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NCWU Sponsors Oregon Inlet Task Force Informational Session

Nags Head, NC - North Carolina Watermen United is sponsoring an informational session that brings together members of the Dare County Oregon Inlet Task Force, Dare County Commissioners, Coastal Studies Institute and NCDOT to help disseminate factual information on what is being done to keep the Oregon Inlet Waterway open. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, from 6 pm - 8 pm at the Pirate's Cove Pavilion. There will be a Barbecue starting at about 5:45 so people can purchase dinner (\$10) at the Pavilion with the actual session starting at about 6:30. A question and answer session will follow.

The panel will consist of: Jim Tobin, Harry Schiffman, Malcom Fearing, Wally Overman, Nancy White and Warren Judge. The event will be moderated by NCWU Board member, Greg Mayer. NCWU will provide information on membership should anyone attending want to become a member of the organization.

The event is a needed venue for getting specifics on what is being done at the Inlet. Oregon Inlet accounts nearly 683 million dollars in revenue (according to a study done in 2005) to Northeast North Carolina, the federal government and the state economy each year. The Task Force has been meeting for approximately the last two years and will have just had a meeting with all members on April 22, 2014.

The event is open to the public and anyone who has a stake or an interest in Oregon Inlet is encouraged to attend.

NCWU, which originally came together in 2005 as a group of recreational boaters- including charter/headboat owners-operators - and commercial fishermen, has worked hard to promote the North Carolina fishing industry and protect those who work on the water along with recreational fishermen who enjoy being able to fish. This organization was originally responsible for developing the idea of Outer Banks Catch as a means of educating the consumer of the benefits of fresh, local NC seafood; and has brought the importance of the NC fishing industry to the attention of local, state and federally elected officials.

