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## Join Weekly Turtle Talks at N.C. Coastal Federation Center

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH - The Wrightsville Beach Sea Turtle Project will hold a sea turtle program every Tuesday evening in July and August at the N.C. Coastal Federation's new Fred and Alice Stanback Coastal Education Center in Wrightsville Beach.

Each week, the volunteer-based organization will provide an informative presentation about the biology of sea turtles, the current status and process of annual nesting behaviors, a summary of conservation practices and cultural significance. Each talk begins at 7 p.m. Attendees will have the chance to see the carapace of a real loggerhead sea turtle.

"The federation is excited to host an organization that is so dedicated to the conservation of our amazing sea turtles" said federation Coastal Scientist, Tracy Skrabal. "We welcome the opportunity to share the message about these important turtle species, and ways that people can help to preserve their populations."

In addition to the weekly turtle talks, summer programs offered at the education center include:

 A Coastal Adventure series that will provide hands-on, engaging opportunities for guests to learn more about your coast, critters and cool Do-It-Yourself projects.

- A Coastal Speaker Series, featuring notable guests who will share experiences and insights.
- Touch Tank Tuesdays, an interactive, kid-friendly education session with coastal critters
- Local Bites, a local market and fresh seafood crawl and cooking classes with a local chef.

The federation's Coastal Education Center is at 309 W. Salisbury St. in the Historic Square at Wrightsville Beach.

You can find out more about these programs on the federation's online Events Calendar at www.nccoast.org, call 910.509.2838 or email nccf@nccoast.org.

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## About the North Carolina Coastal Federation:

"Working Together for a Healthy Coast"

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's headquarters are at 3609 N.C 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wrightsville Beach and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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