearly stated its recommendation that "no changes are needed to the existing definition;"

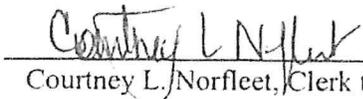
WHEREAS, House Bill 486 is an attempt to fix something that is not broken and would jeopardize coastal communities whose economy and wellbeing are dependent upon both full-time and part-time commercial fishermen who are small, independent businesses that work hard under adverse conditions to put fresh, healthy North Carolina seafood on American tables.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its unwavering commitment to North Carolina's commercial fishing industry by strongly opposing House Bill 486, or any other action, that would change the definition of Commercial Fishing or cause harm to North Carolina's Working Watermen.

Adopted this the 22nd day of April, 2019.


 Paul Delamar, Chairman

ATTEST:


 Courtney L. Norfleet, Clerk to the Board

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners on February 05, 2018 and again on March 05, 2018 adopted unanimous resolutions opposing any change in the definition of commercial fishing based on the following - - -

- No other professional license issued by the State dictates a level of participation in order for its holders to qualify. Furthermore the definition of what constitutes commercial fishing in North Carolina has already been determined by the General Assembly and has long been established in section 113-168 of North Carolina's General Statutes.
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- Those who engage in commercial fishing already suffer because of government overregulation that imposes severe quotas and unnecessary restrictions on fishing seasons, limits, and gear forcing many to take on additional jobs and engage in part-time businesses in order to support their families.
- In October of 2010, the Marine Fisheries Commission empaneled a Fishing License Review Taskforce, which examined in detail the requirements for holding a commercial fishing license and concluded that the definition contained in the General Statutes was adequate and therefore there was no real need to modify the definition of what constitutes a commercial fisherman. In its Final Report the Taskforce clearly stated its recommendation that "no changes are needed to the existing definition;"

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

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

Adopted this the 18th day of June, 2018.



ATTEST:


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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2
OF THE SOUTHERN FLOUNDER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners rely on the members of the Carteret County Marine Fisheries Board to advise them of relevant issues that would have a detrimental effect on the County's recreational and commercial fishermen; and

WHEREAS, members of Carteret County's Marine Fisheries Advisory Board, some of whom are recreational fishermen and head boat operators familiar with the fishery of North Carolina, are greatly concerned about the proposed Amendment 2 of the Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners supports the position of the Carteret County Marine Fisheries Board concerning the proposed Amendment 2 based in part on the following:

- Southern flounder supports Pamlico County's and North Carolina's most economically important commercial finfish fishery and are an important recreational fishery in estuarine waters;
- The proposed Amendment 2 recommends a 62% reduction in fishing mortality the first year that includes the fall of 2019 and a 72% reduction the next year which will have devastating impacts to the fishing economies of Pamlico County;

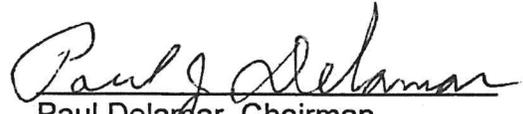
- The Division of Marine Fisheries and the MFC have decided to pursue an accelerated timeline for adoption of Amendment 2, and have chosen fishing reduction goals that are not practicable or reasonable;
- The 10-year overfishing stoppage requirement where the biology of the particular fish, environmental conditions or lack of sufficient data are incompatible with professional standards for fisheries management;
- The stock assessments of southern flounder dated January 2017 and 2019 are technically sound and were peer-reviewed in a public setting by an outside group of reputable scientists;
- Commercial fishing efforts have been substantially reduced the last 18 years, with gill net yardage reduced, allowable fishing days reduced, reducing the number of hours gill nets can be fished, from 2003 to 2015, we went from 1,000 to 300-pound nets - a 70% reduction, and completely closing fish areas;
- A high degree of uncertainty exists in the stock assessment including: (1) the lack of a comprehensive fishery independent index, (2) a lack of data for the offshore southern flounder component that are mostly older adult females, (3) a weak relationship between the spawning stock and the recruits they provide, (4) the unpredictable oceanic conditions where southern flounder spawn, (5) interannual variation in recruitment i.e., juveniles, and (6) a recent study by North Carolina State University that indicated environmental conditions may cause changes in the proportions of males and females that further complicate the management of this species;
- The DMF and MFC used 2017 (termed the terminal year) "removals" to achieve reductions Fisheries experts recognize that the terminal year estimates contain the most uncertainty the DMF could have used an average of the most representative years;

WHEREAS, these issues provide evidence that pursuing an accelerated version of an FMP Amendment, that was adopted after the 1997 Fisheries Reform Act (FRA), does not abide by the 10-year overfishing stoppage requirements of the FRA to develop sound management strategies for the conservation of southern flounder; and

WHEREAS, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners supports management of southern flounder that incorporates the whole body of available evidence and considers the biology of the fish, environmental conditions, prior management actions, and uncertainties about the data;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its unwavering commitment to North Carolina's fishing industry by supporting the position of the Carteret County Marine Fisheries Board and strongly opposes Amendment 2 or any other action that would cause continued harm to the County's recreational and commercial fishermen.

This the 17th day of June, 2019.



Paul Delamar, Chairman
Pamlico County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Courtney L. Norfleet
Clerk to the Board



RESOLUTION

ASKING NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR ROY COOPER TO EXAMINE THE
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE NC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the State's Marine Resources are a public trust, the owners of which are the 10.2 million residents of the state living from Murphy to Manteo; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Fisheries Reform Act of 1997 established the legal framework for the management of fisheries for the benefit of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission is comprised of designated seats designed to balance user group interests among recreational, commercial, science, and at-large fisheries stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission, whose members are appointed by the Governor, are responsible for adhering to the Fisheries Reform Act in following due process, incorporating stakeholder input, and making science-based decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has exhibited a pattern of willfully disregarding stakeholder input, scientific expertise, and proper legal process and procedures in favor of interest group agendas; and

WHEREAS, improperly-made decisions by the Commission threaten food security for the state and country, and jeopardize the economic vitality of coastal communities and the occupational viability of commercial fishing families and associated businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners has long advocated that the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission serve the public interest by managing the State's fisheries resources for the benefit of all citizens in a way that provides fair and equitable treatment of both commercial and recreational fishing interests in an open and transparent way.

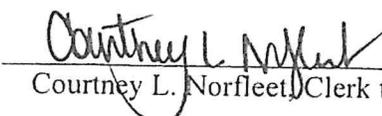
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners strongly urges North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper to examine the current membership of the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission and if need be to make changes to ensure that this Commission equitably balances commercial and recreational fishing interests in a way that does not benefit private interests or bring harm to others.

Adopted this the 5th day of March, 2018.


Edward Riggs, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:




Courtney L. Norfleet, Clerk to the Board

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**PAMLICO COUNTY RESOLUTION
SEEKING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT
OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 483**

WHEREAS, the House Wildlife Resources Committee passed House Bill 483 on April 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 483 sets minimum size limits for fish with the goal of allowing at least 75% of each year's harvest to have spawned at least once; and

WHEREAS, this bill lacks scientific reasoning and general knowledge of the Biology of Marine Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, female fish tend to be larger in size than male fish; and

WHEREAS, such a measure could lead to overfishing of the female fish;
and

WHEREAS, this bill could be detrimental to the commercial fishing industry;
and

WHEREAS the commercial fishing industry is generally located in Eastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this area of the state has struggled economically to create other industries; and

WHEREAS, within the last ten years, this area of the state has been impacted significantly by Hurricanes Irene, Matthew, and Florence; and

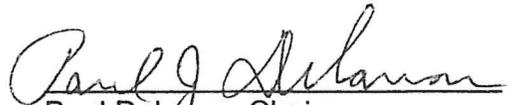
Pamlico County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider

WHEREAS, further impacts to the commercial fishing industry could lead to loss of jobs and living wages.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners is opposed to House Bill 483 and urges legislators to vote against this bill.

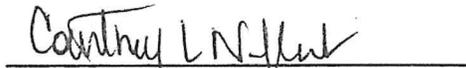
The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the county's legislative delegation.

This the 20th day of May, 2019.



Paul Delamar, Chairman
Pamlico County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Courtney L. Norfleet
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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY CHANGE
IN THE DEFINITION OF A COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATION**

WHEREAS, commercial fishing is a vital part of North Carolina's history, heritage, and culture and represents a crucial component of the economy for Pamlico County and other coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, in the last 15 years in Pamlico County lost over 1,200 direct jobs and over 600 migrant jobs in the commercial fishing industry due to regulations, increased fuel costs, and foreign competition; and

WHEREAS, Pamlico County and other economically distressed rural communities have the necessity and duty to preserve the remaining commercial fishing heritage jobs that daily contribute to our history, local economies and tax base; and

WHEREAS, seafood caught by North Carolina commercial fishermen, draws tourists and recreational fishermen from around the world to our coastal and inland restaurants and local markets benefiting the economic well-being and tax base of all of North Carolina;

WHEREAS, according to the NC Division of Marine Fisheries, the sales impact of the harvesting and sale of commercial seafood is \$388,325,000 and the income impact of employed commercial fishermen is \$166,066,000; and

WHEREAS, the definition of what constitutes commercial fishing in North Carolina has been determined by the General Assembly and has long been established in section 113-168 of North Carolina's General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) is now undertaking an action to consider changes in the definition of a commercial fisherman; and

WHEREAS, among the items that the MFC proposes to consider is a requirement that those holding Commercial Fishing licenses must have 50 percent of their earned income from the Trip Ticket Program, generate 36 Trip Tickets per year, and require those who do not have Trip Tickets to show proof of \$10,000 or more income per year; and

WHEREAS, no other professional license issued by the State dictates a percentage of income or minimum income requirement or level of participation in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the requirements that are being considered by MFC, or any other adverse change they may propose to the definition of Commercial Fishing, would have a harmful effect on many of the hard working North Carolinians who now engage in commercial fishing and already suffer because of government overregulation that imposes severe quotas and unnecessary restrictions on fishing seasons, limits, and gear forcing many to take on additional jobs and engage in part-time businesses in order to responsibly support their families; and

WHEREAS, this latest attempt to redefine commercial fishing is not the first time that the Marine Fisheries Commission has looked at this matter; and

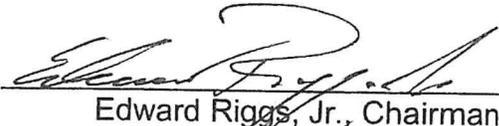
WHEREAS, over seven years ago, in October of 2010, the Marine Fisheries Commission empaneled a Fishing License Review Taskforce, which examined in detail the requirements for holding a commercial fishing license and concluded that the definition contained in the General Statutes was adequate and therefore there was no real need to modify the definition of what constitutes a commercial fisherman; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the Final Report from the Fishing License Review Taskforce clearly stated its recommendation that "no changes are needed to the existing definition."

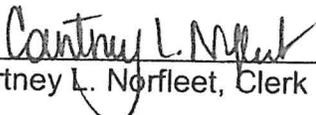
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners supports the definition of commercial fishing that has been determined by the duly elected members of the North Carolina General Assembly and reflected in the North Carolina General Statutes.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes the unnecessary effort that is now underway by the Marine Fisheries Commission to reexamine the definition of commercial fishing, and urges all coastal communities to adopt similar resolutions, and encourages all residents to vigorously voice their concerns about the latest attempt by the Marine Fisheries Commission to once again redefine commercial fishing.

Adopted this the 5th day of February, 2018.


Edward Riggs, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:


Courtney L. Norfleet, Clerk to the Board



Hyde County Hotline, Inc.
Crisis Intervention, Advocacy and Prevention
Domestic Abuse and Sexual Victimization
P.O. Box 335
Engelhard, North Carolina 27824

August 14, 2019

Hyde County Board of Commissioners
and Hyde County Manager, Kris Noble
Hyde County Government Center
30 Oyster Creek Road
Swan Quarter, North Carolina 27885

Dear Sirs and Madam,

Hyde County Hotline has received the \$10,000.00 allocation of funds to our program for Fiscal Year 2019-20. We are very grateful to receive the funding again this year. We recognize the hard work and effort that each of you put into determining how to allocate funds and we are always encouraged to know that you understand the importance and value of Hyde County Hotline to the communities we serve.

In Fiscal Year 2018-19 we were able to assist numerous victims, their families and support systems. There is always a list of needs and the funding that we receive from the county makes it possible to meet many of them.

This year we implemented a Human Trafficking program that has produced more results than we initially thought. Human Trafficking is not about prostitution and as the media reports surrounding the Jeffery Epstein case are continuing to reveal, it is one of the largest criminal revenue streams in our country today. Human Trafficking does not only involve forced sex acts but also involves labor trafficking on farms, restaurants, hotels, motels and other establishments.

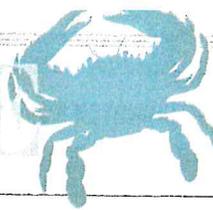
Our services include therapy, support groups, safety planning, hospital accompaniment, referrals, court and medical advocacy to name a few. We continue to follow our guidelines of services to the residents of Ocracoke. We hired a full-time employee to work Ocracoke Island in 2018-19 and that position will continue into the new fiscal year. We will be establishing an office in September for more safe and confidential services on the island.

Thank you again for your generosity and kindness in your consideration of the important work of Hotline.

Best regards,



Kathryn S. Ballance
Executive Director



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BEAUFORT-HYDE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

GRANT GIVING: Members of the board of advisors of Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation with local fund-holders, fund advisors and grant recipients are picture at the annual grant ceremony: (front row, left to right) are Pam Shadle, Vidant Beaufort Hospital; Chris Tkach, Jimmy Oakley, Frank Belote, Alna Friedman and Phil Holloman, Lights of Love, and Mary Esth Baker, fund-holder; (second row) Stuart O'Neal, BHCF president, Beth Wilder, BHCF board member, Liz Liles, Daughters of Worth, Debra Torrence, Arts of the Pamlico, Laura Alvaric Albemarle Commission Senior Nutrition Program, Natalie Jenkins Peel, NCCF regional director, Amy and Paul Sasnett, Reid Sasnett Memorial Scholarship, Bill Rich, BHCF vice president (back row) William Taylor, BHCF board member; Wilson Simmons, NCCF CFO, Johnny Brattor, NCCF board member, Marcy Morgan, BHCF board member and Pungo Christian Acaden fund-holder.

Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation awards more than \$25,000 in local grants

From Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation

The board of advisors of the Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation recently announced \$1,820 in local grant awards from its community grantmaking fund and \$22,550 from the Lights of Love Endowment, according to Stuart O'Neal, board president.

This year the board granted:

- ▶ \$910 to the Albemarle Commission Senior Nutrition Program for Hyde County Meals on Wheels
- ▶ \$910 to Daughters of Worth for their Beaufort County programming

The Lights of Love Endowment granted:

- ▶ \$22,550 to Vidant Beaufort Hospital for the support of vari-

ous supplemental programs

- ▶ \$750 to the Behavioral Health Department for a sensory room
- ▶ \$2,972 to the Intensive Care Unit for blanket warmers
- ▶ \$6,145 to the Physical Therapy Department for a mobile mat
- ▶ \$600 to the Community Health Improvement Department for CardioCheck equipment
- ▶ \$2,972 to the 3 East Medical Unit for blanket warmers
- ▶ \$2,397 to Patient Access Services/ Emergency Department for a cell phone charging station
- ▶ \$6,713 to the Nursing Administration Department for Vocera

O'Neal thanked the community for its continued support of the Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation.

"We are proud to support these nonprofit programs that

are so vital to the community," he said. "We are grateful to the many generous individuals and organizations that have supported our work to inspire philanthropy across our community."

Phil Holloman, Lights of Love advisory committee board member, expressed the importance of the grants awarded.

"Living in this community helps to understand how impactful these grants are on a local level. The advisory committee certainly intends to continue to award grants," Holloman said.

An affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation, the Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation is a growing family of philanthropic funds, source of grants for local causes and partner for donors.

The BHCF was founded in 2001 and is led by a local vol-

unteer advisory board that helps build community assets through the creation of permanent endowments, makes grants and leverages leadership — all for the benefit of Beaufort and Hyde counties.

The BHCF board advises the Beaufort-Hyde Community Fund, the unrestricted community grantmaking fund, to support local needs. The competitive grants program is held on an annual basis. Advisory board members live and work in Beaufort or Hyde counties, positioning them to strategically leverage resources, meet local needs and access opportunities. In addition to O'Neal, board members include: Bill Rich (vice president), Buffy Johnson (secretary/treasurer), Read Allen, Lee Brimmage, Charles Edwards, March Morgan, Bethany Pugh, George Taylor and Beth Wilder.

The Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation, through the NC Community Foundation makes it easy to become a philanthropist, whatever you means or charitable goals. You can open an endowment for your favorite cause at any time — or contribute to an existing fund in any amount. Tax deductible contributions, made payable to the Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation, can be mailed to the North Carolina Community Foundation 3737 Glenwood Ave. Suite 460 Raleigh, NC 27612. Contributions can also be made online at nccommunityfoundation.org.

For further information, contact NCCF Regional Director Natalie Jenkins Peel at 252-562-9824 or npeel@nccommunityfoundation.org or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org.



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North Carolina First Responder Day
September 11

Raleigh— In 2017 the NC General Assembly designated September 11th of each year as First Responder Day, making it an official State holiday. The date of September 11th was chosen in recognition of the huge sacrifices made by first responders at the World Trade Center attack in New York. According to Tim Bradley, Executive Director of the NC State Firefighters' Association (NCSFA), there are over 50,000 firefighters, both career and volunteer, in North Carolina serving 1,376 fire departments. "After the attacks on 9/11/01 we vowed to never forget the sacrifices made that day by first responders, 343 of whom were firefighters. Having this day each year as a State

holiday will help keep the recognition of that sacrifice alive, and continue to honor those who serve their community with sacrifices every day."

Fire departments across the State will hold various festivities on First Responder Day. This involves everything from ringing the community fire alarm to formal 9.11 services. According to Swannanoa Fire Chief Anthony Penland, who serves the year as President of NCSFA, "these services and recognitions are wonderful, but sometimes all it takes is a positive comment or pat on the back from a member of the community". "It's a recognition of service and sacrifice in the past as well as sacrifice yet to come", Penland said.

For information about events that may be occurring local for First Responders Day, contact your local fire department or police department.

For more information, press only:

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