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ANNUAL SEAFOOD SHELLEBRATION IN RALEIGH

RALEIGH - The North Carolina Coastal Federation will host its second annual Seafood Shellebration Oct. 24, 2015 from 5-8 p.m. in Raleigh at "The Green" behind Seaboard Station. Guests can join the federation in "shellebrating" the opening of the oyster season and our bountiful coast with live music, beer from Natty Greene's Brewing and delicious seafood.

This year's event will feature steamed oysters, flounder, clam chowder, and peel and eat shrimp! The Shellebration will be under the big tent on The Green behind Seaboard Station, centrally located inside the beltline with great views of downtown Raleigh. Guests can buy tickets for several local raffle items while enjoying live music from the coast with Always Right, an Americana band out of Beaufort, N.C.

The Seafood Shellebration is an annual fundraiser for the federation, and supports coastal habitat restoration programs, focused on wetlands and oyster reefs. The Seafood Shellebration brings this effort full circle- celebrating the amazing productivity of our coastal habitats with delicious seafood, while providing oyster shell for future oyster reefs and funding for the restoration program.

Tickets are \$35 per person for members (\$40 for nonmembers) through Oct. 18, and \$40 per person for members (\$45 for nonmembers) starting Oct. 19. Last year's Shellebration sold out, so don't wait to buy tickets at the door! Special thanks go to our lead sponsors Gypsy Divers, Charles Meeker and Anne McLaurin, Restoration Systems, Natty Greene's Brewing, and our host Tyler's Taproom!

For more information about the event, contact Sarah King at 919.210.2617, or

About the North Carolina Coastal Federation

The North Carolina Coastal Federation is a nonprofit membership 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, advocates 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. To learn more, please visit <u>nccoast.org</u> or call 252.393.8185.

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