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## Come Meet Federation Staff at Wine Tasting

MANTEO -- The N.C. Coastal Federation has distinguished itself along the Northeast N.C. coast during the past seven years as an organization committed to protecting coastal waters through restoration, environmental education and ensuring that the state and federal laws protecting the coast are enforced.

People can learn more about the federation's programs Wednesday, Nov. 10, at a wine tasting at Chip's Wine and Beer Market in Kill Devil Hills. The event is free.

The tasting, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., will include conversations with Coastal Advocate Jan DeBlieu, Coastal Scientist Erin Fleckenstein and Coastal Education Coordinator Sara Hallas. The three cover the Northeast from the federation office in Manteo.

The federation's regional program has numerous facets, including restoring oyster reefs in Pamlico Sound and building natural shoreline stabilization projects, such as the oyster sill and restored salt marsh at Jockey's Ridge State Park.

"We're always looking for opportunities to partner with people on projects," DeBlieu said, "and we can always use volunteer help. The wine tasting is a way for people to get to know us."

Chip's Wine and Beer Market is a popular store at Mile Post 6 Plaza that features a Wine University, offering classes on enjoying wines from around the world, and the Great Wall of Beer, with 80 brands. Laura and Phil Wayland recently bought the market, and they share the Coastal Federation's desire to protect the coast.

A variety of wines will be available for sampling. Light finger foods will also be served.

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