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Students and Volunteers to Launch Stump Sound Project

Wilmington – Students from Dixon High School in Onslow County and community volunteers will bag oyster shells on Friday, March 26, to launch a project to build an oyster reef and restore a salt marsh.

The N.C. Coastal Federation is sponsoring the event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Morris Landing Clean Water Preserve on Stump Sound in Holly Ridge in Onslow County.

The event marks the start of a project to protect and restore an eroding shoreline at the preserve. Volunteers will fill mesh bags with recycled oyster shells. The filled bags will eventually be used to create an oyster reef that will help control erosion. 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 to register and receive more information.

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