



Coastal Happenings **January 2015**



Hammocks Beach State Park may expand in the near future with the addition of 289 mainland acres. The land will provide more recreational opportunities, as well as water quality and habitat protection.

Our December 18 [CRO story](#) explains.

CRO on the Move

Coastal Review Online, the federation's news service, is moving soon to its own website and the federation's site is being revamped. We'll let you know when the sites launch so you don't miss any of the great stories, news and happenings along our coast.

Dear Friend of the Coast,

You've probably heard us talk about the 6,000-acre North River Farms in eastern Carteret County. It's one of the nation's largest wetland and estuary restoration projects. It began in 1999 with a lot of help from the N.C. Clean Water Management Trust Fund, other federal and state agencies and lots of volunteers. So far around 2,800 acres of wetlands have been restored, and over 1,000 acres preserved. In the coming weeks, we will begin the final phase of restoration.

Coastal Review Online **December Summary**



COMING EVENTS

January

- 14
Coastal Speaker Series
Wrightsville Beach
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Pickin' Pots Land-based
clean-up Manteo*
- 22
Wine, Dine and Learn
Café Lachine
Nags Head

The goal was to permanently restore and protect 6,000 acres of wetlands in the headwaters of North River, Wards Creek and Jarretts Bay. This will provide productive wildlife habitat and restore shellfish water quality in tidal coastal waters. We can already see improvements. Water quality has improved so that some shellfishing areas have opened back up, new birds and animals have been spotted and more oysters are being harvested.

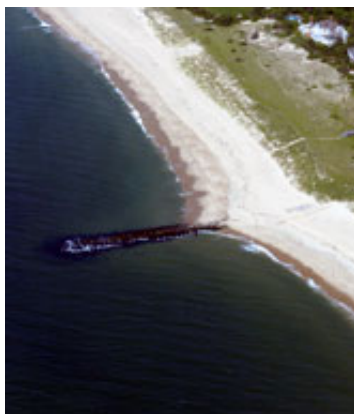


It's clear that the investment of time and money will be a good one. Please read the most recent [CRO story](#) about the project. And to all our members and volunteers who have supported the project - thank you!

N.C. Coastal Federation staff

Groin Not Cost-Effective for Bogue Inlet

While some N.C. beach communities are considering jetties (terminal groins) to stabilize inlets and halt beach erosion, Carteret County beach managers have decided that a groin at Bogue Inlet would be too



expensive and ineffective. They considered using a terminal groin at the inlet which separates Emerald Isle (Carteret County) from Bear Island (Onslow County) along the central N.C. coast, to control erosion, but after research, decided against it. Read the full [CRO story](#).



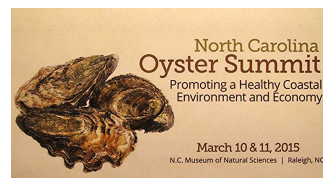
Wrightsville Beach Programs Set

The beautiful Fred and Alice Stanback Coastal Education Center is a hub of activity in

Wrightsville Beach. Our 2015 programs are set and include the Coastal Speakers Series, Touch Tank

February

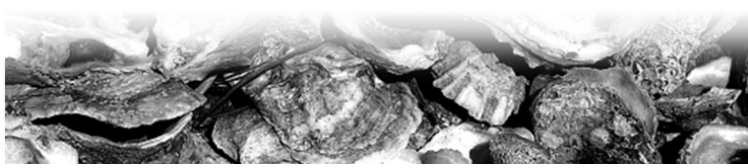
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Clean-up
Atlantic Beach*
- 10 & 11
Oyster Summit
Raleigh
- 11
Coastal Speaker Series
Wrightsville Beach

Tuesdays, Coastal Adventures, Birding Trips, STEM Summer Camp and lots more. If you live in the area or are planning a visit, check out our [calendar](#) and join us.



Oyster Summit March 10 & 11

Join the federation for the oyster summit March 10 and 11 at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh.

Over the two-day workshop, we'll explore the economic and environmental returns on investing in N.C. oysters; update the Oyster Blueprint for Action to rebuild N.C.'s oyster habitat; and discuss scientific challenges to implementing successful oyster restoration strategies along the state's coast.

Rowan Jacobsen, award-winning author of *A Geography of Oysters* and oyster connoisseur, will speak at the Tuesday evening Legislative Reception.

If you are an elected official, developer, fisher, educator, scientist, resource manager, shellfish grower or someone who just likes oysters - you should attend this summit. Learn more [here](#).



Restoration Project Nears Goal

With a lot of help from our friends, we are approaching our \$20,000 goal needed to create a restoration plan for the pelicans on Beacon Island. A total of \$16,830 has been raised to-date. Click [here](#) to make your tax-deductible donation. Thank you!

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Charity Yoga
Nags Head



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Birding Cruise
Hammocks Beach State
Park
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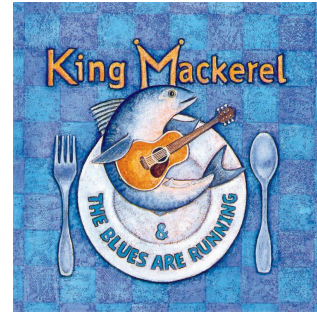
* Volunteers Needed

Coming in April



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Special 30th anniversary shows in Morehead City



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