

Chief Charlie Miller,

As you are aware the Marine Patrol Unit has partnered with the North Carolina Coastal Federation in an effort to clean up our waterways in Brunswick County. As a team we have been able to remove five abandoned/derelict vessels and 132 tons of debris from our waterways since February 2021. These projects have been funded by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Program (EWP), NCDEQ matching funds and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation/NOAA Marine Debris Program Emergency Hurricane Funding. To date we have spent \$398,095.61 in Brunswick County on these projects. None of these projects were funded utilizing Brunswick County funds.

That being said, as we come to the end of the State and Federal funding mentioned above, I have identified two additional shrimp trawlers that need to be removed. I have worked closely with the property owners and the North Carolina Coastal Federation to get these two 65' shrimp boats added to the list for removal. These two shrimp trawlers sit near the Provision Company Restaurant in Holden beach just south of the bridge. These vessels were approved as of 11/4/2021 for removal, but with very limited funding. The current bid to remove these vessels is \$121,897.00 and would be paid in full by the remaining State and Federal funding. However, to keep cost down and the project in budget I am asking that we waive the landfill fees for the remaining two vessels to assure this project is completed. Once this project is complete we will have removed all derelict vessels that have been identified in our County and the total state and federal funding used will total \$519,992.61. Hopefully the County will approve this request to waive the landfill fees for this remaining project.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration,

Sergeant, Jake Zaludek