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North Carolina Coastal Federation to Offer Offshore Drilling Forum July 31

Is the risk of offshore drilling in North Carolina worth the reward? Join the North Carolina Coastal Federation on Friday, July 31, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the New Bern Convention Center for a public forum that will explore the realities and myths of offshore oil and gas development in North Carolina.

What does the North Carolina coast look like today - economically, environmentally and socially? How could this change with the introduction of the oil and gas industry? This forum is intended to delve into the economic truths, environmental implications, and tangible effects on coastal communities. Speakers include researchers, regulators, elected officials and coastal residents, from the Gulf of Mexico to Currituck Sound.

The forum, entitled "Shaping Our Economic Future: Offshore Drilling in N.C." is being hosted and organized by the North Carolina Coastal Federation. The New Bern Riverfront Convention Center is located at 203 South Front Street in New Bern. Registration, including lunch and break refreshments, is \$20.00.

For more information and registration instructions, visit www.nccoast.org or contact Ladd Bayliss at laddb@nccoast.org, or 252-473-1607.

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