

Water Quality for Fisheries Program Releases Assessment

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Coastal Carolina Riverwatch releases assessment on prioritized water quality impacts to North Carolina's coastal fisheries. The *Water Quality for Fisheries Assessment*, a year-long process, in collaboration with the Industry Working Group (commercial and recreational fishing representation), has now been published and will continue to be updated as a living-document. The *Water Quality for Fisheries Assessment* serves to address impacts on water quality that are identified by the coastal fishing community and is categorized by the following methodologies for addressing each water quality concern; infrastructure, policy and enforcement, research, and outreach.

“This collaborative program has brought the commercial and recreational fishing communities together to improve the quality of water and quality of life in Coastal North Carolina.

The Water Quality for Fisheries Assessment is the first step in identifying what is currently being done in our State to address prioritized water quality concerns, identified by our coastal fishing community, and to prioritize gaps in service that will continue to improve water quality for fisheries.

Our goal for the future of this program is to continue elevating the voices from the coastal fishing community and to move forward with developing sustainable programs, identified as priorities, that will improve water quality for us all.”

- Lisa Rider, Executive Director, Coastal Carolina Riverwatch

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