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## **N. C. Coastal Federation Announces Photo Contest**

**Ocean** – What’s your favorite place along North Carolina’s coast? Enter your photo of that special coastal landscape and maybe you will win the \$500 top prize. The contest is sponsored by the N.C. Coastal Federation and Emerald Isle Realty.

Photos must be taken during 2012 and received electronically by December 31, 2012. Images will be judged on technical excellence, composition, originality and subject matter.

“There are so many beautiful places along our coast – many are hidden treasures,” explained Todd Miller, the federation’s executive director. “We hope that by seeing some of these special places, people will want to visit and learn more about them, and become more engaged stewards of our state’s coastal areas.”

There will be lots of winners and the first place photo will take home \$500. Second and third place prizes are \$250 and \$100 awards. Honorable mentions will receive federation memberships. Photographs will be featured throughout the year on the federation’s Web site and some may have the opportunity to have their photo published in a federation publication. Cash awards are made possible through Emerald Isle Realty.

The contest is open to anyone 18 years and older. Rules and instructions for submitting photos can be found on the N.C. Coastal Federation website at [www.nccoast.org](http://www.nccoast.org).