

A large school of yellow-striped snappers (Lutjanus fulvus) swimming in clear blue water. The fish are characterized by their light blue-grey bodies, a prominent yellow stripe running horizontally along the side, and yellow-tipped fins. They are swimming in various directions, creating a sense of movement and depth.

# AP Member Updates

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# North Carolina Sea Grant

## **Understanding Issues Important to the NC For-Hire Sector (early 2022)**

North Carolina coastal for-hire business operators (guides, charterboats and headboats) were adversely impacted by COVID-19 through decreased revenues as a result to diminished business opportunities. Moving forward beyond COVID-19, the for-hire sector may wish to change or augment business practices by exploring activities and programs that educate, inform, and unify the sector. Other states' Sea Grant programs have developed programming opportunities that directly benefit the for-hire industry based on the individual needs of the state. The needs of North Carolina's for-hire sector are not well documented or understood.

NC Sea Grant, with technical assistance from NC DMF, plans to survey NC coastal for-hire license holders on their interest or willingness to explore one or more programs that have been successful in other state Sea Grant programs. These include, but are not limited to, (1) the Florida Friendly For-Hire Fishing Program, (2) the annual Virginia Charterboat Workshop and (3) the annual Ohio Charter Captains Conference.

With desires of the for-hire industry in hand, NC Sea Grant can explore development of opportunities that benefit the greater interests of the for-hire sector. A previous survey with NC saltwater anglers served as the groundwork to create a fishery science class for stakeholders and [HookLineScience.com](http://HookLineScience.com).



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[HookLineScience.com](https://HookLineScience.com) is approaching its 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on December 3, 2021.

To date we have summarized 138 recent research articles of interest to saltwater anglers. New posts are published each Monday and then republished on NC Sea Grant's social media channels (Facebook, Twitter). Fifty-two posts have been written by quest authors (describing their own research). Twenty-six posts have been written by students. To date, the site has been viewed about 66k times with content also being republished elsewhere. Web traffic is growing each year thanks in part to an increasing number of summaries in our archive.



# Georgia Sea Grant



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- **“What’s the Hook?”** Georgia seafood pitch competition: [What's The Hook? - UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant](#)
- **Boat Stories:** Collaborative project with Georgia Southern U involving the collection of oral history interviews with commercial shrimp boat captains. See attached flyer
- **Trawl 2 Trash:** working with shrimpers in GA and SC to create marine debris bags from old shrimp nets: [Trawl to Trash - UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant](#)
- **Food From the Sea Project:** working with NC and SC Sea Grant to develop a planning framework for the development and implementation of commercial fishing/aquaculture career development programming in the south Atlantic region in anticipation of the funding being allocated for the Young Fishermen’s Development Act

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**Council Member Ongoing Development Program:** a professional development initiative of the Council Coordination Committee with support from NMFS and all eight councils.

Each council will send four participants, and this first meeting will focus on regional approaches to Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management.

<http://www.fisherycouncils.org/cmod>





Other Updates?