

Coastal Happenings October 2014



2015 Members' Calendars

Our 2015 calendars will be full of events and programs, as well as beautiful coastal photos and information about

the work your support allows us to do. Calendars will be mailed to members in early November. If your membership has expired, now is a great time to renew. If you prefer that we not mail a calendar to you, please email us.

Dear Friend of the Coast,

Fifteen years ago Hurricane Floyd struck the state's coast. It was North Carolina's most costly storm and worst natural disaster. The <u>CRO story</u> published last month brought back frightening memories for many.

Knock on wood - it appears the coast may squeeze by this hurricane season unscathed. However, hurricanes are not the only threat to our coast. There are many challenges - terminal groins that are expensive and destroy habitat, seismic testing that often leads to drilling, stormwater runoff that pollutes our coastal waters, and the weakening of good laws to protect our coast. The list is daunting and the information sometimes overwhelming.

For this very reason, we created <u>CRO</u> - an online daily news service that identifies and explains coastal issues so we can understand them.

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COMING EVENTS

October

8,15,22,29 Coastal Birding Trips Wrightsville Beach

8
Speaker Series: Coastal
Hazards
Wrightsville Beach

11 Charity Yoga Nags Head

11 Swim the Loop Wrightsville Beach*

17 & 24 Education Center Workday* Wrightsville Beach Please use CRO to learn more about our coast. And then, armed with the facts, please join us in keeping the North Carolina coast the envy of the nation.

N.C. Coastal Federation staff

Coastal Hazards, Flood Insurance & You

Join Spencer Rogers on Wednesday, October 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Fred and Alice Stanback



Education Center in Wrightsville Beach Historic Square. Spencer will share N.C. Sea Grant's recommendations for hurricane-resistant building and explain the potential effects of changes to the National Flood Insurance program on resident's pocketbooks. Register here.

Concerns Mount over Seismic Testing

"If people in North Carolina don't want to see drilling off their coast, and the impacts on the tourism and fishing industries, now is the time to stand up, often and loud, and make their feelings known," said Claire Douglass, climate and energy campaign director for Oceana, an international ocean conservation group. "Read the full CRO story.



The Coastal Cohorts are bringing King Mackerel & the Blues Are Running to Morehead City in 2015. VIP tickets and sponsorships go on sale November 1, 2014.



White Oak River Birding
Cruise
Swansboro

20
Wine, Dine and Learn
about Flounder
Coastal Provisions
Market
Southern Shores

21 TouchTank Tuesday Wrightsville Beach

31 Rich Inlet Boat and Beach Excursion, Wrightsville Beach

November

1-5
Restore America's
Estuaries/Coastal Society
Conference
Washington D.C.

5,12,19,26 Coastal Birding Trips Wrightsville Beach

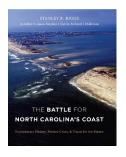


Terminal Groins Threaten **Bird Habitat**

Terminal groins were banned in North Carolina for three decades until 2011. The N.C. General



Assembly's controversial decision that year to allow up to four "test" terminal groins to be built along the coast faces persistent criticism from environmental groups, which argue that groins will deplete natural habitat for shorebirds and public access.





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with federation shirts, caps and totes, as well as coastal stuffed animals (even a cuddly hermit crab) and an assortment of coastal books. Please visit Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Members get a 10% discount.

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