

1 **15A NCAC 07H .0508 JOCKEY’S RIDGE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN**

2 (a) Description. Jockey's Ridge is the tallest active sand dune (medano) along the Atlantic Coast of the United States.  
3 Located within the Town of Nags Head in Dare County, between US 158 and Roanoke Sound, Jockey’s Ridge  
4 represents the southern extremity of a back barrier dune system which extends north along Currituck Spit into Virginia.  
5 Given the status of Jockey’ Ridge as a State Park, State Nature Preserve, complex natural area, and an area containing  
6 a unique geological formation as identified by the State Geologist, the Coastal Resources Commission hereby  
7 designates Jockey's Ridge as an Area of Environmental Concern pursuant to G.S. 113A-113.

8 (b) The boundaries of the Jockey’s Ridge AEC shall be as depicted on a map approved by the Coastal Resources  
9 Commission on (adoption date), and can be found at the Division of Coastal Management, 400 Commerce Ave.,  
10 Morehead City, NC 28557 or at the Division of Coastal Management’s website at  
11 <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/division-coastal-management>. The AEC includes the entire rights of way of  
12 US 158 Bypass, SR 1221 (Sound Side Road), Virginia Dare Trail, and Conch Street where these roads bound this  
13 area.

14 (c) Use Standards. Development within the Jockey's Ridge AEC shall be consistent with the following use standards:

15 (1) Development that requires the removal of greater than ten cubic yards of sand per year from the area  
16 within the AEC boundary shall require a Coastal Area Management Act permit from the Division  
17 of Coastal Management or designated local official;

18 (2) All sand that is removed from the area within the AEC boundary in accordance with Subparagraph  
19 (1) of this Paragraph shall be deposited at locations within the Jockey's Ridge State Park designated  
20 by the Division of Coastal Management in consultation with the NC Department of Natural Cultural  
21 Resources Division of Parks and Recreation;

22 (3) Development activities within Jockey’s Ridge AEC shall not alter or retard the free movement of  
23 sand except when necessary for the purpose of maintaining or constructing a road, residential or  
24 commercial structure, accessway, lawn, garden, or parking area unless allowed by Jockey’s Ridge  
25 State Park’s Management Plan. Jockey’s Ridge State Park’s Management Plan can be found at the  
26 Division of Parks and Recreation’s website at <https://www.ncparks.gov>

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29 History Note: Authority G.S. 113A-107(a),(b); 113A-113(a); 113A-113(b)(4)a., e., and g.; 113A-124.