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Bird Expert to Launch Speaker Series at N.C. Coastal Federation's Center

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH - Walker Golder, Audubon North Carolina's deputy director, will launch the N.C. Coastal Federation's Coastal Speaker Series on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. at its newly opened Fred and Alice Stanback Coastal Education Center.

Golder, an expert wildlife photographer and fishing guide, will share some of his best coastal photography and experiences along North Carolina's coast. As director of Coasts and Marshes for Audubon's state chapter, he oversees 20 coastal island sanctuaries that protect breeding pelicans, herons, egrets, ibises, gulls, terns and Black Skimmers. In 2013, he received the National Audubon Society's Charles H. Callison Award for his efforts to safeguard the Piping Plover on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The public is invited to Golder's presentation, and guests can find more information and register at the Coastal Education Center, 309 W. Salisbury St. in the Historic Square at Wrightsville Beach or at www.nccoast.org. The event is free for federation members. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested of nonmembers. Donations can be made on the night of the event or in advance. Donations include one raffle ticket for the chance to win a six-month federation membership.

The federation, on May 3, opened the Coastal Education Center with the goal of providing coastal education programs to the public. The speaker series will run

from May to November and will feature a variety of experts bringing to life their coastal experiences, passions and pursuits.

Additional programs that will be offered at the education center this summer include:

- A Coastal Adventures series that features special guests who will provide hands-on, engaging opportunities to learn about the coast, critters and hands-on instruction with simple "do-it-yourself" coastal restoration and water quality protection projects.
- Touch Tank Tuesdays, which involve an interactive education session for all ages with coastal critters from nearby tidal creeks and salt marsh habitats.
- A variety of special events with local artists, writers and coastal experts.

You can find out more about these programs on the federation's Events Calendar on the group's web site. You can also come by the center, 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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