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August 2011 Newsletter

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Ladies and gentlemen of the NCWU,

Welcome to summer! Some fish have shown up, and so have the trips. Maybe not as many as we would like, but better than we expected two months ago. Our commercial brothers and sisters are also catching fish, and we all have a little more breathing room than we had before, but not as much as we would like.

Even as we are busy, we are still fighting the good fight – locally, state-wide and on the national level. We have made some incredible inroads that we would not have expected six months ago, BUT we have made them. We will elaborate more later, but it is by sheer perseverance that we have achieved what we have. The wolf is still at the door, but we have a club in our hands right now. And we plan to use it!

Robbi and Melba continue to keep us on-task and focused. What a blessing these two ladies have been to our organization. They are versed on the issues now, and they have gained a few ears. Please say a “Thank you” to them the next time you see them. They are working for YOU!

Also, a very hearty “Thank you” to the crew at the Capt Stacy Fishing Center in Atlantic Beach for the Fund-raiser and Membership Drive they sponsored this past April. It was awesome! You need to make plans to be there next year, if you do not want to miss a great time! It was especially pleasurable for me, because I had a chance to visit and catch up with some friends that I’ve been missing. It was great to see all of the people there; I was “blown away” by the number of NCWU Logo license plates and decals that I saw in the Atlantic Beach/Morehead City area. Thank you each and everyone for a fabulous evening!

We are in our 2011 Membership Drive right now. Be sure your dues are paid; grab some friends and neighbors and ask them to join, if only for a \$20.00 Associate Membership. It all counts.

Our battles are far from over, and the war has definitely not been won, so we can’t sit by. We have an entire national administration that runs contrary to what our working fishing families need. We want to work, and we do not want to be trifled with. I think our sleeping giant is awakening, and that giant is angry. We are made of better stuff than the crowd that wants to shove something down our throats and tell us that we like it, or else. I’ll take the “or else!”

Have a great summer! Check me out, or give me a shout whenever you have a question or a suggestion. It is YOUR organization. Make it yours, and tell your friends and family.

Keep ‘er tight!

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Opposition to Catch Shares Postcard

NCWU has issued an Opposition to Catch Shares postcard to guide people to information about the national policy of Catch Shares established in November 2010 by NOAA and the National Marine Fisheries. Go to www.NCWU.net, click on Catch Shares Information.

It is a mail-in card that can be signed with name, city, state and email address by ANYONE from any state who is opposed to the catch shares policy. The card is being collected at Senator Kay Hagan's satellite office in Greensboro, NC; the Senator is also an opponent of catch shares.

The cards have been placed in charter/headboats and at marinas and fish houses in Hatteras village and Oregon Inlet Fishing Center on Hatteras Island, at Pirates Cove Marina in Manteo, at Broad Creek Marina in Wanchese and at Capt Stacy Fishing Center in Atlantic Beach.

If you would like a postcard or a "stack" of cards for your boat or business, please contact -

Melba at melba.ncwu@gmail.com

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NCWU Super Members

NCWU would like to send out a BIG "Thank You!" to its Members who have given continuous support to the organization since 2005. They have paid their dues, kept informed on the many issues facing all fishermen and have stayed in touch with the whole fishing fleet and our Board of Directors. THANK YOU! We will update this Super Members list as the 2011 Membership dues come in.

Jeff Aiken
Bruce Armstrong
Marty Baumgartel
Jim Bowman
Dale Britt
Everette Carr
Ralph Craddock
David Daniels
Capt Sonny Davis
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Wade Fickling
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Duke Spencer
Chris Stine
David Swain
Derek Taylor
James Taylor
Bull Tolson
Danny Wadsworth
Jamie Wescott
Olan West
Rom Whitaker
David Wilson
Thomas Wood

**Now we know for sure that fish have no calendars, watches or iPhones!
The week after the Hatteras Grand Slam Tournament –
two Hatteras charter boats caught a Grand Slam!**



Capt Steve on *Sea Creature*



Capt Jay Kavanagh on *Bite Me*

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