## Joe Sturgeon 11/14/23 Blue Takagi

Stick welcomes us

Joe sturgoen (hill) a wilmie based conservationist with the sturgeons, atlantic

**Applause** 

Joe has a cool ass jacket

Was a student here, directly equipped him with the skills for working with the sturgeon

Sturgeon have been listed since 03, but have been endangered for a lot longer.n.

Story map presentation with natgeo and (externship?)

Cool to introduce this novel activity to them

Now able to talk to nat geo filmmakers from around the world who are equally invested in this stuff

Intterupt with questions

Doesn't like lecturing

Sturgeon get big af, population of sturgeon have dropped by 98%

Greg garmin phd from bcu

Wrote about how sturgeon was saving grace of colonists in jamestown Winters were harsh

Euro colonization was the spark that started the death of the sturgeon Hunted to near extinction, because there were so many, sold in abundance

If it weren't for sturgeon, VA wouldve been Spain

Sexually dimorphic, males are smaller Ladies get way bigger

Gravid ladies are ROUNDED Males are sleek and skinny

Weighing process to cause minimal stress

Caught in gill nets, checked immediately after setting, and every hour.

Unless busy day

Checking very often

You can see the net move when they hit it

Netting sturgeon is stressful cuz theyre huge and you gotta be careful with them

14" mesh

Smaller would mean loads of cats
Blue cat fish is bad for sturgeon because cats eating baby sturgeon

Unique faces

If you get photos of the faces, you can ID them Good for in casetags go bad 400 faces in database

Has a major effect on marine and esturarine enviroments

Need research to see how the environments change with healthy sturgeon populations

Sturgoen netting during runs

Once in spring and once in fall

Different set each time

Individuals don't necesarrily run every year

Femals every 2-3 years

Procedure to get big sturgeon on board

2 people, florat and lead line

Pull the boat down the net untill you find the fish

Grab the fish in the net, then untagle it, harness it, then pack in the water Tonic immobility

Nifty

Measuirng

Tape length, board length, circ, weight Fork length

#### Someone

Special bag, or thingy
Carry sturgeon on helivac stretcher
Modified for face hood

Cool story, animal outside of harness and pen, tried to esacple, It escaped
Joe got to tackle the sturgeon

### Range;

East coast of US

Not in gulf

Gulf sturgeon

Joe focuses on chesapeake bay

They do run in the cape fear

No one does research down here

No funding

Raise awareness

Spawing grounds

Hard bottom, deep fresh water, gravel beds

#### Juvenile recruitment measurement

General precentage, but difficult to see how successful

We can tell how many lbs of eggs by weighing on the way in, and way out Long life means long data set for long time period

How long do they stay in the rivers?

Unknown

Rising water from a storm force them out

Some years they're up there for weeks, some years its 3 days and stop

#### Juveniles in rivers

1-2 years in the rivers

When they get the scutes

Others stay for 3-5 years

1-2 feet to move sea ward

How do you figure population size

With no juvenile check

Idea of spawning pops because they've been sampling for 10 years

Estimation of spawning pop from that

Doing fancy stats to figure it out

Jason kahn

Christian hager

Phds in charge

Ask them for data analysis work etc etc.

#### Mimi

Lifespan

100+ years says jason

Conservative est 65+ years

We don't often get otoliths

Estimating age on non-constant growth rate

Estimated # of spawning scycles

Unknown

History of where they went

After saving the colonies

Bunch og people headed out for caviar money

Black gold rush

Well documented in historical accounts

7 million reported back in the 1600s

20 years later, several orders of magnitude less

Dams after cause even more spawning issues

We were changing the land to suit our purposes

Perfect storm, they gather behinid the dams to try and reach spawn, we catch them all

## Problems today

Dams, water quality, dredging

Dredging causes issues from environmental shifts

Ship strikes

### Cargo ships take up nearly the whole channel, and can hit by boats

Suspected to stay inshore, to within about a mile out They don't have a reason to go to open ocean Stay largely inshore

How to help

4/10 surveyed didn't know what a sturgeon was Almost 40 years to be listed after the act was passed 20,000 in the whole atlantic ocean

Rough estimate

Terrifyingly small number

Sturgeon grow slow

It takes decades to bring them back

Fish trees

Sturgeon researchers struggle with funding and personelle

Friends of sturgeon
Pay isnt great
Biology is like that
You do this for passion not money

Who do we contact to volunteer

Friends Of Sturgeon

Joe is trying to get them to get abetter website Jason and christian are on facebook Jobs

Aiint rich, but livable

Mauybe

Sampling only in fall

Rodgers mentions DR fred Scharf locality

Whited was a tech, and now parker works there

Sampling is kaput in winter

Ask parker about volunteer opss in spring

Will asks

Means of detriment

Vessle strikes
Data on vessel strikes
Why are they up in the water column
Why do they jump
We don't know
Sometimes a display
Possibly a escaping dudes
Freshwater floats at the surface

### **Email**

Joeangealien@gmail.com

# Marine Tech Club Meeting Thursday 12PM September 22, 2022

President: Myles Oxendine Vice-President: Isaac Reeves Secretary: Megan McDeavitt Treasurer: Parker Hodges

SGA Representatives: Mimi Dunn, Blue Takagi

No pizza was had but next time pizza will be had.

**BOT**- Rogers talked about what to expect and how to act at the Board of Trustees meeting. We will be staying up to date on any future BOT/MT related happenings.

**FISHING SCHOOL**-Gary Hurley is looking for volunteers for the Fishing Schools coming up. (exact dates are coming)

**PUMPKIN CONTEST-** Trying to schedule a date for the judging, possibly doing on Monday Oct. 31st, Time TBA. Working on pumpkin donations to the club. Registration for the contest will be between \$5-\$10. Carving period will be from Oct. 1-14. (could change/extend cause of cruises) Prizes include MT swag, and gift cards to local businesses. **PARTICIPATION NEEDED** 

**GUEST SPEAKER**- Our first guest speaker is former MT student Rohan Rao. Currently works for Geodynamics. He will be giving a presentation on what he does. Informal meet and greet and Q&A. Good networking opportunity.

**BEACH CLEANUP**- Carolina Beach, Oct. 8th 1000-1200. Bring a friend. Bring your dog. Come clean up the beach. If you can't make it, but still wish to participate- walk around your neighborhood, park or somewhere in the community and pick up trash. Local organizations like **Cape Fear River Watch** and **Plastic Ocean Project** also hold monthly cleanups. Document it and send it in. This counts as a participation hour required to attend the **Georgia Aquarium Trip** in April.

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**OCEANFEST**- OCt. 7-8. Possible opportunity to set up a MTC table at this event promoting sustainability and marine awareness. **POP/MTC**- If you participate in any POP (**Plastic Ocean Project**) event it counts as participation for the **Georgia Aquarium Trip**. Jess Hufham is CFCC POP president, contact her if you are interested in working one of their events. (<u>ithufham379@cfcc.edu</u>)

IDEAS- What do you guys want to see MTC get involved in. Share your ideas!

Next Meeting: 1200, Thursday September 29th, 2022

## Marine Tech Club Meeting September 29, 2022

**Executive Committee** 

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SGA Representatives: Mimi Dunn, Blue Takagi

Pizza was had, even for the vegans. No thanks to Parker.

FISHING SCHOOL- Contact Gary Hurley if interested: gary@fishermanspost.com, or call/text (910) 352-0603

Dates and Times Below:

PLEASURE ISLAND FALL SURF FISHING CHALLENGE Friday, October 14: 1300-1630 or 1600-1930 or 1900-2230

Sunday, October 16: 0900-1230 or 1200-1330

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**PUMPKIN/COSTUME CONTEST-** A vote was had, and we decided to go with a good old fashion **costume contest.** Judging panel will be made up of MT instructors (TBA). Prizes will be given out. Prizes include: a Yeti cooler (\$250 value) for the main prize (Thank you Mimi!), gift cards for local businesses, and MT swag. **Entry fee is \$5. Registration opens Oct. 1. Contest takes place Monday, October 31st. Time/location (TBA).** 

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**GUEST SPEAKER: Rohan Rao,** from Geodynamics, gave a great presentation about the work he's done before and after the MT program. Thank you Rohan!

Link to recording → <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqpCv7eFaG0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqpCv7eFaG0</a>

Next Meeting: 1200, Thursday, October 13th, 2022. NO MEETING NEXT WEEK (10/06)

## Marine Tech Club Meeting October 13, 2022

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SGA Representatives: Mimi Dunn, Blue Takagi

No pizza. Thanks Parker

**FISHING SCHOOL**- Gary Hurley came to speak about upcoming events. Contact Gary Hurley if interested: gary@fishermanspost.com, or call/text (910) 352-0603 Dates and Times Below:

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COSTUME CONTEST- Judging panel will be made up of MT instructors (Soren Lonneberg, Brian Jeno, Jacqui Degan). Prizes will be given out. Prizes include a yeti cooler, a \$250 value, for the main prize (Thank you Mimi!), gift cards for local businesses, MT swag, homemade drinking glasses (Thanks Parker!). Entry fee is \$5. Contest takes place Monday, October 31st. S-207 0830-900. If you cannot make the in person contest, you may appear in front of one of the 3 judges in costume. They will take a picture of you. Final Decisions will be announced Monday Oct. 31 at 1PM

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Next Meeting: 1200, Thursday, October 27th, 2022. NO MEETING NEXT WEEK (10/20)

## Marine Tech Club Meeting October 27, 2022

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SGA Representatives: Mimi Dunn, Blue Takagi

No pizza. Thanks Parker

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**HOLIDAY BAGS-** All proceeds from the costume contest go towards buying items for the holiday bags. The bags will be gifts to children who have to spend their holidays in the hospital. We are planning to pick a day to assemble the bags. **Date/Time TBA**. There will be hot chocolate and good vibes all around. We will be handing the bags out at the hospital during the holidays. **Date/Time TBA**. **This counts as a participation hour for the Georgia Aquarium Trip**.

CAMPUS CLEAN UP- Our next meeting will be a campus clean up! We will meet down at the docks and going from there. This counts as a participation hour for the Georgia Aquarium Trip

Next Meeting: 1200, November 3rd, 2022 DOCKS

### Marine Tech Club Meeting November 3rd, 2022

**Executive Committee** 

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SGA Representatives: Mimi Dunn, Blue Takagi

No pizza. No glasses. Thanks Parker

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TOPSAIL FALL SURF & PIER CHALLENGE Friday, November 4: 1400-1730 or 1700-2030 Sunday, November 6: 0900-1230 or 1200-1330

**COSTUME CONTEST**- WINNERS ANNOUNCED! **3rd Place:** Silvio Blanton- Sigourney Weaver

2nd Place: Devin Phillips-Willie Nelson

1st Place: Gracie Duncan-Plague Doctor, PhD

CONGRATS! And thank you to everyone who participated.

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**HOLIDAY BAGS-** All proceeds from the costume contest go towards buying items for the holiday bags. **We have raised over half the funds for the bags!** The bags will be gifts to children who have to spend their holidays in the hospital. We are planning to pick a day to assemble the bags. **Date/Time TBA**. There will be hot chocolate and good vibes all around. We will be handing the bags out at the hospital during the holidays. **Date/Time TBA**. **This counts as a participation hour for the Georgia Aquarium Trip.** 

We need to send a thank you letter to Tyler Bullock.

Next Meeting: 1200, November 10, 2022 S-207

## Marine Tech Club Meeting January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Executive Committee
President: Myles Oxendine
Vice-President: Isaac Reeves
Secretary: Megan McDeavitt

Treasurer: Parker Hodges

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#### Pizza!

**FISHING SCHOOL-** Contact Gary Hurley if interested in volunteering: gary@fishermanspost.com, or call/text (910) 352-0603

Current Dates and Times Below: Wilmington In-Person Saltwater Fishing School Saturday, February 4, 2023, Union Station 5<sup>th</sup> floor 7:30AM-5:00PM

Morehead City In-Person Saltwater Fishing School Saturday, February 25, 2023, Crystal Cove Civic Center 7:30AM-5:00PM

Campus Cleanup Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> 12PM- S-209

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Silvio talked about birds. Something about Skywatch. (I walked in late and was focused on pizza)

Mike talked about math tutoring.

The Race for the Planet is happening for some people. Ask Ms. D

Sturgeon Farm...maybe

Next Meeting: 1200, January 24th, 2023 S-209

## Marine Tech Club Meeting January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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#### **CLEAN UP**

Clean Up! Clean Up! Everybody, Everywhere Clean Up! Clean Up! Everybody do your share

MTC went and cleaned up the riverbank. There's pictures to prove it.

Next Meeting: 1200, January 31st , 2023 S-209

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**SIGN** up to volunteer with Gary or with the MTC table

#### MTC Table Sign Up:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14d8bFuljs\_IYkerReULJ0Tlk9Wm0CHRnNH40BKEtYok/edit#gid=0

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**Devin** is planning an MTC Night at the end of the semester: A doodle poll will be sent out for best availability.

**Chris Stewart: A BIOLOGY** person is coming to speak to us (maybe) February 14<sup>th</sup> "bUt ThAt's ValEntINe's DaY" Who cares, come out and show your love for FISH

Next Meeting: 1200, February 7th, 2023 S-209

## Marine Tech Club Meeting February 7th, 2023

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#### No Pizza! Thanks Parker

**Grace Fulton** spoke to us about her job as a Sailing Marine Technician on the R/V Point Sur and R/V Pelican, her former MATE Internship, and her involvement in the future of R/V Gilbert R. Mason at LUMCON (Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium). THANKS Grace!

#### **Greenfield Lake Cleanup RESCHEDULED 02/25**

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**Chris Stewart**, another **BIOLOGY** speaker. He will be joining us to talk about his experiences working as a Fisheries Biologist with the <u>NC Division of Marine Fisheries</u> (NCDMF) **Tuesday 2/14 in S-209 at noon.** 

**Thursday 2/16, Amber Phillips** from Prince William Sound Aquaculture will be giving a Zoom presentation at **noon in S-209**. Amber will give an overview of the hatchery operation in addition to discussing job opportunities with the company. There will be an opportunity for a Q&A after her 30 minute presentation.

The Spirit Week basketball double-header is taking place in the **Schwartz Center on Wednesday 2/22**. MTC is hosting half a table in the Schwartz Center Lobby from **5:30-7PM**. Another opportunity to show up and show people exactly what we do. Last year, we taught a bunch of attendees how to tie knots.

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**Sturgeon Farm FIELD TRIP??** Mimi will tell us what she found out.

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#### No Pizza! Thanks Parker

Willie Lanier, MT alumnus, spoke about his job as a Fisheries Technician at UNCW. THANKS Willie!

#### **Greenfield Lake Cleanup 2/25/23**

We had SO much fun cleaning up around Greenfield lake! We filled 4 trash bags! Thanks to: Micah Barton, Jacob Chamblee, Myles Oxendine, Parker Hodges, Elizabeth Mann, and Megan McDeavitt for showing up!

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MTC Group Chat! We have launched a chat group. Any last minute updates and information can be found here. Or we can just talk about all things marine! Download the GroupMe app and join! <a href="https://groupme.com/join\_group/92426027/ZajdBopj">https://groupme.com/join\_group/92426027/ZajdBopj</a>

Next Meeting: 1200, March 14th, 2023 S-209

## Marine Tech Club Meeting March 14th, 2023

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#### No Pizza! Thanks Parker

**April 1st Boat Show.** The MTC club will host a whole table during the CFCC Boat show. No foolin' This is a great way to come out and support the Boat Building program! **Location:** CFCC Wilmington Campus on the riverfront on Water St. (between the Hilton and Coastline Convention Center). Free parking in the CFCC Parking Deck on Nutt St. **Hours:** 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sign up for a shift! (MS. D INSERT SIGN UP SPREADSHEET HERE)

Race for the Planet 5K is happening April 23rd. MTC is putting together a team of athletes to support a great cause in a healthy way. All proceeds go towards the Fort Fisher Aquarium, and it's just a lot of fun. Contact Ms. Degan about signing up. (You don't have to run the whole thing, or at all if that's your prerogative) Sign up! (MS. D INSERT SIGN UP SPREADSHEET HERE)

**Devin and Megan** are planning an MTC Night at the end of the semester. **April 27th** is the night! (It's a Thursday, right after D02 gets back from cruise). A **taco bar** is being planned, and for **\$10** you can enjoy all you can eat tacos. Reach out for more information!

**ANOTHER ONE?** We had such a great time cleaning up Greenfield lake, that we want to do another one. Let's come up with a good day/time!

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