RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - National Geographic magazine has named Wrightsville Beach among the "World's 20 Best Surf Towns," according to the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

"The whole family can enjoy Wrightsville's trademark mix of sleepy southern beach town and growing metropolis. Think catfish with caviar or barbecue with Beaujolais," the magazine writes. The magazine offers this "local tip:"  
"The best swells, nor'easters, often come with strong winds and currents. Wait for them to pass then snag an early morning cleanup session the day after, when conditions are usually the best." Other cities earning the honor show an eclectic combination of locales inside and outside the United States. Among them are:

New Smyrna Beach, Florida

Santa Cruz, California

Byron Bay, Australia

Raglan, New Zealand