



Coastal Happenings

February 2012

Coastal Review Online Coming soon to your computer

The Coastal Federation will launch its new web site and news service this month. The project is led by federation assistant director Frank Tursi, who spent more than 30 years as a newspaper journalist before coming to the federation. With a network of seasoned writers, we'll bring you the environmental news along the coast, as well as the latest federation projects, activities and events. The announcement will land in your email box soon.

Dear Friend of the Coast,

Fishermen, school teachers, farmers, homeowners coastal heroes come from all walks of life.

Over the past year the Coastal Federation has worked with UNCW-TV to produce a documentary that tells the story of these heroes and how they worked to save some of our favorite coastal habitats.

The 48-minute film titled *Habitats, Heroes and Hallelujah: Stories of Hope from the North Carolina Coast* will debut March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Lumina Theater in the Fisher Student Center on the UNCW campus in Wilmington. We'll take a trip to the Pocosins near the Outer Banks, paddle the White Oak River and walk along the shore of Bird Island to learn the story behind these special places.

The screening is free and open to the public. Please join us as we celebrate this tribute to everyday people doing extraordinary things.

North Carolina Coastal Federation Staff

Terminal Groins

At least four beach communities along our southeast coast are gearing up for the permitting process to build terminal groins at inlets. The ban on hardened structures along N.C.'s public beaches was overturned by our state legislature last year. The law, as currently written, will allow for at least four of these ill-advised structures to be permitted to combat the inevitable movement of inlets along our coast.

Figure Eight, Bald Head, Ocean Isle and Holden Beach

Coming Events

February

2

Science Café
with Orrin Pilkey
Back Bar
Chapel Hill



3

Star-News
Volunteer Fair
Wilmington

March

1

Film: "Marine Mammals
Immersed in Change"
Columbia High School
Columbia

3

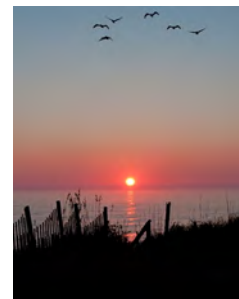
Hoop Pole Creek
Cleanup
Atlantic Beach *

3

Jockey's Ridge
Oyster Reef & Roast
Jockey's Ridge
State Park
Nags Head *

3

Oyster Shell Bagging
Oak Island*



15

"Habitats, Heroes and

Hallelujah: Stories of Hope\



Coastal Happenings April 2012

New Member Benefit

Get the latest coastal news - delivered to your computer. Subscribe to our daily RSS feeds from Coastal Review Online.

Dear Friend of the Coast,

While the winter was kind to us, we're all glad to see spring. It signals the start of workdays, special events, getting outside and back on the water. Ahhh - outdoors at the coast - it's what we most enjoy.

Seems that's what you and our other members enjoy too. When we surveyed members, you told us you wanted more opportunities to engage in federation activities. Over the winter we planned our year and how we could best accomplish our work while giving you a great experience.

The result is a 2012 calendar with more than 100 projects and events up and down the coast and inland. We even created a new online calendar with event descriptions and easy registration on our new web site. Please check it out at www.nccoast.org. We're sure you can find something that you'd enjoy and that will leave the coast a better place. We look forward to working with you.

N.C. Coastal Federation Staff



Congratulations to federation member and volunteer **Grace Heath**. She took first place in her school's oration competition with her speech about volunteering with the federation and restoring oyster habitat on Jones Island. Grace moves on to compete in the county-wide oration contest. Way to go

Gracie.



Coming Events

April



9

**Dune Planting
Atlantic Beach *
Pine Knoll Shores ***

11

**Outdoors Day
Currituck***

**13, 16 & 30
Shoreline Planting
Jones Island
Swansboro ***

14

**Crystal Coast Earth
Day Festival
Fort Macon State Park**

14

**Currituck Sound
Water Quality Day**



21

**Using Native Plants to
Restore Dunes
NC Aquarium at Pine
Knoll Shores**

21

**School Rain Gardens
Maintenance
Wilmington***

21

**Lower Cape Fear
Earth Day Festival
Wilmington**

22

**Earth Day Festival
Jennette's Pier
Nags Head ***



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Coastal Review Online

Dear Friend of the Coast,

The pace in Raleigh is quickening as the 2012 legislative session gets set to start on May 16. In preparation for the session, the Coastal Federation would like to share our priorities for the session:

- Amending one of several environmental bills to improve public notice for projects like the proposed smelter at the state port in Morehead City. (Members may recall that there were widespread complaints that the public did not receive sufficient notice of this project until it was almost too late to stop it.)
- Supporting efforts to fund \$40 million for the Clean Water Management Trust Fund.
- Continue funding for oyster restoration.
- Creating support for a state LID (low impact development) study or proposal to be developed among statewide stakeholders.
- Opposing any rollback on environmental regulation as it pertains to buffers and other policies that impact water quality.

You can help by contacting your state representatives and letting them know you support these important priorities that help keep North Carolina's coast healthy and beautiful. Thank you.

N.C. Coastal Federation Staff



Documentary Debuts Along Northern Coast

Guests celebrated the Coastal Federation's 30th anniversary at the Outer Banks Brewing Station in Kill Devil Hills on April 25. About 75 guests attended the event and enjoyed viewing the federation's video, *Habitats, Heroes & Hallelujah: Stories of Hope from the North Carolina Coast*. In addition to a good time, the event netted 14 new members and three new business friends: The Outer Banks Brewing Station (offering 15% off all food purchases to members), Coastal Kayak Touring Company (offering 20% off tours), and Café Lachine (offering 10% off all food purchases).

Using Native Plants to Maintain Sand Dunes

In partnership with the N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, the federation hosted two Saturday workshops for the



Coming Events



May

3,14,15 & 16

Shoreline Planting
Jones Island
Swansboro *

3

Shoreline Planting
Jockey's Ridge State Park
Nags Head *

3

Habitats, Heroes & Hallelujah
Hampton Inn & Suites
Swansboro



4 & 18

Marsh Cruise
Hammocks Beach State Park
Swansboro

9

Shoreline Planting
Morris Landing
Holly Ridge *

14

Go-Science Café
Dr. Orrin Pilkey
Atlantic Beach



16

Shoreline Planting
Durant's Point
Hatteras *

22

Oyster Shell Bagging
Waterway Park
Oak Island*

June



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Courtney Colwell; front row left: Zachary Fasking and Ashley Duplanty.

Coastal Advocacy Institute

Our summer interns, back row from left: Taylor Pool, Nathalie Morison, Katie McKnight, Kelsey Ducklow and

Dear Friend of the Coast,

The Coastal Federation is a happening place - but especially so during the summer. While others are on vacation our programs and projects are in full swing. We're planting, bagging oyster shell, running summer camps, monitoring, - you name it.

So you can understand that an extra hand this time of year is especially appreciated. Our internship program helps to fill this need, while giving students a real-life work experience. Right now our offices are bursting at the seams with young interns. They each have their special projects to complete in addition to a detailed curriculum that Ana has carefully created and planned. If you'd like to follow some of their experiences, check out their weekly blog "Dibblers Diaries" at www.nccoast.org

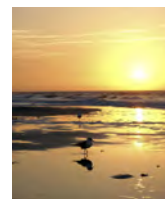
At any rate, it's nice to have them here for a while - all those fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm. We think our Coastal Institute is pretty neat and it seems the interns do too. But frankly, we sometimes think they give us as much as we give them. Drop by and say hello this summer.

N.C. Coastal Federation Staff



Federation Receives Coastal Green Build Award

Deputy Director Lauren Kolodij and Executive Director Todd Miller hold the [Coastal Green Build Award](#). The award was presented by the Wilmington-Cape Fear Home Builders Association to the Coastal Federation to recognize the federation's work with the home builders to promote low-impact development (LID). LID employs simple techniques like rain gardens and cisterns to reduce



Coming Events

June

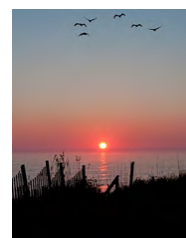
6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 27 & 28
 Bear Island Ecology
 Hammocks Beach State Park
 Swansboro

7, 14, 21 & 28
 "How's the Water?"
 Jenette's Pier
 Nags Head

12, 19 & 26
 Habitat Restoration
 Jones Island
 Swansboro *

13 & 27
 Summer Day Camp
 Jones Island
 Swansboro *

15 & 29
 Marsh Cruise
 Hammocks Beach State Park
 Swansboro



16
 Oyster Shell Bagging
 Oak Island *

16
 Kayak/Yoga Trip
 Second Wind Eco Tours
 Jones Island

19
 Science Café



Coastal Happenings July 2012

Dear Friend of the Coast,

We're pretty excited about spending Saturday, August 4 with members like you. While we'll celebrate 30 years since the Coastal Federation's incorporation, we'll also celebrate some of our favorite coastal stewards through the presentation of our annual Pelican Awards. We love hearing the winners' stories and how they were inspired to help make the coast a better place.

Our interns will also take the stage for a quick graduation ceremony with a photographic summary of their work.

This year we will give a new award: The first Pearl Award. In honor of the federation's 30th anniversary, we're looking back over time to recognize someone who has been instrumental in shaping the coast and has had a significant, long-term positive effect.

Please [join us](#) in New Bern for this special occasion that promises a great program along with a few surprises.

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Titan Cement Air Permit Appeal

Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) filed an appeal of the air permit issued by the State Division of Air Quality, which states the division erred in issuing Titan a permit. SELC has submitted a prehearing statement on behalf of the federation and other STAN partners and the case is now scheduled to be heard in the State office of Administrative Hearings in late September. Visit our web site to learn more about [Stop Titan](#).

Federation Takes LID to Dare County

Lauren and Ladd organized a [Low Impact Development](#) (LID) workshop that was held on June 7 at the Dare County Government Complex. LID employs simple techniques like rain gardens, rain barrels, downspout disconnects and other tools to reduce stormwater. Presenters included Lauren (our resident LID expert), Mike Randall with the N.C. Division of Water Quality and Hunter Freeman with the engineering firm Withers & Ravenel. Workshop topics included the value of LID partnerships, DWQ's LID commitment, and the LID permitting tool. There were 30 attendees, including landscape architects, engineers, and developers.

Coming Events



*Celebrating
30 Years of
Coastal
Conservation
1982-2012*

July

13 & 27

Marsh Cruise

Hammocks Beach State Park
Swansboro

17, 24 & 31

Habitat Restoration Day

Jones Island
Swansboro *

18, 19, 25 & 26

Bear Island Ecology Program
Hammocks Beach State Park
Swansboro

19 & 26

"What's in the Water?"

Jennette's Pier
Nags Head

25

Day Camp

Jones Island
Swansboro *

August



1, 2, 8 & 9

Bear Island Ecology Program
Hammocks Beach State Park
Swansboro

2

Kayak/Yoga Trip



Coastal Happenings August 2012

Dear Friend of the Coast,

The annual Pelican Awards were presented by our staff on Saturday. It's always a highlight of our year to be able to say a special "thank you" to the outstanding people, businesses and groups with which we work.

We've listed a summary of our Pelican Award winners in this edition of Coastal Happenings. Our winners are like you, with an exceptional drive to make the coast a little better place for generations to come.

Perhaps the greatest value in these awards is to show that we all have the potential to be Pelican Award winners. Our job here at the federation is to make sure these opportunities are available. Please call us if you're looking for a way to improve the stewardship of our coast.

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Framed brown pelican photo was presented to all award recipients. Photo by Sam Bland

2012 Pelican Award Winners

Northeast Coast Awards

Education Partner: Pat Armstrong, science teacher, Columbia Middle School

Volunteers: Marcia and Jim Lyons, volunteers at Durant's Point

Restoration/Preservation Project: Mattamuskeet Drainage District, farmers and landowners

Central Coast Awards

Advocacy: Clean County Coalition, local citizens

Volunteers: Robersons, family on the White Oak River.

Restoration Project: North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace, New Bern

Development Project: East Carolina Community Development, Inc., affordable housing nonprofit organization

Business: Second Wind Eco Tours & Yoga Studio, Swansboro

Southeast Coast Awards

Education Partner: Terry Brinson, Alderman School



Coming Events

August

7 & 14

Habitat Restoration Days

Jones Island

Swansboro *

8 & 9

Bear Island Ecology

Hammocks Beach State Park

Swansboro

9, 23 & 30

"What's in the Water?"

Jennette's Pier

Nags Head

10

Marsh Cruise

Hammocks Beach State Park

Swansboro

14

Oyster Shell Bagging

Waterway Park

Oak Island *



17

Habitats, Heroes & Hallelujah

Second Wind Eco Tours

Swansboro

September

15

Day at the Docks Festival

Hatteras*

22

National Estuaries Celebration



Coastal Happenings *September 2012*

Dear Friend of the Coast,

We're celebrating National Estuaries Week with a kick-off on September 22. It might seem a bit strange to celebrate an estuary, but these places where fresh and salt water meet deserve our appreciation.

While an estuary's value might stand on its beauty alone, its economic value is pretty impressive. [Restore America's Estuaries](#) (the federation is one of its 11 members) is leading the nationwide celebration. They offer the following facts:

- U.S. estuaries provide more than 28 million jobs.
- These jobs come from commercial and recreational fishing, which alone employ 1.5 million people and contribute \$111 billion to the nation's economy.
- Estuaries produce more food per acre than the most productive mid-western farmland.
- 75% of commercial species depend upon estuaries for habitat, spawning grounds and nursery areas.

Estuaries also protect homeowners from flooding, filter pollutants, provide habitat and a number of other services.

By hosting [special events](#) in all three regions on September 22, we hope to make people more aware of our estuaries and their value. You can join us in Ocracoke for a kayak trip; help build an oyster reef at Morris Landing; or bring the family for a bike ride along Bogue Banks. Please check out our events on our calendar at www.nccoast.org, and join in the fun.

North Carolina Coastal Federation staff



Leadership Training

Lauren organized a Coastal Growth Strategies Course for elected officials. The Carteret County Homebuilders Association, town officials, planning staff, local development professionals and economic development advocates were among the 45 participants at the workshop held in Cedar Point. The course focused on strategies that can be implemented by local governments to protect and restore water quality.

Coming Events



September

5

**Rain Garden Planting
Wilmington***

13

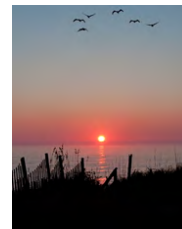
**Evening with Rob Lamme
Wilmington**

15

**Day at the Docks
Hatteras***

22

**National Estuaries
Celebration
Morris Landing***



22

**National Estuaries
Celebration
Ocracoke ***

22

**National Estuaries
Celebration
Atlantic Beach ***

28

**Fish Fry & Shrimp Boil
Manteo**



October

4

Science Café with Stan



Coastal Happenings **December** 2012

Dear Friend of the Coast,

While many people are wrapping up their holiday purchases, your Coastal Federation staff is wrapping up plans for 2013. We'll finalize our work plan during a two-day staff retreat on December 11 and 12. (If you call us on those days, we apologize in advance for the recording you'll receive. We promise to call you back as quickly as we can.)

During the retreat we'll focus on ways to engage more people in our work. We'll post our goals and benchmarks on the web site shortly after the first of the year and invite you to offer your feedback and assistance in meeting them.

Meanwhile, as you prepare for the holidays, please consider wrapping up [gift memberships](#) for friends and family. It's a great way to spread Christmas cheer while helping to protect and restore our coast.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

North Carolina Coastal Federation staff

COMING EVENTS



January

11
Oyster Shell Bagging
Ocean*

14
Science Café
Atlantic Beach

25
Volunteer
Appreciation Event
Wrightsville Beach

February

2
Star-News
Volunteer Fair
Wilmington*

14

Want to step up your membership? Check out the Coastal Federation's new [Coastal Society](#). These giving levels offer opportunities to connect with our work and other federation supporters through exciting benefits like the Director's Luncheon, on- the-water trips and an invitation to the annual retreat.

People Power

The effort to stop the proposed, massive cement plant and mine in Wilmington reached a milestone with over 15,000 people signing the [Stop Titan](#) Petition. These people oppose Titan America's plan to locate one of the nation's largest cement plants and strip mines on the NE Cape Fear River. When Titan courted the New Hanover County Commission back in 2008 they stated if the community did not want them here they would not come. With more than 15,000 voices and over 100 businesses opposing this project, it is time for Titan to honor their commitment and pack their bags. For more information contact our SE Region advocate Mike Giles at mikeg@nc coast.org.



Outer Banks
Green Drinks
Kitty Hawk

28
Oyster Roast
Beaufort

March

2
Hoop Pole Creek
Cleanup
Atlantic Beach*

23
Rain Garden
Workday
Manteo *

April

2
Miss Hatteras
Sunset Cruise
Hatteras

18, 19, 22
Jones Island
Shoreline Plantings

19, 20
Native Plant Festival

20
Earth Day Festival
Jennette's Pier
Nags Head*

20
Cape Fear
Earth Day Festival
Wilmington*



Terminal Groins

We submitted a letter to the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) urging it to pass rules for

implementing the Terminal Groin Bill (SB 110). To access the full letter read our Coastal Review Online story titled "[Federation Urges CRC to Pass Groin Rules](#)" on our web page. The letter took exception with the N.C. Division of Coastal Management's (DCM) decision to use existing rules adopted by another state agency for waste management facilities as a way to comply with the financial assurance requirements of the terminal groin law. In addition, in the letter the federation emphasized that under the current situation, the DCM lacks legal authority to issue or deny terminal groin permits. The Terminal Groin Bill was passed by the N.C. General Assembly in 2011. It breaks with the long-held state policy against hardened structures, but has several restrictions. The federation is following the process closely. There are four beaches that are considering the use of terminal groins to control erosion at inlets.



Ocracoke Retreat

It was a spectacular day on the water. Former

20
Work on Wilmington
Workday
Wilmington*

27
Crystal Coast
Earth Day Festival

** Indicates volunteers are needed.*

Details will be posted on the Coastal Federation calendar soon.



Make a Donation Share the Holiday Spirit

There's still time to order coastal conservation cards for your seasonal greetings. Make a donation to the coast and help spread our conservation message. Drop by the headquarters in

Raleigh mayor and long-time federation member, Charles Meeker hosted a November retreat on Ocracoke Island. Federation members enjoyed a detailed look at our work, dining on great seafood and visiting restoration sites at Beacon Island and Springers Point, along with a tour of Portsmouth Village with board members and staff.

Ocean, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or call 252-393-8185.

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