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North Carolina Coastal Federation Announces *Day at the Docks Celebration on September 19*

HATTERAS-Join the North Carolina Coastal Federation at Day at the Docks, an annual event that celebrates the strength of community, heritage and living traditions of the watermen that will take place Saturday, Sept. 19 beginning at 10 a.m. at Oden's Dock in Hatteras Village. This fun-filled community day will be packed with events and activities for the whole family, including a unique opportunity to explore the coastal marsh.

The federation will lead field programs at 12 p.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. that will explore the marsh along Durant's Point, just across the harbor from Oden's Dock. Participants will take a short boat ride across the canal to the barrier island (Durant's Point) where the federation and other partners have worked to restore native wetland vegetation. This project area is defined as a living shoreline: a natural approach to protect shorelines from erosion that provides valuable estuarine habitat. Come along on this marsh exploration to learn how this restoration site works and why it is important for Hatteras Village.

The federation will lead a short walk along this sandy shoreline to identify some of the native grasses of the site and will pull a seine net through the water, for catch and release, to see which animals are lucky enough to call this habitat home. To attend, please meet along the boat docks a few minutes before the scheduled times. Be sure to dress for the weather, including closed-toed shoes that may get wet and sandy. These programs are free and registration is not necessary.

Additional events taking place during Day at the Dock include a fishing contest,

mullet toss, survival suit race, and cooking demonstrations. There will also be an education tent featuring a variety of organizations that support the coast through advocating and educating the public.

Learn more about the North Carolina Coastal Federation, the state's only nonprofit organization that focuses exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration. Call with questions, 252-473-1607 or visit www.nccoast.org.

About the North Carolina Coastal Federation

The North Carolina Coastal Federation is a nonprofit organization that works to keep the coast of North Carolina a great place to live, work and play. Through a variety of programs and partnerships, the federation provides for clean coastal waters and habitats, fights to protect the coast and teaches and informs people about the coast and what they can do to protect it.

The federation operates offices in Ocean, Manteo and Wrightsville Beach, N.C.

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