

Coastal Review Online Monthly

A summary of stories that appeared last month in [Coastal Review Online](#), the daily news service of the N.C. Coastal Federation.

Our Work

June 4 [Bringing Fresh Seafood to the Triangle](#): Moore Square in Raleigh will come alive Saturday as the N.C. Coastal Federation and the Hills to Holy Water Music Arts Tour come together for N.C. Fresh Catch, a daylong celebration of commercial fishing, clean water, arts and sustainable living.



The federation's new office sets sail.

June 11 [Titan Asks to Increase Pollution Limit](#): Titan America wants to increase the amount of pollutants allowed at its proposed cement plant near Wilmington and has quietly bought more than 2,000 additional acres to mine limestone to make cement.

June 13 [Take a Free Guided Tour of Pea Island](#): The federation provides visitors with free guided Pea Island beach walks on summer Wednesdays. Read on and plan to join us.

June 14 [Super-Sized Restoration Projects Begin in Hyde County](#): Ground-breaking is imminent on two of the N.C. Coastal Federation's large-scale hydrologic and habitat restoration projects in Hyde County. A previously unheard-of partnership of farmers, conservation nonprofits and others have combined forces on projects that provide benefits for all concerned.

June 19 [Coastal Federation, Fisherman's Post Team Up For Inshore Fishing This Summer](#): This summer offers a wealth of opportunities to catch some flounder, win some prizes and support the Coastal Federation all at once. Read on for more.

June 20 [On-the-Water Phase of Federation's Southeast Office Move Complete](#): Wednesday afternoon, scores of onlookers watched as the future office of the N.C. Coastal Federation took to the water on its way to its new home in Wrightsville Beach

June 27 [Seining the Sound to Learn Cool Stuff](#): Did you know that blue crabs molt or that pipefish are related to seahorses? Learn about the creatures of our sounds in a free N.C. Coastal Federation program this summer.



Todd Miller, the federation's executive director, walks through the knee-high marsh grass at North River Farms.

June 28 [Putting the Pieces Together at North River Farms](#): The N.C. Coastal Federation put in place one of the final pieces of the puzzle that will eventually restore water quality and provide public access to thousands of acres of restored wetlands at its North River Farms property.

Coastal Lifestyles

June 3 [Our Coast's Food: Crab Cakes](#): Blue crabs' lives are tales of violence, cannibalism and pain -- until their story turns to meaty, golden-brown crab cakes.

June 21 [Wildlife Gardening: Bring on the Birds, Bees and Butterflies](#): Welcoming wildlife to your yard has many benefits for insects, amphibians, reptiles and mammals of all descriptions, including people. A recent workshop taught participants how it's done.

June 24 [Lionfish Tournament: If You Can't Beat 'Em, Eat 'Em](#): The first annual lionfish tournament on the Crystal Coast recently ended. Lionfish are a prolific invasive fish that have set up shop in our local waters, to the detriment of the original inhabitants. Local groups are searching for a way to control the population.

June 25 [Our Coast's Food: Lionfish for Dinner](#): The invasive lionfish turns out to be quite tasty, which may provide a path to the species' long-term management. Today's Coastal Review Online offers some recipes that can help you do your part.

Coastal Policy

June 10 [No Relief in Sight for Battered Road](#): A project to widen the beach to protect beleaguered and battered N.C. 12 on Hatteras Island will not start for months, despite the public perception that it would be completed before hurricane season.

Legislature

June 7 [Jetties, Dumps and Fracking Wells](#): Those are the environmental bills that are due up next as the N.C. General Assembly enters the last few weeks of its session.

June 18 [Proposed Landfill Bill Generates Concern, Criticism](#): As the state legislature heads into debate on a new measure that drastically revises the state's landfill policies, a chorus of voices expresses concern, urges caution.

Marine Science



Researchers tag a sturgeon in the Cape Fear River.

June 5 [Why Should We Care About Rising CO2?](#): Not since camels roamed the Arctic Circle during the Pliocene Epoch three million years ago have carbon dioxide levels in the upper atmosphere been as high as they are today. In this first of a two-part series, we explore what it might mean.

June 6 [Rising Seas Come With Rising CO2](#): The world's oceans and seas will rise as carbon dioxide levels in the upper atmosphere keep increasing. How do scientists know? Because it has all happened before.

June 26 [Tracking Giants of the Cape Fear](#): State researchers catch and tag Atlantic sturgeon that prowl the Cape Fear River. The tags allow researchers to follow the movements of the endangered fish. Keeping track of them will help protect these ancient giants.

Our Coast

June 12 [Our Coast: A Tour of N.C. 12](#): Coastal Advocate Ladd Bayliss takes readers on a tour of the tenuous N.C. 12 from Nags Head to Rodanthe.

June 17 [Our Coast: Kayaking Calico Creek](#): Urban Calico Creek might not be considered a worthy destination by some, but a local paddler makes its case.