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Award-Winning Documentary on Sea-Level Rise Coming to Durham

Durham - A documentary about climate change and rising seas that was a recent winner of a Sundance Sustainability Award will be shown on Thursday, Feb. 6, in Durham.

Two screenings of "Shored Up" are scheduled at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Full Frame Theater in the American Tobacco Historic District, 320 Blackwell St. The screenings are free and open to the public, but seating is limited and available to the first 100 guests.

The one-hour documentary by Ben Kalina was filmed in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. It asks tough questions about our coastal communities and our relationship to the land. What will a rising sea do to our homes, our businesses and the survival of our communities? Can we afford to pile enough sand on our shores to keep the ocean at bay?

In Long Beach Island, N.J., and along the North Carolina's Outer Banks, surfers, politicians, scientists and residents are racing to answer these questions. Beach engineering has been our only approach so far, but is there something else out there to be explored? Our development of the coastlines put us in a tough predicament, and it's time to start looking for solutions.

Kalina is accompanying the film on tour and explained his interest in bringing the film to North Carolina. "North Carolina is in the midst of a heated debate over

the future of coastal development and the role that science should play in developing environmental policies statewide," he said. "'Shored Up' is a film that confronts these issues head on and you can't walk away from the film without questioning whether the debate that's happening in North Carolina is an isolated situation, and if not, what it might mean for the rest of the country."

A panel discussion, including Kalina, coastal author Bland Simpson and N.C. Coastal Federation lobbyist Rob Lamme, will take place at 8 p.m. following the 7 p.m. screening. The panel will be moderated by Chris Fitzsimon with WRAL-TV.

The screening is hosted by Capitol Broadcasting Company and sponsored by the federation, an environmental non-profit group, serving the state's coast.

For more information about the screening visit www.nccoast.org or call 252-393-8185. For more information on "Shored Up" and Kalina, visit www.shoredupmovie.com.

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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 Wilmington and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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