



Georgia Chapter

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Ol' Fashioned Fish Fry Thursday at Woodruff Park



Thanks to everyone who has signed up to speak at the EPA mercury hearing on Thursday, we have filled up all the slots!

Not to worry, you can still **demonstrate your support for a strong rule by coming to our Fish Fry**. We will assemble in front of the hearing at EPA Region IV headquarters at 61 Forsyth Street SW ([map](#)) between 5:00 and 5:30 pm. Come get your sign that says "Protect our Families from Toxic Mercury" or make your own. We will head a few blocks over to Woodruff Park at 5:30 pm and fill up on (mercury free) fish as we hear from speakers from around the state, talking about how mercury affects Georgia Rivers. We will then head back to EPA for the evening session of the hearing, which starts at 6:30 pm.

After 20 years of delay, EPA is moving forward with regulating mercury and other toxics from coal-fired power plants. In 2004, Georgia EPD estimated that over 20,000 babies are born in Georgia every year with elevated levels of mercury, which has been linked to developmental disorders like ADD and autism. Other ways to help are:

1. [Share this email.](#)
2. [Submit your comment in favor of the rule online.](#)
3. RSVP by clicking [here to REGISTER](#) to attend the May 26 events!
4. Share the [Facebook event](#) on your wall and with your networks.

Quick Links

Offshore wind is viable off the Georgia Coast, but unlike in the Carolinas, it's not moving forward. Find out more by reading Chapter Director Colleen Kiernan's [quest column](#) in the Saporta Report.



Sierra Club Meetings

RAIL Committee Meeting, Monday, May 23rd, 7:00 p.m., Jim Dexter - Chair, call 678-313-2407, jimdex@aol.com

Atlanta Inner City Outings (ICO), Tuesday, May 24th, 7:30p.m., contact Allison Williams adwilliams8@yahoo.com

Smart Energy Team Meeting, Monday, June 6th, 6:30p.m. refreshments, 7p.m. start, Mike Walls - Chair, mwalls@ellijay.com

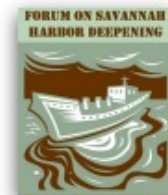
Beyond Factory Farming Exploratory Committee Meeting, Monday June 13th, 7p.m., Leah Garces - Chair, Leah.Garces@ciwf.org.uk

Wildlands and Wildlife Committee Meeting, Tuesday, June 28th, 7:00p.m., Mike Murdock - Chair, murdock1@mindspring.com

Fundraising Committee, Wednesday, May 18th, 7:00p.m., Erin Wetty - Chair, ewetty@seyfarth.com

Georgia Chapter's Coastal Group Speaks Coastal Forum in Savannah -- May 26th

The Center for a Sustainable Coast will be hosting a Coastal Forum to discuss issues related to the propose Savannah River deepening. Hear from Coastal Group Chair Steve Willis, Savannah Riverkeeper, Southern Environmental Law Center and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League. The event will be from 6:30-8:30pm at the Coastal Georgia Center. Contact karengraine@bellsouth.net for more details.

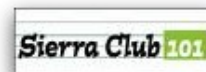


Hike Atlanta's Old Prison Farm with the Metro Atlanta Group -- May 28th

We will hike to Entrenchment Creek, which has Civil War connections, through a box elder floodplain forest, and hope to see the great blue heron and kingfisher at the larger lake. Limit: 12. Contact: Gordon Draves, (404)-766-3456, or nonsmoke4ga@hotmail.com (Please include Prison Farm in Subject line.)

Sierra Club 101 -- June 11th

You got on our mailing list because you care about the environment and want help -- now what? Sierra Club 101! Come learn about the Sierra Club and how to get involved in our local efforts. Open to members and non-members alike--bring a friend! Breakfast and coffee provided. June 11th, 10:30am-12pm. Register online by clicking [here](#).



Interested in Food Issues? Come to our First Beyond Factory Farming Meeting!



What we eat, how it's produced, and how it gets to us has huge impacts on our health and the health of our environment. Come learn more and help us form a committee that helps the Georgia Chapter work on these important issues. Monday, June 13th at the Chapter office in Decatur. Contact Leah.Garces@ciwf.org.uk for more info!

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