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## Oak Island Snow Places First in Coastal Federation's Contest

**Ocean** – Jeffrey King's crisp photo taken on Oak Island after a snowstorm in February won first place in the N.C. Coastal Federation's 2011 Photo Contest. King of Oak Island was awarded the \$500 grand prize.

Fort Fisher provided a popular landscape for several prize winners. Second place was awarded to Kyle Humphrey of Kure Beach whose photo captured a winter morning at Fort Fisher near the Cape Fear River. Third place went to Barbara Snyder of Wilmington and her spectacular silhouette of trees at Fort Fisher. Honorable mentions went to Wayne Justice of Morehead City for his photo of cownose rays at Cape Lookout, Constance Knox of Wilmington for her photo of coquina rocks at Fort Fisher and Vic Olson of Jacksonville for his photo of the Bogue Inlet Pier on Emerald Isle.

More than 120 photos were entered into the contest. Photographers were asked to submit photos of their favorite North Carolina coastal place. The contest ended on April 15 and was sponsored by Emerald Isle Realty.

"More than ever, I think people are passionate about protecting and restoring our coast," stated Todd Miller, the federation's executive director. "There's so much at stake here – tourism, recreation, fishing and shellfishing industries and an incredible quality of life. We hope that by bringing attention to the coast that people will want to be better stewards of our valuable resources."

The winners of the federation's photo contest can be viewed at [www.nccoast.org](http://www.nccoast.org). All the entries can be seen on our Facebook Page, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/NC-Coastal-Federation/185345054061>.

**Suggestion caption: Jeffrey King of Oak Island won first place in the N.C. Coastal Federation's 2011 Photo Contest with this stunning photo of 20<sup>th</sup> Street on Oak Island after a February snowstorm. © N.C. Coastal Federation**

**About the North Carolina Coastal Federation  
"Citizens Working Together for a Healthy Coast"**

*The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's headquarters are at 3609 N.C 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates offices in Wilmington and Manteo. For more information call 252-393-8185 or check out its website at [www.nccoast.org](http://www.nccoast.org)*