

IS THIS A CATFISH OR IS THIS A CATFISH?!!! - Louis Nixon of Murray Nixon's Fishery holds up two catfish that were caught in the Chowan River by the Layton Brothers. The fish on the right weighed in at 27 lbs. and the one on the left was a whopping 45 lbs.

Fishery Bills Are Passed

Lacey and Black Bass Acts any progress in this area. by providing more effective control over interstate and foreign commerce in fish, wildlife, and plants. These Acts, two of the oldest federal fish and wildlife conservation statutes, prohibit the importation, exportation or interstate commerce in any fish and wildlife that were taken in violation of the conservation laws of a state or foreign country. The bill combines the two statutes into one and addresses the increasing problem of such illegal trading by increasing the maximum civil and criminal penalties for such violations and provides that

anyone convicted or assessed a civil penalty would be liable for costs incurred by the government in storing, caring for and maintaining any such fish or wildlife seized.

Also, H. R. 1638 provides federal enforcement assistance to states which adopted laws providing for the conservation of rare plants threatened with extinction, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to pay rewards to informants regarding violations of this Act beginning in fiscal year

After approving the bill, the House then took up and approved the Senate's version, S. 736, an identical bill, thus clearing the measure for the President's signature.

The second bill, H. R. 3942. amends the Commercial Fisheries Research and

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Development Act of 1964 by The House of Represen- providing more effective tatives voted to suspend the use of federal funds for rules November 4 and pass research on, and the two Merchant Marine and development and man-Fisheries Committee bills. agement of commercial H. R. 1638, the Lacey fishery resources, yet many Act of 1981, addresses states, particularly nondeficiencies in the current coastal ones, have not made

> The legislation encourages cooperation between state and federal programs by revising the formula for apportionment of available funds. The Secretary of Commerce would be authorized to provide up to 75 per cent federal matching funds to eligible state fishery agencies and interstate fishery commissions. To be eligible for funding, all noncoastal states must maintain a minimum volume, measured by weight of the catch rather than value, of commercial fishery landings. Coastal states are guaranteed a minimum apportionment of one-half of 1 per cent of the total funds available for apportionment

> Additionally, the bill changes existing law to reduce to 25 per cent the maximum federal matching share for those fishery research and development or management projects which do not involve fishery resources of more than local importance. The Secretary of Commerce is required to establish guidelines for project and program evaluation. Any unused appropriations would be carried forward to the next fiscal year, and all work needed to complete an approved project must be done in accordance with applicable state and federal laws as well as Department of Commerce regulations. The measure will now go to the Senate.

Jones To Address Citizens

Officials of the federal and state government will meet fee. with citizens concerned about Government Regulations in an all-day meeting at Beaufort County Community College on Friday.

U. S. Rep. Walter Jones; N. C. Attorney General Rufus Edmiston; N. C. Agricultural Commissioner Jim Graham, Deputy Secretary of NRCD James Summers; and District U.S. Army Engineer Col. Robert Hughes are a few of the officials who will speak to and answer questions from interested Farmers, Businessmen, Property owners, and just plain concerned citizens at the meeting which is planned for Friday from 8 A.M. until 1 P.M. in the newlycompleted Learning ource Center at

There is a \$5 registration

Newest of the buildings on the college campus, the Learning Resource Center opened to students in September of this year. The multi-use meeting room, which will be used for the conference, has been called the finest public meeting place in the county for large groups. In addition to the multi-use room and dining facilities the building houses the 19,440 Volume Library the Learning

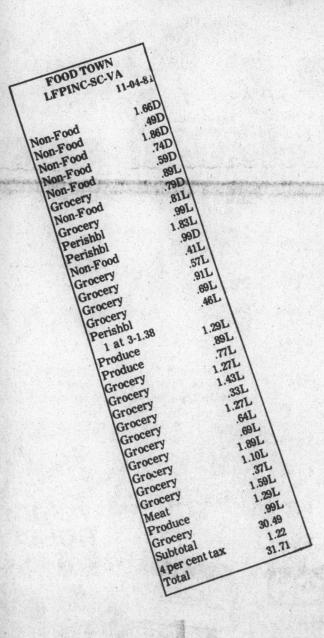
Officially known as "A on Federal and State lations in The Coa Regulations in The Coastal Counties" next Friday's college officials hope will be a series of Educational Meetings open to the public.
Two or three other public meetings have been held in the new building.



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