



Department of Environmental Quality
217 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

March 21, 2019

Dear Secretary Regan,

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Watermen United (NCWU) would like to thank you for your commendable response to the so-called "Emergency Meeting" called by the NC Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) on March 13, 2019.

Our organization represents all three Sectors of fishermen - Commercial Harvesters, Charter/ Headboat Operators and Recreational fishermen, and we are very concerned about the action taken by the MFC.

After the Fisheries Reform Act of 1997, the Division of Marine Fisheries, the Marine Fisheries Commission and the Advisory Committees were charged with interacting with the others - to protect the stocks of various fisheries and also to protect the fishermen who earn a living and bring money into the state.

Instead, in the last five or six years, certain members of the MFC seem to be "Pushing their own Agenda" and do not heed information from the Division, scientific studies, nor recommendations by the Advisory Committees.

I would appreciate a call so that we can discuss this matter further. My phone is 252-706-0184.

Thank you for your interest in our fisheries.

Yours truly,

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