



North Carolina Coastal Federation

Working Together for a Healthy Coast

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Coastal Speaker Series: Masonboro Island, Natural Paradise with a Purpose

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH - One of a few undisturbed barrier island ecosystems in southern North Carolina, Masonboro Island is a natural paradise. As part of the North Carolina Coastal Reserve and National Estuarine Research Reserve, Masonboro is home to numerous research projects focused on the island's habitats, animals and plants, and coastal processes. Hope Sutton, the southern sites manager for the Reserve, will share updates on the research projects, citizen science initiatives, and public education programs. She will also share the history of the island and updates to its long-term management plan.

Who: North Carolina Coastal Federation and North Carolina Coastal Reserve & National Estuarine Research Reserve

What: Coastal Speaker Series: Masonboro Island, Natural Paradise with a Purpose

Where: Fred and Alice Stanback Coastal Education Center, 309 W. Salisbury St., Wrightsville Beach, NC, 28480


When: Wednesday, August 12, 2015. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

To Register: In person at the Federation's education center, 309 W. Salisbury St. in the Historic Square at Wrightsville Beach, or at www.nccoast.org. Registration can be made on the night of the event or in advance.

The Federation opened the Coastal Education Center with the goal of providing coastal education programs to the public. Discover Your Coast programs run

through November and include a Coastal Speaker Series, Coastal Adventures, Touch Tank Tuesdays, S.T.E.M. Summer Camps, and Coastal Birding Cruises. For all events and details, visit www.nccoast.org/events.

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