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### Open Meeting Planned with New Head NC Division of Marine Fisheries

Manteo, NC -- Dr. Braxton Davis, the newly appointed director of North Carolina Marine Fisheries Division, will be on the Outer Banks on Monday, August 8, 2016 for an open meeting with interested recreational and commercial fishermen from 5 pm to 6:30 pm at the Dare County Administrative Building, Rm. 238, Manteo. Dr. Davis has been invited by North Carolina Watermen United with the intention of introducing the new Director to some of the fishermen from this part of the State.

Dr. Davis was appointed Marine Fisheries Division director in mid-April by state environmental Secretary Donald R. van der Vaart. Currently Davis also is the director of the state Division of Coastal Management. Davis began his tenure as director of the state's coastal agency in September 2011, after serving as policy director for the South Carolina coastal program. He holds a doctorate in marine affairs from the University of Rhode Island, a master's degree in biological sciences from Florida International University, and a bachelor's degree in environmental sciences from the University of Virginia.

The August meeting is open to any and all who are interested in the direction of the Marine Fisheries Division. The meeting will accommodate a question and answer session and is expected to provide a format for an open exchange of information with the new director. For more information, contact K. Sparrow, 252-305-6094.

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