



Coastal Happenings February 2015

A Look Ahead at the Legislative Session

The N.C. General Assembly will start the new year with a few new faces, but the script will largely remain the same. Learn what's on the [environmental agenda](#) in 2015.



Lower Cape Fear Stewards To Be Recognized

On Thursday, February 19th, development projects in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender Counties will be recognized for their significant achievement and outstanding stewardship at the annual Lower Cape Fear Stewardship Development Awards luncheon. Civic leaders, development professionals, planners and community members will gather at the Terraces on Sir Tyler in Wilmington to honor award recipients and regional Stewardship Champions. [Visit](#) to learn more.

Dear Friend of the Coast,

Drum roll, please. Come Monday morning we're releasing not one, but two new websites - the Coastal Federation's website and the *Coastal Review Online* website.

Until now the two sites have been combined. But both have grown in popularity and we thought they deserved their own space. We think you'll like the updated sites that include rolling photos, videos and

COMING EVENTS

February

- 7
Star-News Volunteer Fair
Wilmington*
- 9
Rob Reports on Raleigh
Nags Head
- 11
Coastal Speaker Series
Wrightsville Beach
- 21
Hatteras Island Oyster Roast
Hatteras Village*



easy to find information.

As a supporter, *Coastal Review Online*, our daily news service, will be delivered to your inbox Monday through Friday. From what's happening in Raleigh to a great recipe for crabcakes, you'll be connected to your coastal community. You can also share the latest news by liking us on Facebook [here](#) or following us on Twitter [here](#).

We hope you will enjoy these new resources - please let us know what you think.

N.C. Coastal Federation staff



Manns Harbor Access Area

The Manns Harbor Marina in Dare County had fallen into disrepair and had been bought by developers who were planning on building condominiums on the site. But before construction could begin, the real-estate market collapsed and the project never moved forward. The residents of Manns Harbor saw it as an opportunity to create a working waterfront that was much more in keeping with the fishing village.

The state purchased the land and the project took off. On February 13 the public is invited to see this one-of-a-kind [project](#) that the Coastal Federation helped to broker. Guests can tour the new N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's boat ramp where recreational and commercial fishermen will be working together. For more information contact laddb@nccoast.org.

March

7

Hoop Pole Creek Clean-up
Atlantic Beach*

10 & 11

N.C. Oyster Summit
Raleigh

11

Coastal Speaker Series
Wrightsville Beach

14

Charity Yoga
Nags Head

29

Birding Cruise
Hammocks Beach State Park
Swansboro

April

3

Coastal Birding Cruise
Wrightsville Beach

8

Coastal Speaker Series
Wrightsville Beach

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Coastal Adventure
Wrightsville Beach



17 & 18

King Mackerel & The Blues
are Running



Speaker Series
Mike Giles kicked off the 2015 monthly speaker series with a Titan update to a standing-room only

crowd. The popular series is free for members and takes place the second Wednesday of the month at the Fred and Alice Stanback Coastal Education Center in Wrightsville Beach.

Joslyn Hall
Morehead City

18
Earth Fair OBX IV
Jennette's Pier
Nags Head*

19
Birding Cruise
Hammocks Beach State Park
Swansboro

Offshore Wind Energy and Jobs

A new study by Oceana, an international ocean advocacy group, says that North Carolina and other Atlantic Coast states could see far more jobs and benefits from developing offshore wind energy projects than drilling for oil and natural gas. Here's the [CRO story](#) with a link to the study.

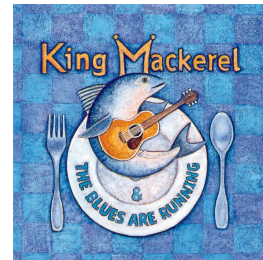
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Earth Day Work on
Wilmington
Carolina Beach State Park

April 17 & 18
King Mackerel & The Blues Are Running



Crab Pot Project a Success

The [pilot program](#) to pick up derelict crab pots between Ocracoke and Virginia has been a big success. Over the two-year program, 12 boats and a crew of 24 were put to work cleaning the waterways of crab pots and recycling them to create new oyster reefs.



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