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(d) Within 30 days of opening, the prospective operator shall submit reports indicating that the facility meets the minimum standards for facilities as specified in G.S. 110-91 regarding local ordinances, including a building inspection, a fire inspection, and a sanitation inspection.

(e) The Division shall send a Notice of Compliance letter to the prospective operator when compliance with minimum standards for facilities as specified in G.S. 110, Article 7 has been determined. The Notice of Compliance letter shall be issued instead of a star rated license. The Notice of Compliance is not required to be posted at the child care facility.

(f) Religious-sponsored child care centers shall comply with all child care center requirements in this Chapter except as follows:

Age Appropriate Activities	Rules .0508, through .0510, .0510, .0513 through .0516 and .2508
Staff Qualifications and Training Requirements	Rules .0703(c) through (f), .0704, .0710, .0711, .0714(a) through (d) and .1101, .1102(a), (b), (e), and (g), and .1103 through .1106. <u>For programs enrolled in the Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program, the exemption related to Rules .1101, .1102, and .1103(b) do not apply and the requirements must be met.</u>
Staff Qualifications if working with school aged children only	Rule .2510

Compliance shall be documented annually using the same forms and in the same manner as for all other centers.

(g) The Division shall notify the prospective operator in writing as to whether the facility complies or does not comply with the requirements.

Authority G.S. 110-85; 110-88; 110-106; 143B-168.3.

TITLE 15A – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(2)g. that the Coastal Resources Commission intends to readopt with substantive changes the rule cited as 15A NCAC 07B .0702, and readopt without substantive changes the rules cited as 15A NCAC 07B .0601, .0701 and .0801-0804.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/division-coastal-management/coastal-resources-commission/crc-proposed-rules>

Proposed Effective Date: June 1, 2026

Public Hearing:

Date: February 25, 2026

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Dunes Club, 710 E. Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

Reason for Proposed Action: *This Subchapter establishes the rules that local governments shall follow in developing and adopting a land use plan or comprehensive plan that meets the Coastal Resources Commission's (CRC) planning requirements.*

Comments may be submitted to: Tancred Miller, 400 Commerce Avenue, Morehead City, NC 28557; email CRCrulemaking@deq.nc.gov

Comment period ends: March 16, 2026

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State funds affected
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 No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 07 - COASTAL MANAGEMENT

SUBCHAPTER 07B – STATE GUIDELINES FOR LAND USE PLANNING

SECTION .0600 - INTRODUCTION

15A NCAC 07B .0601 AUTHORITY

This Subchapter establishes the rules that local governments shall follow in developing and adopting a land use plan or comprehensive plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan", that meets the Coastal Resources Commission's (CRC) planning requirements.

Authority G.S. 113A-107(a); 113A-110; 113A-124.

SECTION .0700 – LAND USE PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

15A NCAC 07B .0701 PLANNING OPTIONS

(a) Each county within the coastal area may prepare and adopt a land use plan or comprehensive plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan", that meets the planning requirements adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC shall prepare and adopt a plan that meets the CRC's planning requirements as set forth in Rule .0702 of this Section for each county that chooses not to prepare and adopt a plan. Municipalities may develop individual plans that meet the CRC's requirements if:

- (1) the county delegates this authority to the municipality; or
- (2) the CRC grants this authority upon written request from a municipality that is enforcing its zoning ordinance, its subdivision regulations and the State Building Code within its jurisdiction.

(b) A county shall accept a municipality's locally adopted policies and implementation actions for inclusion in the county plan for the municipality's jurisdiction if requested to do so by any municipality not preparing its own plan. Inclusion of a municipality's adopted policies and implementation actions shall occur either at the time of county plan preparation or a subsequent county plan amendment. The municipality's policies and implementation actions are limited to its jurisdiction and may differ from the county's policies and implementation actions.

(c) Municipalities may seek certification as set forth in Rule .0803 of this Subchapter for these plans if all requirements found in this Subchapter and G.S. 113A-110 are met.

Authority G.S. 113A-107(a); 113A-110; 113A-124.

15A NCAC 07B .0702 LAND USE PLAN ELEMENTS

(a) Organization of the Plan. The land use plan or comprehensive plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan", shall include a matrix that shows the location of the required elements as set forth in this Rule.

(b) Community Concerns and Aspirations. The purpose of this element is to provide an understanding of the underlying planning needs and desires of the community to support the land use and development policies included in the plan. This element shall include:

- (1) Significant existing and emerging conditions: The plan shall describe the dominant growth-related conditions that influence land use, development, water quality, and other environmental concerns in the planning area.
- (2) Key issues: The plan shall describe the land use and development topics most important to the future of the planning area. This description shall include public access, land use compatibility, infrastructure carrying capacity, natural hazard areas, water quality, and may also include local areas of concern as described in Subparagraph (d)(2)(Land Use Plan Management Topics) of this Rule.
- (3) A community vision: The vision shall describe the general physical appearance and form that represents the local government's plan for the future. It shall include objectives to be achieved

by the plan and identify changes that may be needed to achieve the planning vision as determined by the local government.

(c) Existing and Emerging Conditions. The purpose of this element is to provide a sound factual basis necessary to support the land use and development policies included in the plan. It shall describe the following:

- (1) Population, Housing, and Economy. The plan shall include discussion of the following data and trends:
 - (A) Population: Permanent population growth trends using data from the two most recent decennial Censuses; current permanent and seasonal population estimates; key population characteristics, including age and income; and thirty-year projections of permanent and seasonal population in five-year increments.
 - (i) Permanent population growth trends using data from the two most recent decennial Censuses;
 - (ii) Current permanent and seasonal population estimates;
 - (iii) Key population characteristics, including age and income, and
 - (iv) Thirty year projections of permanent and seasonal population in five year increments.
- (B) Housing stock: The plan shall include an estimate of current housing stock, including permanent and seasonal units, tenure, and types of units (single-family, multifamily, and manufactured).
- (C) Local economy: The plan shall describe employment by major sectors and community economic activity.

Natural systems. The plan shall describe the natural features and discuss the environmental conditions of the planning jurisdiction to include:

- (A) Natural features as follows. Areas of Environmental Concern (AECs) as set forth in 15A NCAC 07H;
- (B) Soil characteristics, including limitations for septic tanks, erodibility, and other factors related to development;
- (C) Environmental Management Commission (EMC) water quality classifications (SC, SB, SA, HOW, and ORW) and related use support designations located at 15A NCAC 02B and are incorporated by reference

including subsequent amendments at no cost located here: <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp?folderName=\Title%2015A%20-%20Environmental%20Quality\Chapter%2002%20-%20Environmental%20Management>. And the Marine Fisheries Commission shellfish growing areas in 15A NCAC 18A .0900 and 15A NCAC 18A .3400 which are incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments located at no cost here: <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp?folderName=\Title%2015A%20-%20Environmental%20Quality\Chapter%2018%20-%20Environmental%20Health>. Water quality conditions can be found on the Division of Marine Fisheries website at <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/shellfish-sanitation-and-recreational-water-quality>;

(D) Flood and other natural hazard areas;
(E) Storm surge areas;
(F) Non-coastal wetlands, including forested wetlands, shrub-scrub wetlands and freshwater marshes;
(G) Water supply watersheds or wellhead protection areas;
(H) Primary nursery areas;
(I) Environmentally fragile areas, such as wetlands, natural heritage areas, areas containing endangered species, prime wildlife habitats, or marine forests; and
(J) Additional natural features or conditions identified by the local government.

(+) Areas of Environmental Concern (AECs) as set forth in 15A NCAC 07H;
(ii) Soil characteristics, including limitations for septic tanks, erodibility, and other factors related to development;
(iii) Environmental Management Commission (EMC) water quality classifications (SC, SB, SA, HQW, and ORW) and related use support designations located at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/qps/esu/classifications> and provided at no fee; and Division of Marine Fisheries

(DMF) shellfish growing areas and water quality conditions located at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/shellfish-sanitation-and-recreational-water-quality> and provided at no fee;

(iv) Flood and other natural hazard areas;
(v) Storm surge areas;
(vi) Non-coastal wetlands, including forested wetlands, shrub-scrub wetlands and freshwater marshes;
(vii) Water supply watersheds or wellhead protection areas;
(viii) Primary nursery areas;
(ix) Environmentally fragile areas, such as wetlands, natural heritage areas, areas containing endangered species, prime wildlife habitats, or maritime forests; and
(x) Additional natural features or conditions identified by the local government.

(B) Environmental conditions. The plan shall provide an assessment of the following environmental conditions and features:

(i) Water quality:
(I) Status and changes of surface water quality, including impaired streams from the most recent N.C. Division of Water Resources Basin Planning Branch Reports, Clean Water Act 303(d) List, and other comparable data;
(II) Current situation and trends on permanent and temporary closures of shellfishing waters as determined by the Report of Sanitary Survey by the Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Section of the N.C.

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Division of Marine Fisheries;

(III) Areas experiencing chronic wastewater treatment system malfunctions; and

(IV) Areas with water quality or public health problems related to non-point source pollution.

(ii) Natural hazards:

(I) Areas subject to recurrent flooding, storm surges and high winds; and

(II) Areas experiencing significant shoreline erosion as evidenced by the presence of threatened structures or public facilities.

(iii) Natural resources:

(I) Environmentally fragile areas (as defined in Sub Part (e)(2)(A)(ix) of this Rule) or areas where resource functions are impacted as a result of development; and

(II) Natural resource areas that are being impacted or lost as a result of incompatible development. These may include, but are not limited to the following: coastal wetlands, protected open space, and agricultural land.

(3) Environmental conditions: The plan shall provide an assessment of the following environmental conditions and features:

(A) Status and changes of surface water quality, including impaired streams from the most recent N.C. Division of Water Resources Basin Planning Branch Reports, Clean Water Act 303(d) List, and other comparable data;

(B) Current situation and trends on permanent and temporary closures of shellfishing waters as determined by the Report of Sanitary Survey by the Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Section of the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries;

(C) Areas experiencing chronic wastewater treatment system malfunctions;

(D) Areas with water quality or public health problems related to non-point source pollution;

(E) Areas subject to recurrent flooding, storm surges and high winds;

(F) Areas experiencing significant shoreline erosion as evidenced by the presence of threatened structures or public facilities;

(G) Environmentally fragile areas as defined in Part (C)(2)(I) of this Rule or areas where resource functions are impacted as a result of development; and

(H) Natural resource areas that are being impacted or lost as a result of incompatible development. These may include, but are not limited to the following: coastal wetlands, protected open space, and agricultural land.

(3)(4) Existing Land Use and Development. The plan shall include a map and descriptions of the following:

(A) Existing land use patterns, which may include the following categories: Residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, public, dedicated open space, vacant, agriculture, and forestry. Land use descriptions shall include estimates of the land area allocated to each land use and characteristics of each land use category.

(B) Historic, cultural, and scenic areas designated by a state or federal agency or by local government.

(4)(5) Community Facilities. The plan shall evaluate existing and planned capacity, location, and adequacy of community facilities that serve the community's existing and planned population and economic base; as well as those that protect important environmental factors such as water quality; and that guide land development in the coastal area. The evaluation shall include:

(A) Public and private water supply and wastewater systems. The plan shall describe existing public and private systems, including existing condition and capacity. It shall describe any documented overflows, bypasses, or other problems that may degrade water quality or constitute a threat to

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public health as documented by the Division of Water Resources (DWR). It shall indicate future needs based on population projections. The plan shall include a map of existing and planned service areas.

(B) Transportation systems. The plan shall include a map of the existing and planned multimodal systems and port and airport facilities. It shall describe any highway segments deemed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as having unacceptable service as documented in the most recent NCDOT Transportation and/or Thoroughfare Plan. It shall describe highway facilities on the current thoroughfare plan or facilities on the current transportation improvement plan. It shall describe the impact of existing facilities on land use patterns.

(C) Stormwater systems. The plan shall describe the existing public stormwater management system. It shall identify existing drainage problems and water quality issues related to point-source discharges of stormwater runoff.

(d) Future Land Use. This element of the plan is intended to guide the development and use of land in a manner that achieves the goals of the Coastal Area Management Act through local government land use and development policies, including a future land use map. This element shall include:

(1) Policies.

(A) Community Concerns and Aspirations and Existing and Emerging Conditions shall be considered in the development of local government plan policies as required in Rule 0702(b) and (c) of this Section. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule.

(B) Policies shall be consistent with the goals of the CAMA, shall address the Land Use Plan Management Topics set forth in Subparagraph (d)(2) of this Rule, and comply with all state and federal rules.

(C) Policies that exceed use standards and permitting requirements found in Subchapter 7H, 07H, State Guidelines for Areas of Environmental Concern, shall be identified in the plan.

(2) Land Use Plan Management Topics. The purposes of the CRC management topics topics, public access, land use compatibility, infrastructure carrying capacity, natural hazard areas, and water quality, are to ensure that plans support the goals of the CAMA, define the

CRC's expectations for land use policies, and provide a basis for plan review and certification by the CRC. In addition to the management topics outlined below, plans may also include policies to address local areas of concern. Each management topic includes two components: a management goal and planning objectives.

(A) Public Access: Access Management
Goal: Maximize public access to the
beaches and the public trust waters of
the coastal region.

(B) Public Access Planning Objectives:
The plan shall include policies that
address access needs and
opportunities, with strategies to
develop public access and provisions
for all segments of the community,
including persons with disabilities.
Oceanfront communities shall
establish access policies for beach
areas targeted for nourishment.

(i) Management Goal:
Maximize public access to
the beaches and the public
trust waters of the coastal
region.

(ii) Planning Objectives: The
plan shall include policies
that address access needs and
opportunities, with strategies
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(B)(C) Land Use Compatibility: Compatibility Management Goal:
Ensure that development and use of
resources or preservation of land
balance protection of natural resources
and fragile areas with economic
development, avoids risks to public
health, safety, and welfare.

(D) Land Use Planning Objectives: The
plan shall include policies that
characterize future land use
development patterns and establish
mitigation criteria and concepts to
minimize conflicts.

(i) Management Goal: Ensure
that development and use of
resources or preservation of
land balance protection of
natural resources and fragile
areas with economic
development, avoids risks to

public health, safety, and welfare.

(ii) Planning Objectives: The plan shall include policies that characterize future land use development patterns and establish mitigation criteria and concepts to minimize conflicts.

(C)(E) Infrastructure Carrying Capacity: Capacity Management Goal: Ensure that public infrastructure systems are sized, located, and managed so the quality and productivity of AECs and other fragile areas are protected and restored.

(F) Infrastructure Carrying Capacity Planning Objectives: The plan shall include policies that establish service criteria and ensure improvements minimizing impacts to AECs and other fragile areas.

(i) Management Goal: Ensure that public infrastructure systems are sized, located, and managed so the quality and productivity of AECs and other fragile areas are protected or restored.

(ii) Planning Objectives: The plan shall include policies that establish service criteria and ensure improvements minimize impacts to AECs and other fragile areas.

(D)(G) Natural Hazard Areas: Areas Management Goal: Conserve and maintain barrier dunes, beaches, flood plains, and other coastal features for their natural storm protection functions and their natural resources giving recognition to public health, safety, and welfare issues.

(H) Natural Hazard Areas Planning Objectives: The plan shall include policies that establish mitigation and adaptation concepts and criteria for development and redevelopment, including public facilities, and that minimize threats to life, property, and natural resources resulting from erosion, high winds, storm surge, flooding, and other natural hazards.

(i) Management Goal: Conserve and maintain barrier dunes, beaches, flood plains, and other coastal features for their natural storm protection functions and their natural resources giving recognition to public health, safety, and welfare issues.

(ii) Planning Objectives: The plan shall include policies that establish mitigation and adaptation concepts and criteria for development and redevelopment, including public facilities, and that minimize threats to life, property, and natural resources resulting from erosion, high winds, storm surge, flooding, and other natural hazards.

(3) Future land use map. The plan shall include a map that depicts the policies for growth and development, and the desired future patterns of land use and land development with consideration given to natural system constraints and infrastructure. The plan shall include map designations with descriptions of land uses and development.

(e) Tools for Managing Development. The purpose of this element is to describe the management tools and actions the local government will use to implement the plan. This element shall include:

(1) Guide for land use decision-making. The plan shall describe the role of the plan policies, including the future land use map, in local decisions regarding land use and development.

(2) Development program. The plan shall describe the community's development management program, including local ordinances, codes, other plans and policies.

(3) Action plan and implementation schedule. The plan shall describe the actions that will be taken by the local government to implement policies that meet the CRC's management topic goals and objectives. It shall specify the fiscal year(s) in which each action is anticipated to start and finish. It shall describe the specific steps the local government plans to take to implement the policies, including the adoption and amendment of local ordinances, other plans, and special projects. The action plan shall be used to prepare the implementation status report for the plan.

Authority G.S. 113A-102; 113A-107(a); 113A-110; 113A-111; 113A-124.

SECTION .0800 –LAND USE PLAN AND AMENDMENT REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION

15A NCAC 07B .0801 STATE REVIEW AND COMMENT ON DRAFT PLAN

The Division of Coastal Management shall review all draft land use plans or comprehensive plans, hereinafter referred to as plans, for consistency with the CRC's requirements for plans prior to local adoption, as set forth in Rule .0702 of this Subchapter. The Division shall provide written notice to the CRC, other State and Federal Agencies, and adjacent jurisdictions (including non-CAMA areas and if applicable, out of state areas) that the plan is available for review and comment. The review period shall be 30 calendar days and shall begin upon receipt of a plan accepted as complete by the Division, as set forth in Rule .0702 of this Subchapter. The Division shall provide written comments to the local government within 45 calendar days after the end of the review period.

Authority G.S. 113A-106; 113A-107.

15A NCAC 07B .0802 PUBLIC HEARING AND LOCAL ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS

(a) Notice of Public Hearing. The local government shall provide the Secretary or his or her designee written notice of the public hearing for local adoption and a copy of the proposed land use plan or comprehensive plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan", or amendment no less than five business days prior to publication of a public hearing notice. The public hearing notice shall include, as set forth in Rule .0803(a)(2) of this Section, disclosure of the public's opportunity to provide written comment to the Secretary following local adoption of the plan.

(b) Final Plan Content. The final plan or amendment shall be adopted by the elected body of each participating local government.

(c) Transmittal to the Division for Certification. The local government shall provide the Executive Secretary of the CRC or his or her designee the locally adopted plan, a certified statement of the local government adoption action, and documentation that it has followed the public hearing process required in G.S. 113A-110.

(d) For joint plans originally adopted by each participating jurisdiction, each government retains its sole and independent authority to make amendments to the plan as it affects its jurisdiction.

Authority G.S. 113A-107(a); 113A-110; 113A-124.

15A NCAC 07B .0803 CERTIFICATION AND USE OF THE PLAN

(a) Certification of Plans and Amendments: This Rule outlines the certification procedures and conditions for locally adopted land use plans or comprehensive plans, hereinafter referred to as "the plan," or plan amendments. The procedures shall be as follows:

(1) The Division District Planner shall submit a written report to the CRC, or qualified employee of the Department pursuant to G.S. 113A-124(c)(9), on the locally adopted plan or amendment and either recommend certification or identify how the plan or amendment does not meet the procedures and conditions for certification as set forth in Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.

(2) The public shall have an opportunity to submit written objections or comments on the locally adopted plan or amendment prior to certification pursuant to G.S. 113A-110(e). Written objections or comments shall be received by the Division no more than 30 calendar days after local adoption of the plan or amendment. Written objections shall be limited to the criteria for certification as defined in Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule, and shall identify the specific plan elements that are opposed. Written objections or comments shall be sent by the Division to the local government submitting the plan or amendment. Written objections or comments shall be considered in the certification of the local plan or amendment. The CRC or qualified employee of the Department, pursuant to G.S. 113A-124(c)(9), shall certify plans and amendments following the procedures and conditions specified in this Rule, and that the plans and amendments meet the following conditions:

(A) are consistent with the Coastal Area Management Act G.S. 113A-110;

(B) are consistent with the rules of the CRC;

(C) do not violate State or federal law; and

(D) contain policies that address each management topic as set forth in Rule .0702(d)(2) of this Subchapter.

(4) If the plan or amendment does not meet certification requirements, the applicant shall be informed by the Division of Coastal Management within 45 calendar days regarding how the plan or amendment does not meet the procedures and conditions for certification.

(b) Copies of the Plan. Within 90 calendar days of certification of the plan or an amendment, the local government shall provide one printed and one digital copy of the plan to the Division. Amendments shall be incorporated in all copies of the plan. The dates of local adoption, certification, and amendments shall be published on the cover.

(c) Use of the Plan. Once certified, the plan shall be utilized in the review of the CAMA permits in accordance with G.S. 113A-111. Local governments shall have the option to exercise their enforcement responsibility by choosing from the following:

- (1) Local administration: The local government reviews the CAMA permits for consistency with the plan;
- (2) Joint administration: The local government identifies policies, including the future land use map and implementation actions that will be used by the Division for the CAMA permit consistency reviews or;
- (3) Division administration: The Division reviews the CAMA permits for consistency with the plan policies, including the future land use map and implementation actions.

(d) Plan updates and Amendments. Local governments shall determine the scope, timing, and frequency of plan updates and amendments.

Authority G.S. 113A-107(a); 113A-110; 113-111; 113A-124.

15A NCAC 07B .0804 REQUIRED PERIODIC IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORTS

Jurisdictions with a locally adopted and certified land use plan shall submit an Implementation Status Report to the Division of Coastal Management every two years from the date of initial certification by the CRC. This report shall be based on implementation actions that meet the CRC's Management Topic goals and objectives, as indicated in the action plan pursuant to Rule .0702(e)(3) of this Subchapter. The Implementation Status Report shall also identify:

- (1) All local, state, federal, and joint actions that have been undertaken successfully to implement its certified land use plan;
- (2) Any actions that have been delayed and the reasons for the delays;
- (3) Any unforeseen land use issues that have arisen since certification of the land use plan; and
- (4) Consistency of existing land use and development ordinances with current land use plan policies.

Authority G.S. 113A-106; 113A-107.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Wildlife Resources Commission intends to amend the rule cited as 15A NCAC 10F .0305.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c):
<https://www.ncwildlife.gov/hunting/regulations/proposed-regulations>

Proposed Effective Date: *June 1, 2026*

Public Hearing:

Date: *February 5, 2026*

Time: *2:00PM*

Location: *Virtual public hearing via Zoom, pre-registration is required:* https://ncwildlife.org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_K1EuclSdRF2pXFxhGTST7Q *or join by telephone toll free: (833) 568-8864, Webinar ID: 160 989 8053*

Reason for Proposed Action: *Proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0305 create a no-wake zone in the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) at Oak Island, 50 yards west and 50 yards east of the G.V. Barbee Bridge, otherwise known as the Oak Island bridge, in Brunswick County and designate responsibility for placement of regulatory markers.*

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District was consulted about rulemaking in the federal channel. They concur with rulemaking for a no-wake zone 50 yards west and 50 yards east of the G.V. Barbee Bridge

Comments may be submitted to: *Rulemaking Coordinator, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; email regulations@ncwildlife.gov*

Comment period ends: *March 16, 2026*

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