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## **Volunteers Needed for Restoration Project on Stump Sound**

WILMINGTON – The N.C. Coastal Federation is recruiting volunteers for an oyster and shoreline restoration project at the Morris Landing Clean Water Preserve on Stump Sound in Holly Ridge in Onslow County. The project is part of an annual Community Clean Water Day that will be held on Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Community members and volunteers are invited to a fun-filled day along the shores of the sound. Join us as we work on a project to create oyster habitat and restore the shoreline along the Morris Landing Clean Water Preserve. Volunteers will be filling mesh bags with oyster shells, planting salt marsh seedlings along the shoreline and picking up trash and debris on the 52-acre preserve. We will be supplying a Bob-cat to do the hard work, but we will still need many hands to cut, seal and stack the shellbags.

The shellbags will eventually be used to create an oyster reef that will help control erosion. The native plant seedlings will be planted behind the oyster reef to restore the salt marsh. The oyster reef and marsh will become valuable habitat for important species of commercial and recreational fish and shellfish. The reef also will improve water quality by filtering sediment from the water.

The Fish America Foundation, the American Sportfishing Association and the NOAA Restoration Center supplied money for the project.

Everyone is invited to join us at Morris Landing. Educational activities and updates on the projects at the landing and nearby Permuda Island Coastal Reserve will also be provided.

Please contact Ted Wilgis at the federation's Southeast Region Office at 910-509-2838 or [tedw@nccoast.org](mailto:tedw@nccoast.org) to register and receive more information.

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