



# North Carolina Coastal Federation

*Working Together for a Healthy Coast*

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## ***"Shaping Our Economic Future: Offshore Drilling in N.C."***

**NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL FEDERATION**

**Friday, July 31, 2015**

**9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**New Bern-Craven County Convention & Visitors Center**

**203 South Front St. | New Bern | North Carolina**

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Join the North Carolina Coastal Federation to hear insights and opinions on the N.C. offshore drilling issue from national and regional experts and local coastal residents.

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**The goal of this program is to promote awareness of the implications of offshore oil and gas exploration.**

**Join us to hear about:**


- *What does offshore drilling really mean for North Carolina?*
- *What are the economic implications to tourism and coastal property values?*
- *What impacts might offshore oil and gas exploration have on the environment, including ocean currents, marine mammals, and fisheries?*
- *What were the experiences of the fishing industry in Coastal Louisiana?*
- *What are the legal implications of an offshore oil disaster?*
- *How do local businesses and residents feel about offshore drilling?*

**All speakers will be available to answer media questions. Speakers include:**

- Renee Orr, strategic resources chief, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
- Lee Nettles, executive director, Outer Banks Visitor's Bureau
- Robert Fritchey, author, *Wetland Riders*

- Steve Roady, Earthjustice, managing attorney, Oceans Program

[Click for a full agenda](#) with a list of all speakers. For special arrangements, please contact Kathleen at 603-770-0066.

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