

**Randy McKinley
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Randy McKinley has owned and operated Hilltop Grocery for 31 years. This retail convenient store has also carried a full line of bait and tackle for recreational, charter and commercial fishing. He owns the fishing vessel Lena Mac with South Atlantic Unlimited Snapper, Grouper, King Mackerel and Wahoo/Dolphin permits. He also operates McKinley Fisheries which is a fish packing business.

Randy grew up in Wilmington, NC at Wrightsville Beach in the 1960's and practically lived on the end of Crystal Pier in the 1970's live bait fishing for King Mackerel and during this time went out numerous times on area head boats.

He attended ECU from 1979 to 1985 receiving a BSBA in Business Administration in 1983 and MBA in 1985. He purchased Hilltop Grocery Co. in 1985. In 1986 Randy began mating on a grouper, snapper boat doing day trips. He obtained the federal permits in 2002. In 2006 he took over the fish house where his boat was docked and obtained federal & state dealer permits and began McKinley Fisheries.

Randy has always kept up and been involved with all aspects and regulations affecting his fishing. He has attended numerous meetings throughout the years. In 2013 he attended the first MREP Science workshop in Tampa. He most recently attended the visionary meeting in Sneads Ferry, NC.

Running three businesses has kept Randy from attending as many meetings as he would like in the past but it has not kept him from keeping up with the important issues by talking to local recreational, charter and commercial fisherman. He has also accommodated the state and federal biologist doing sampling at his fish house.