

## 2010 SLTFC Survey Results – 30 January 2010

### 1. Newsletter Preferences:

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| a. Get it by email     | 69% | (40 of 58) |
| b. Get it off Web site | 26% | (15 of 58) |
| c. Regular mail        | 5%  | (3 of 58)  |

RECOMMENDATION:     1) Convert to email delivery (Tony)  
                              2) Verify by mail the desire to get by mail by non-respondents (Norm)  
                              3) Mail to those who request it in writing (Survey + above) (Tony M.)  
                              4) Shut down Web site (Lee)

### 2. Sharing the Ride

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| a. Yes               | 41 |
| b. No or No Response | 17 |

RECOMMENDATION:     1) Follow up with query to those saying “Yes” (Lee)

### 3. Talks and Speaker Suggestions – General comment was “Keep it simple AND useful”

ALSO – Several related topics can possibly be rolled-up into single talk...

#### a. General “Talk” Suggestions:

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|---|---------------------------------|
| How to Fish Our Area – What’s where, when and how to target |                                 |
| Area fish prevalence by season, time, tides                 | ---                             |
| Fishing the Neuse inshore artificial reefs & bars           | Jess Hawkins                    |
| Fishing in our area for fishing                             | Tag-team of 2 or 3 club members |
| Catching bait –what, where, how, when                       | ---                             |
| Keeping bait alive  | ---                             |
| What bait to use for what                                   | ---                             |
| Fishing in our area   | ---                             |
| Weather & tides & fishing – Is East really Least?           | ---                             |
| How to fish the water column                                | ---                             |

#### b. Simple Things that Work in Our Area to Improve Fishing Skills – Big emphasis on rigging

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| Successful rigs for offshore bottom fishing by species | ---           |
| Tying your own rigs                                    | ---           |
| Knots that work and don’t                              | ---           |
| Use of lures and rigs                                  | ---           |
| Catching and keeping bait alive                        | ---           |
| Which is better for what - Live bait or cut bait?      | Ron McPherson |
| How to make best use of your fish-finder and GPS?      | ---           |
| Down riggers and planer techniques                     | ---           |

c. Interest in Specific Species

Red Drum (Places, times, techniques)	Brian Goodwin, Walt Lamb, Bert Owens Jeff Cronk
Flounder (Inside, Neuse & on the beach)	Dr. Bogus
Specs (traditional approach & trolling)	Dr Bogus, Bob Contey, Lee Dantzler
Sea Bass	Dan Giffin
King Mackerel (small boat, not tournament techs.)	Not Eddy Cameron
Grouper	---
Tautog	---
Black Drum	Jeff Cronk or his recommendation
Spanish Mackerel	Ron McPherson
Dolphin and Wahoo	Dan Giffin, Norm Price

d. “Stand-Alone” Topics

First Aid while fishing	
Winter lay-up and spring readying recommendations	---
Simple things to keep trailering trips “Happy”	Allen (252-726-5098)
New developments in tackle	Phillip Henry
Lionfish	Paula Whitfield & Olympus Diving
Catching sails on flies	Tom & Elaine Tempel
Fisherman of the Year talk	---
Impact of gill nets in our area	(NC DMF and Bert Owens together)
Clamming and oystering opportunities	(Aquarium? NC DMF?)
Update on Artificial Reef Program	NC DMF ---

4. Special events Suggestions ( Not sure if names are for suggestions or/and volunteers)

RECOMMENDATION: Find volunteers for a couple of events and try to organize top listings (\*).

- a. \*Family Outing Day (e.g. state park OR Cape Lookout. Weekend or week day??) (7)
- b. More fishing contests (6) (Actually be worked on already)
- c. \*Bonito outing w/club members (5)
- d. \*Surf fishing – including a “How to” work-up at day’s start before going to beach (3)  
(Dwayne Mercer, Roger Zielinski,
- e. Offshore bottom fishing (2)
- f. \*Canoe and/or kayak fishing trip (2)
- g. Clam dig (2)
- h. \*Lead pouring (2) (Actually being worked on)
- i. \*Making jigs and rigs – bottom & trolling (2) (Ron McPherson, Tony French
- j. Inshore creek fishing (Speaker topic ? Dwayne Mercer,
- k. Beach clean-up
- l. \*Light tackle trolling (Walt Stanislawski,
- m. Fishing the artificial reefs (Walt Stanislawski)
- n. Spanish fishing
- o. Oystering
- p. Fish and seafood cooking and recipes

- q. Knot tying
- r. Cast net techniques
- s. Take an under-privileged child fishing
- t. Pier fishing
- u. Cape lookout surf fishing (Not a family day event)
- v. Flea market
- w. Portsmouth Island over-nighter fishing trip

5. **Suggested “Hands On” Workshops** (Not sure whether names are for topics or volunteers)

RECOMMENDATION: Find volunteers for a couple of events and try to organize top listings (\*).

- a. Bottom fishing – Simple tackle, techniques and where (Tony French, Lee Dantzler)
- b. \*First Aid on your boat (May be better as a speaker topic)
- c. \*Rigging for surf fishing
- d. Making jigs (Ron McPherson)
- e. How to make terminal tackle (Bill McDade,
- f. GPS and Fishfinder techniques (Bob Faulk,
- g. \*Cast netting for bait (In combination with clamming? Merle Miller,
- h. \*Maintaining your tackle (rods, reels and lubrication, lines (Vivian McGowan)
- i. Tackle and rigging techniques – what for what
- j. \*Jig fishing (Dan Giffin)

6. **Meeting Suggestions:**

- a. “I like the meetings ...” (Multiple responses)
- b. Less “institutional type food” and more better food (e.g., steak, shrimp, lobster, prime rib) (multiple responses)
- c. Spending too much time on “Admin” stuff and not enough time on hands-on fishing
- d. Pizza, pizza, pizza ... where is it?
- e. Keep announcing to turn cell phones off and respect for the speaker
- f. Double line the food lines every time
- g. How about an occasional movie, like Carolina Fishing HD episode
- h. Less salt
- i. Keep showing menus on Newsletter
- j. Improve sound in meeting (Several responses)
- k. Wine choice sucks