

SHARING VISIONS OF THE CAPE FEAR RIVER

Cape Fear River Assembly and Cape Fear River Partnership
Joint Annual Meeting - Wilmington, NC

Thursday, May 15, 2014

- 1:00 – 1:15** **Welcome and Announcements**
Dr. Tom Hoban, Executive Director of Cape Fear River Assembly
Dawn York, Coordinator of Cape Fear River Partnership
- 1:15 – 2:00** **Future Visions of Water Resource Management in North Carolina**
Dianne Reid, Section Chief for Environmental Science, DENR
- 2:00 – 3:00** **Communication Skills and Strategies for Sharing the Vision**
Dr. Rick Olsen, Chair, Dept. of Communication Studies, UNCW
- 3:00 – 3:15** **Break**
- 3:15 – 3:45** **Preliminary Evaluation of a Rock-Ramp Fishway**
Dr. Joseph E. Hightower – NC State University
Frank Yelverton – US Army Corps of Engineers
- 3:45 – 4:15** **Collaborative Endpoint for Habitat and Fisheries**
Doug Springer – Wilmington Watertours, Moderator
Mike Wicker – US Fish and Wildlife Service
Mitch Hall – Chief of Geotech, US Army Corps of Engineers
Chad Ham – Fayetteville Public Works Commission
- 4:15 – 4:45** **Barrier Prioritization Tool**
Kat Hoenke, Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP)
- 4:45 – 5:00** **Closing Discussion and Award**

Cape Fear River Partnership

The Cape Fear River Partnership was formed in 2011 with a vision of a healthy Cape Fear River for fish and people. The partnership's mission is to restore and demonstrate the value of robust, productive, and self-sustaining stocks of migratory fish in the Cape Fear River. Building on the momentum of the newly constructed fish passage at Lock & Dam #1, this partnership of key federal, state, local, academic, and other organizations in the region is working together on this multi-year action plan. Using a broad range of tools and capabilities, we seek to provide long-term, habitat-based solutions for the most pressing challenges for migratory fish.

Friday, May 16, 2014

- 8:00 – 9:00** **Professional Exchange Breakfast (Free)**
- 9:00 – 10:00** **Water Management: Public Perceptions and Communication**
Introduction: Lisa Moeller, CFRA Vice President
Dr. Tom Hoban, Executive Director of Cape Fear River Assembly
- 10:00 - 10:15** **Networking Break**
- 10:15 – 11:30** **Moving the Vision Forward to Reality**
Panel and Audience Discussion
Deborah Amaral, CFRA Secretary
Kemp Burdette, Cape Fear River Watch
John Hadley, NC Division of Marine Fisheries
Karen Hall, NC Cooperative Extension Service
- 12:00 – 3:00** **Box Lunch and Greenfield Lake EcoTour (Free)**

Cape Fear River Assembly

Founded in 1973, the Cape Fear River Assembly (CFRA) includes members from the Triad to the coast. A 39-member Board of Directors representing industry, academia, agriculture, government, and conservation interests from the entire river basin governs CFRA. CFRA's mission is to promote high quality of life for residents of the Cape Fear River basin by encouraging proper water and land management. Our goal is to bring together key stakeholders from the state's largest and most developed watershed - to form a common vision for future water quality and quantity management. We do this by interpreting and presenting the best science.

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