

Commercial Fishermen Join Task Force

Two North Carolina commercial fishermen entered recently the bureaucratic arena of ego wrestling. They joined a Task Force. Genuinely concerned about water quality, they were asked and agreed to join the newly formed (May, 1981) Governor's Coastal Water Management Task Force.

Fran Altman of Stumpy Point, and Dell Meekins of Engelhard once a month get up at something like 4 A. M. for the drive to the Raleigh Meeting. They get home something like 9 P. M. that night. They get paid mileage for the drive and meals, but in essence, that is a 17 hour day they donate free.

Of the 23 member Task Force and Advisory Group, six are private citizens representing agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. The rest are government or university employees. They get paid to attend meetings. The Sierra Club is also represented by one member.

The concept of the Task Force is admirable—technical and government advisors working with people out there on the bottom line making a living from the resources.

Altman said the governor's charge to the Task Force pretty well explains why he chose to join. The charge was something like this, according to Altman:

"The Task Force will try to find ways that will enable us to continue to enjoy the benefits of our natural resources, and at the same time insure survival of those vital resources in ample supply for generations of the future."

I hope the citizens will give their needed contributions. Their special input is so many times lacking.

They have no easy task. Many times citizens begin something like this full of the spirit. But they had not been in contact much with those that attend meetings as a living, a way of life. "Readers Digest" could without trouble condense any two hour bureaucratic meeting down to 15 minutes of productive stuff. So much is said not to solve anything, but to exercise ego and say something, even if it does not contribute to the meeting. Smooth talkers with big words many times intimidate those who do not talk for a living. If not intimidate them they bore them mentally right out of the room.

Consequently, the spirit is hard to keep. Those of use who do not volunteer to be on a committee, but are not happy with the results, might take a minute to offer

encouragement to those brave citizens who do.

Something needs to be done to insure "grass root truths" enter as much as possible into to final words of wisdom from the plethora of committees and task forces that begin usually as good intentions but usually end up with tunnel vision or a shotgun blast to wide to accomplish anything.

Dell and Frann would frown at the last sentence, and rightly so. What I want to say is, let the man on the street, or in the woods, or on the farm, or on the water, have his say and give it weight. Somehow provide an atmosphere for them to last out these sessions and have their mark on the final report.

I hope the two fishermen can hold on. We need them there.

Emphasis Placed On Resources

The 23 citizens who serve on the N. C. Board of Natural Resources and Community Development have learned that natural resources are going to get a lot of emphasis in North Carolina for the next three years.

Meeting in Raleigh board members heard Sec. Joseph W. Grimsley announce that three themes will guide the natural resources staff of the department: Outdoors North Carolina, Productive Resources and Water.

Programs to promote community development through the advancement of North Carolina's towns and individuals were explained. The work focuses on growth centers development and economic opportunity efforts.

Sec. Grimsley said the goal of the department is to carefully manage the natural resources and apply them in harmony with the department's community development programs to benefit the people of the state. He said the natural resource themes are to serve as banners to stimulate discussion of the important issues related to natural resource use and management.

"Outdoors North Carolina 1982" will be a year-long celebration of the scenic and recreational benefits of the state with a special exposition and conference to be held in Raleigh during the spring and other events across the state throughout the year. The theme reflects the need for all citizens to be good stewards of our natural resources so that future generations will be able to enjoy them also.

The Productive Resources theme points out how much economic benefit the state gains from its wealth of timber, minerals, soil, clean air, wildlife, and fish. These resources will last indefinitely if we continue to manage them wisely.

The third theme, water, highlights the central role of clean and abundant water for public health, environmental quality and economic growth. Solving water supply and water pollution problems will require planning and cooperation by government, industry and citizens, Grimsley observed.

In the coming year North Carolinians will consider a statewide referendum on a \$300-million Clean Water Bond issue. During the 1970s two previous issues of clean water bonds were approved by the state's voters to build water supply and wastewater treatment facilities. These facilities enable communities to grow and to keep the streams and rivers of the state clean. In a unanimous vote members of the board resolved to support the clean water bond issue. State clean water bonds are used to match local and federal funds.

Members of the N. C. Board of Natural Resources and Community Development are appointed by the governor to serve as policy advisors to the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

SCS Officer To Retire Dec. 24

Frank H. Jeter, Jr., of Raleigh, since 1970 Public Information Officer for the Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina, will retire from federal service Christmas Eve.

Jeter, 63, was a longtime North Carolina newspaperman, before entering federal service in the early 1960's. He worked as a reporter, editorial writer, editor and publisher in Goldsboro, Greensboro, Forest City and Fayetteville and owned the Spring Lake Times prior to joining the U. S. Department of Agriculture as a public information specialist in Washington.

In his present assignment, he has been responsible for conservation news coverage for SCS in newspapers, magazines, radio and television. He also prepared publications and wrote speeches. Since reporting to Raleigh in July, 1970, he has been the official photographer for the North Carolina Press Association—a connection he will continue.

Jeter has also made plans to handle assignments for several agricultural and general circulation magazines "but I plan to work less than full-time" he explained. In recent years, he has written and co-authored more than sixty magazine stories each year, in addition to newspaper stories and broadcast material.

No successor has been announced for the Soil Conservation Service information post.

Board Of Ag. Plans Meeting

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Board of Agriculture will meet here Friday, in Room 356 of the state Agriculture Building. Public hearings will be held on the following:

- Authorization of the State Fair to set a rental fee schedule for leasing fair properties.
- Setting standards for properties and sale of methoxy propanol base antifreeze.
- Consideration of half-pricing of motor fuel at certain retail outlets.
- Rules governing sampling and testing of milk and cream.
- Regulation governing ice cream and frozen milk products.

Exterminator Found Guilty

RALEIGH — The wood-destroying organism license of an Elizabeth City exterminator has been revoked by the state Structural Pest Control Committee.

Vertley A. Godfrey, who operated American Pest Control, Inc., was found guilty of failing to correct substandard work and not paying reinspection fees.

Prosecution of the defense resulted from an investigation by the Structural Pest Control Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. The division is responsible for licensing exterminators operating in the state.

New Faith Chapel Dedication Service

The New Faith Chapel of Edenton held a church dedication service on Dec. 13. The church was dedicated into the Pentecostal Holiness Church Denomination of the N. C. Conference. The special speaker for the morning worship service was Rev. J. Doner Lee, conference superintendent of Falcon, N.C. Accompanying him was Rev. L. B. Collins, Director of Evangelism, also of Falcon, N. C.

A covered dish luncheon immediately followed the morning worship service.

Diabetes Headquarters Relocation

The American Diabetes Association, North Carolina Affiliate, Inc., is pleased to announce the relocation of its state headquarters to 100 Station Plaza, Rocky Mount. State President, Henry Hinson, also announces that Ellen Henson of Rocky Mount has been employed as Affiliate Coordinator for all state activities.

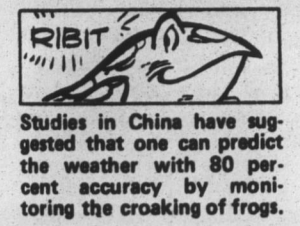
Diabetes is the third leading cause of death by disease in the United States. Approximately 250,000 North Carolinians are affected by it. The disease is characterized by an abnormal glucose level in the blood and the excretion of that into the urine. Untreated the disease affects the heart, eyes, and kidneys and can lead to death.

Chartered in 1967 the North Carolina Affiliate now has 25 chapters. The American Diabetes Association, a non-profit national voluntary health organization, is funded solely by contributions and various fund raising activities. All contributions are tax deductible. The

association's work covers four general fields of activity; patient education, professional education, public education and detection, and research.

Each year the North Carolina Affiliate sponsors a camp for diabetic children. The camp has a complete medical staff and offers the children a full camping experience and an opportunity to learn more about diabetes and its control.

Hinson wishes to thank all members and volunteers who helped make this move possible. For information concerning the American Diabetes Association call 919-446-1108 or 1-800-682-9692.



Studies in China have suggested that one can predict the weather with 80 percent accuracy by monitoring the croaking of frogs.

NOTICE

In our December "Christmas Countdown" circular, we picture a box of Brock Cordially Yours Cherries with Dark Chocolate Covering. This is a mistake as it should be a box of Cherries with Milk Chocolate Covering. We regret any inconvenience caused by this error.



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