

The Planet Ocean Seminar Series

is free and open to the public. The seminar is held in the Hodder Hall of Mentors, the main auditorium at the UNCW Center for Marine Science, 5600 Marvin K. Moss Lane. The seminar will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will immediately follow.

Due to limited seating, reservations are required. **Bluefish Society members will be given the option of priority seating.**

To help us plan refreshments, **please RSVP by Feb. 5.**

To reserve seats, call the Center for Marine Science at 910-962-2301.

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February 12, 2019

UNCW Center for Marine Science Auditorium
Seminar 6:30 p.m. / Refreshments 7:30 p.m.



The NC Division of Marine Fisheries: Adapting to Change

with Steve Murphey
North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries

Coastal areas and surrounding waters have experienced significant change over the past several decades. Changes in population, user groups, development, inlets, beaches, climate and even politics present complex challenges for our marine resources. Steve Murphey will discuss the role of the Division Marine Fisheries in protecting and managing our marine and estuarine resources in these changing times.



Murphey has been director of the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries since January 2018. Prior to becoming director, he was chief of the division's Habitat and Enhancement Section where he oversaw several programs including Cultch Planting, Coastal Habitat Protection Plan, Artificial Reef Program, Oyster Sanctuary Program, Shellfish Lease Program and the Shellfish Mapping Program.

Murphey began his career with S.C. Department of Marine Resources as a technician with the Artificial Reef Program. He started with the division in December 1987 as the artificial reef coordinator of what was then called the Resource Enhancement Section. He served as vice-chair of the ASMFC Artificial Reef Committee and was active in reef project development with many sport-fishing clubs.

In 1999, he moved to the Shellfish Sanitation Section, then part of the N.C. Division of Environmental Health, where he oversaw shoreline surveys for pollution sources to shellfish growing areas. He became a seafood processor inspector and later the FDA state standardization officer for inspections and finally promoted to assistant section chief. When the state abolished the Environmental Health Division in 2011, the Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Section moved to the Division of Marine Fisheries. He represented the state on the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference and was chair of Task Force II for inspections before he went back to lead the Habitat Enhancement Section in 2015.

Murphey is a native Floridian and grew up in central Florida. He holds a bachelor's degree in marine biology from the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

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