

RESOLUTION

**EXEMPTING COMMERCIALLY REGISTERED VESSELS
FROM COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE**

WHEREAS North Carolina's Commercially Registered Vessels are the only user group that presently pays the State for the use of its marine resources; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) is "to gather better data about coastal recreational fishing activity" (from the NC Division of Marine Fisheries website); and

WHEREAS all Commercially Registered Vessels are already required by law to provide full fishing activity data; and

WHEREAS we are not opposed to the use of the CRFL to gather data from the unlicensed, we are opposed to the State of North Carolina licensing the licensed under the guise of collecting data that is already being collected;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dare County Board of Commissioners, in the interest of fairness and economic equity, recommend to the Joint Legislative Commission on Seafood and Aquaculture that all Commercially Registered Vessels be exempt from the Coastal Recreational Fishing License.

This 2nd day of January, 2007.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk