



Friday, July 31, 2015
New Bern Riverfront Convention Center

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 9 a.m. **Welcome – Goals for the Day**
Ladd Bayliss, North Carolina Coastal Federation
- 9:15 a.m. **What Does Offshore Drilling Mean For North Carolina?**
Greg “Rudi” Rudolph, Carteret County Shore Protection Office
- 9:40 a.m. **History of Oil and Gas Exploration in North Carolina**
Frank Tursi, editor, *Coastal Review Online*
- 10 a.m. **Federal Review of Potential for Exploration in the Southeast Atlantic**
Renee Orr, strategic resources chief, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
- 10:25 a.m. **State of North Carolina Assessment of Offshore Drilling**
Secretary Donald van der Vaart, North Carolina Department of Environment and
Natural Resources
- 10:50 a.m. Break
- 11:10 a.m. **Economic Implications of Oil and Gas Exploration and Development**
Moderator: Doug Wakeman, professor, Meredith College
- Economic Considerations for North Carolina*
Dr. Laura Taylor, professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, North Carolina
State University
- Coastal Communities and Tourism Value*
Lee Nettles, executive director, Outer Banks Visitor’s Bureau

- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. **Environmental Implications of Oil and Gas Exploration and Development**
Moderator: Mike Giles, North Carolina Coastal Federation
- What Do We Know? Data Gaps and the Way Forward*
Dr. Pete Peterson, joint distinguished professor, UNC Institute of Marine Sciences
- Marine Mammals of the Southeast Atlantic*
Dr. Andy Read, Stephen A. Toth Professor of Marine Biology, Duke University
- Seismic Surveys and Marine Mammal Impacts*
Dr. Doug Nowacek, associate professor, Duke University
- Fisheries of the Southeast Atlantic*
Dr. Steve Ross, research professor, UNC Wilmington Center for Marine Science
- Ocean Currents and Oil*
Dr. Len Pietrafesa, professor emeritus, Department of Marine Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, North Carolina State University
- Offshore Energy and Ecosystem Services*
Dr. Larry Cahoon, professor, Department of Biology and Marine Biology, UNC Wilmington
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. **The Fishing Industry and Oil: Experiences in Coastal Louisiana**
Robert Fritchey, author, *Wetland Riders*
- 3:15 p.m. **Infrastructure of the Oil and Gas Industry**
Peg Howell, former Chevron employee
- 3:40 p.m. **What Happens Now? Legal Issues after a Disaster**
Steve Roady, Earthjustice, managing attorney, Oceans Program
- 4 p.m. **Pulse of the North Carolina Coast**
Moderator: Frank Tursi, editor, Coastal Review Online
- April Clark, Second Wind Eco Tours and Yoga

Morty Gaskill, commercial fisherman
Mac Gibbs, retired, Hyde County, North Carolina Cooperative Extension
Willo Kelly, Outer Banks Association of Realtors, legislative affairs consultant
Deborah Maxwell, president, New Hanover County N.A.A.C.P.
Dan Wilcox, mayor of Carolina Beach

4:30 p.m.

Wrap up and adjourn

Todd Miller, executive director, North Carolina Coastal Federation