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SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM.

The club meets at the NC University Club at 4200 Hillsboro St. Open at 6:30 for meals available for purchase and chat. Meeting starts at 7 PM.

Meeting Agenda for 9/17:

- Welcoming any guests/new members
- Fishing reports
- Old Drum Outing recap (Chris DiGiovanna)
- Spanish Outing Update for 9/21 (Greg Brissette)

Club Called into business session to discuss

1. Current Meeting location/cost are going up!
 2. Possible new meeting location
 3. Future Club dues
 4. Current 2025 Budget Proposal
- Kids Fishing Rodeo Update (Mike Davis)
 - Raffle

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CLUB ELECTIONS

From the President —
Congratulations to the new Board of Directors Members! Thank you everyone for your willingness to give this club your time, effort, talents and gifts, continuing to make this club the best. I'm excited to get everyone plugged in for the coming year.

Robert Carroll- President
Walter Weeks- Vice President
Bailey Tucker- Secretary
John McQuaid-Treasurer
Trip Adams-Member at Large
Trey Lowdermilk-Member at Large
Chris DiGiovanna-Member at Large
Jason Hollingsworth-Member at Large

Quorum is 6 of the 8 board members as in our bylaws. Please familiarize yourself with the bylaws!



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SCHEDULE OF RSWSFC 2024 EVENTS

Outing: Old Drum Outing Extended to Sep 15, Cedar Island NC

Meeting: Tue, Sep 17, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

RSWSFC Kids Fishing Rodeo will be Oct.3. It will be held in Morehead City at the Newport River Fishing Pier on Radio Island

Meeting: Topic TBD, Tue, Oct 15, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Social/Oysters at Brewery (Date Tentative)

Meeting Tue, Social Nov 12, Location TBD

Christmas Party, Mon, Dec 02 Note: Date Tentative) TBD

Here are the fish cards submitted.

Scott Ackerman and Tripp Adams submitted fish cards. Pictures of Tripp's catch are posted below.

Scott Ackerman 4/30/2024 Surf Red Drum 28" Released Ocracoke Surf Fishing practice session. Caught on a double dropper rig with cut finger mullet on the first part of the ebb tide.

Tripp Adams 5/5/2024 Small Boat Bonito 22 inches Kept

Per Tripp: Fred Adams, Greg Brissett, and I went out of bogue inlet prepared for cobia, bonito, and Spanish. While it was too choppy for cobia, we trolled for 4 hours catching bonito, Spanish, and false albacore. Our first bonito hit a small cedar plug. The largest bonito hit a silver clarkspoon attached to a bird on the long line. We had a bit of a scare coming out of bogue inlet, taking a breaker over the bow. Otherwise, it was a great day



PUBLIC FISHING ACCESS Harker's Island / Straits Landing

The NCDOT recently replaced the draw bridge connecting Harkers Island to the mainland and left a partial remnant of the old bridge as a public access fishing pier. This is in addition to the existing wooden pier on the opposite side of the roadway. Access is available thru the NCWRC Straits Landing Boat Ramp. Parking is available. This makes a previously boat accessible trout hole within casting distance. This is a VERY popular local spot for Fall Fishing.

Straits Fishing Pier - Carteret County, NC

The Straits Fishing Pier project is owned by Carteret County NC and provides water access to thousands of locals and tourist year round. The "Straits" area is well known for superior inshore fishing and beautiful waters just a short distance from Cape Lookout. The project included demolition of an existing pier structure and the complete redesign and permitting of a new, modern, ADA Accessible and far more resilient product. Boasting over 10,000 sqft of finished pier area, stainless hardware and concrete decking this project was a superior investment into the community.

Questions? Feel Free to email Trey Lowdermilk @ hllowder@hotmail.com

SKA (Southern Kingfish Association) Tournaments

Two club teams compete in the 4 leg tournament series this Fall. Anchor911 (Victor Tucker) and Horseplay (Trey Lowdermilk). Leg 1 was 08-16-2024, Sneads Ferry Rotary KMT. Both teams compete in the Small Boat (Under 26') division and NextGEN Anglers Division. Bad news is neither team weighed a King Mackerel. Small Boat JOKER'S WILD leads the Small Boat Division with 25.68#. We can top that when the cooler water moves in. Good news is no NextGEN Anglers weighed a fish. Next leg is 09-14-2024 Bone Suckin Sauce King of the Cape Open.

DIVISION 1 (Morehead) RESULTS:

<https://www.fishska.com/events/division-standings.php?div=1&year=2024>

Questions? Feel Free to email Trey Lowdermilk @

AUGUST FISHING REPORTS

From Chris DiGiovanna: Aug 31st - Launched at Oriental in search of drum. Caught a number of small bluefish inside of AR-396. Fished deeper water (22') in the channel and got a single drum bite (rig broke at the crimp next to the kayak). Landed a nice 23" bluefish on a piece of drifted cutbait.

Sep 1st - fished the Haystacks in Moreshead City. Caught a 16" speckled trout on a mirrorlure and a variety of species on soft plastics. Jess caught a 20" puppy drum hopping a 3" Z-man MinnowZ on the bottom in a deep channel. Hot color was purple w/ chartreuse tail.

Kids Fishing Rodeo

The RSWSFC will be hosting the Raleigh Boys and Girls Clubs for a Kids Fishing Rodeo Thursday Oct. 3. The event will start at 9 AM at the Newport River Pier and Ramp located at 301 Hy. 70 West, Morehead City, NC 28557.

All members of the RSWSFC are encouraged and welcome to bring their children and grandchildren age 15 and younger to participate. RSWSFC will provide all the necessary fishing gear and supplies. After a fun filled morning of fishing, our own "chef extraordinaire" Robert Carrol will be preparing lunch for all to enjoy!

Volunteers are needed to help assist the kids with "catching"! Please contact RSWSFC member Mike Davis at mikedavis17@hotmail.com or any club board member if you are available to help. Remember;
Do yourself a favor, take a kid fishing!

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Commercial Resource Fund Committee and the Funding Committee for the N.C. Commercial Fishing Resource Fund will meet jointly on Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held at the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality’s Washington Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington.

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or by web conference. A meeting agenda and WebEx link can be found here.

Public comment will not be accepted during the meeting. Online comments from the public will be accepted until 4:00 pm on September 11 using the link provided below.

The Commercial Fishing Resource Fund is composed of a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the commercial fishing licenses issued by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF). The N.C. General Assembly created the fund to support the development of sustainable commercial fishing in the State. The committees will hear a report at this meeting on proposals received from its 2024 Request for Proposals.

Comments Prepared by Stuart Creighton, CCA NC Fisheries Committee Chairman:

Members of the CFRF Committee will be meeting this week to discuss several items. Perhaps most significant among them is a proposed study “to examine the benefits of trawling in the sound or rivers.”

Let's be clear: the defining objective of this study is without merit.

Let's be even more clear: THERE IS NO BENEFIT TO TRAWLING IN THE RIVERS OR SOUNDS.

Numerous studies have already been done and the overwhelming conclusion is that trawling is a very destructive method of fishing. It is a wasteful practice that, at minimum, destroys key habitats, damages benthic ecosystems, annually wastes countless numbers of juvenile finfish, re-suspends sediments laden with heavy metals, and releases previously sequestered atmospheric carbon.

Furthermore, to purposefully set the parameters of this potential study ABOVE THE FERRY LINES on rivers where significant gear restrictions are already in place is a direct attempt to interfere with an area that is finally recovering from decades of commercial over-exploitation.

Do not forget that the trawlers were removed from these areas years ago because of the incredible damage that they did to numerous species of finfish and shellfish in these important nursery areas. To allow any trawling in these areas would literally muddy the waters with regards to the important study that DMF should be conducting right now with regards to striped bass recovery.

In addition, performing this study in such a way that would be scientifically valid, would prove to be enormously complex. To assess the impacts of trawling, a preliminary assessment of the infauna and epifauna in control areas, experimental areas, and

trawled areas must first be made. Oyster habitat, areas of SAV, and other important habitats must be avoided. Otter trawls have heavy doors and tickler chains that disrupt the bottom. Any study that fails to sample and quantify the organisms that live in and on the sediments of trawling in these habitats.

Failure to sample the area before and after the trawl invalidates the study.

Study tow times that do not mirror customary tow times invalidate the study.

Using tailbag mesh sizes different than industry standard invalidates the study.

The number of variables that must be concurrently addressed makes obtaining any scientifically meaningful results from this potential study highly unlikely. When compared to the damage it could do, this study should not be initiated.

Also, it cannot be understated just how unnecessary this proposed study is. Trawling above the ferry lines was stopped, initially, because of concerns over undersized Southern flounder discards from crab trawling. Discards were very high, the gear could not be modified to reduce the discards, and the practice was stopped in these same areas. Later investigations resulted in halting shrimp trawling above the ferry lines (and limiting headrope length in others) because of the damage trawling was doing to these habitats.

The kinds of fish and their sizes in these areas is already known.

The bottom type and resulting benthic ecosystem are already known.

Sampling in these areas is continuously done by numerous fishery independent programs run by the Division.

The function of these areas as key primary, secondary, and/or special secondary nursery areas is already known.

In conclusion, I cannot stress enough the importance of the Division NOT SUPPORTING this study. The Division would do well to remember their own mission statement: "The Division of Marine Fisheries is dedicated to ensuring sustainable marine and estuarine fisheries and habitats for the benefit and health of the people of North Carolina." If you are, in fact, about this mission, then DO NOT support this study. DO NOT approve any study areas, DO NOT grant any permits, DO NOT commit any personnel which allows the NCFA to perpetrate this charade. This study is nothing short of an absolute farce and should be treated as such.

Online comments can be accessed at:

<https://www.deq.nc.gov/commercial-fishing-resource-fund-committees-public-comment>

RSWSC FISHING REPORT CARD

Angler (Club Member): _____

(Age if Junior/Youth angler) _____

Small Boat

Charter

Pier

Surf (Circle one)

Location: _____ Date: _____

Best Catch: Species: _____

Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz _____ Length _____ (inches)

Released? Yes No (Circle one)

Comments: _____

Drop card off at meeting or Submit online at:

<https://www.rswsc.org/fish-cards>

Then submit information/pics in a fishing report for the Newsletter about your fishing and catches by your family/kids.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Renewals — Please only enter changed information

Name: _____ New member
Include spouse's/children name if family membership Renewal

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell _____

E-mail address: _____ Boat Name: _____

Dues: Single - \$50: Family - \$60: Sponsor (business card) - \$130:
Corresponding (newsletter only) - \$25: (Corresponding not eligible for catch awards or banquet attendance)

(Note: larger sponsor ads or short term ads are available and negotiable. Contact a club officer

Mail to: RSWSC, PO Box 41427, Raleigh, NC 27629

HOW TO SUBMIT AUTOMATED FISHING REPORTS

Dates, locations (general), tackle, bait and tips are greatly appreciated. You can easily utilize the new reporting tool on the Club's website. Fish Card: <https://www.rswsc.org/fish-cards>

Tripp made updates to the website for members to submit Fish Cards. The application for submitting information is through Google Forms and has been embedded into the website. When submitting a responses, members will have the ability to view other submissions.

“Google does require a Gmail account be used, if a picture was uploaded in the questionnaire. To make things easier, pictures will be emailed separately. We believe the ease of submitting responses and the ability to view all member results will outweigh having to submit a pictures separately.”

You can also use the form on the following page if desired and not computer savvy.

Please send in your fishing reports, Fish Cards and photos to share with members in 2022. The newsletters are much better with fishing reports and photos.

Website & Social Media Report—Tripp Adams

Stay Connected and Up to Date:

The Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club (RSWSC) offers several ways for members to stay informed about our latest meetings, outings, and to connect with other members. Here's how you can stay connected:

- ◆ Website: Visit www.RSWSC.org for:
- ◆ Event Calendars
- ◆ Current and Past Newsletters
- ◆ Members-Only Forum (requires creating a login)
- ◆ Digital Fish Card
- ◆ Outings and Meetings

For the most up-to-date calendar, refer to the Upcoming Events page on our website. Many outings and social events require signing up via SignUpGenius. Links are sent directly from SignUpGenius and are also included in general update emails and newsletters.

Newsletters: Club newsletters are a staple for members. Newsletters from the past five years are available on the website, with a more extensive library available upon request.

Forum: Our forum is a message board for members to communicate, share ideas and advice, post items for sale, and more. It's an excellent way to stay connected and engaged with the club community.

Social Media: Stay updated with our social media platforms:

Facebook: The Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club (Public): Open to members and non-members. This page features the latest updates and public announcements.

The Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club (Private): Requires approval to join and is geared towards active members sharing their catches and communicating with each other.

Instagram and Twitter: Follow us for updates and club-related content. Facebook sees the most activity among club members, so be sure to stay active there.

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