

Coastal decision-making workshop focus

RALEIGH - The NC National Estuarine Research Reserve will conduct a needs-assessment workshop for coastal decision-makers on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 27 and 28, at the UNC-Wilmington Center for Marine Science Research.

The two-day workshop is aimed at coastal land use planners, regulatory personnel and other local officials who make decisions affecting coastal

North Carolina. The workshop will help coastal decision-makers assess their training needs.

Topics on the agenda include: when and why to conduct a needs assessment; the difference between a training-needs assessment and market analysis; guidelines for developing needs-assessment instruments; and opportunities for sharing data within the region. Ginger Hinchliff, coastal learning ser-

VICES manager with the NOAA Coastal Services Center, and Kate Barba, education coordinator for the National Estuarine Research Reserves, will conduct the workshop.

Cost for the workshop is \$35. Workshop materials and registration form are available at www.ncnerr.org. For more information, contact Jim Mason with the NCNERR education office in Beaufort at (252) 728-

2170 or by e-mail at jim_mason@ncnerr.org.

The NCNERR is managed by the Division of Coastal Management's Coastal Reserve program. The decision-maker workshops are part of a national coastal training initiative to provide decision-makers with scientific information and instruction to help them in their work.

ECSU to host student orientation sessions

Elizabeth City State University will host its New Student Orientation for freshmen Thursday, June 22, and Friday, June 23. The two days of orientation will be spent preparing students for the transition into a collegiate environment and is designed to enhance their

success during their first year of college.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

For details, call Mrs. Deborah Branch, director of Counseling and Testing Services, at (252) 335-3273.

Supervisory skills to be next course

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inspector had to be "a person of good repute, and who is a skilful judge of the quality of flour." Each appointee swore to use his "best skill and judgment" to determine that all flour he inspected was "sufficiently clean, well ground, sweet and merchantable," and that the flour casks were of "size, goodness and thickness, as by law required."

Every cask of wheat flour had to be well made, with ten hoops, nailed with four nails in each chime hoop and three nails in each upper hoop. The staves had to be 27 inches in length and the head 17.5 inches in diameter. Every barrel not properly "hooped, marked, branded and nailed" could cost the miller 40 cents fine.

To determine if the flour was "of due fineness, without any mixture of coarser flour...well packed and merchantable," the "skilful judge" had to bore through the cask from one head, with an instrument a half an inch in diameter and equal in length to the barrel. He would then plug up the hole and brand the cask with his name, and the place in which he was inspector, along with a category of quality: super-fine, middling, shipstuff, or 'condemned'. To ensure that inspectors did not condemn flour, then purchase, repack and sell it, the law held that no inspectors of flour, or their deputies, were allowed to "vend, barter, sell, exchange or trade in flour, bread or articles made of flour."

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