

List of NC Legislators to contact stating you're against House Bill# 983 (Game Fish bill)

NC Senators:

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- Shirley Randleman: Office# 919-733-5743 and email is Shirley.Randleman@ncleg.net
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- Tom Apodaca: Office# 919-733-5745 and email is Tom.Apodaca@ncleg.net
- Stan Bingham: Office# 919-733-5665 and email is Stan.Bingham@ncleg.net
- Harry Brown: Office# 919-715-3034 and email is Harry.Brown@ncleg.net
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NC Representatives:

- Paul Tine: Office# 919-733-5906 and email is Paul.Tine@ncleg.net
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Points to Stress when talking to Legislators

- Game fish status not needed to maintain healthy stocks of red drum, speckled trout and striped bass.
- Economic impact for NC if game fish status is given is unproven and highly speculative.
- CCA valuations for red drum, speckled trout and striped bass only reflect dock (ex-vessel) value. For the CCA to claim every economic multiplier that is associated with tourism and try to deny the commercial fishing industry any economic multipliers is unconscionable.
- NC Fishery Reform Act clearly states that the NCDMF and the NCMFC are to manage fish stocks equally for commercial and recreational user groups.
- Commercial fishing jobs are an important component to our coastal community's economic engine.
- Commercial fishing has been part of NC's coastal culture since the state was founded and red drum, speckled trout and striped bass are important fisheries. While small in volume, all these fish have high dock value and many fishermen who are seafood dealers supply restaurants with fresh fish.
- NC Fresh and the local branding campaigns need these species to provide NC consumers and tourists a wide variety of fish species to choose from.
- Restaurant associations from Dare, Hyde, Carteret and other coastal counties have come out with letters not stating support for game fish.
- Over 12 NC coastal counties passed resolutions not supporting the game fish bill during the last legislative session.
- NC Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Board did not support the game fish bill during the last legislative session.

Emails are great but phone calls have the biggest impact. Please take the time to contact these legislators and express how much you value your seafood options.

Thank you,
David Hilton
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