

**WEEKLY UPDATE: 1/2/2015**  
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**MAFMC TO HOLD HEARINGS ON DEEP SEA CORALS AMENDMENT:**

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold six public hearings in January to gather public comments on the [Deep Sea Corals Amendment](#) to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The amendment considers measures to address the potential impacts of fishing gear on deep sea corals in the Mid-Atlantic. The hearings will be held January 12 - 20, 2015 (schedule below), and written comments will be accepted until January 28, 2015. For more information, see the [news release](#).

**DOMESTIC SHRIMP INDUSTRY TRADE RELIEF FORMS DEADLINE POSTPONED:**

Due to a timeline oversight, the industry does not need to submit support forms for the anti-dumping duties as we previously stated. Please keep this important issue in mind, and be prepared to lend support late in 2015 or early 2016. Also, please encourage support for these tariffs among the shrimp fishery in the meantime.

**ANNUAL NCFA BOARD MEETING SET FOR JAN. 23 AT 12 P.M.:**

The annual Board of Directors Meeting has been scheduled for Jan. 23 at 12 p.m. The board will meet at the Hampton Inn in Washington, N.C. This is the one meeting a year where ALL members, including half percent contributors, can vote on issues and give direction for the organization.

**LATEST ISSUE OF TRADEWINDS OUT NOW:**

Members should receive the latest issue of Tradewinds in the mail soon. If you do not receive your copy next week, please let Lauren know.

**MEETINGS:**

*If you are aware of ANY meetings that should be of interest to commercial fishing that is not on this list, please contact us so we can include it here.*

**Jan. 5 at 6 p.m.**

Oyster and Hard Clam Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee, DENR Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington, NC

**Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. -**

Coastal Habitat Protection Plan Steering Committee, DENR Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington, NC

**Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. -**

Oyster and Hard Clam Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee, DENR Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington, NC

**Feb. 3-5 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Winter Meeting, The Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA**

[MFC/DMF Meeting Schedule](#)

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

No proclamations were issued this week.