

1 15A NCAC 07M .0701 is adopted under emergency procedures as follows:  
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3 **SECTION .0700 – MITIGATION - GENERAL POLICY**

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5 **15A NCAC 07M .0701 DECLARATION OF GENERAL POLICY**

6 (a) The policy statements in this section are enforceable and shall be considered by local governments and DCM  
7 when issuing permits and implementing the coastal management program under this Subchapter and commenting on  
8 federal permits and activities pursuant to Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act.

9 (b) It is the policy of the Coastal Resources Commission to require that adverse impacts to coastal lands and waters  
10 be mitigated or minimized through planning, site selection, compliance with Commission’s standards for  
11 development, and creation or restoration of coastal resources. Coastal ecosystems shall be protected and maintained  
12 as complete and functional systems by mitigating the adverse impacts of development by enhancing, creating, or  
13 restoring areas with the goal of improving or maintaining ecosystem function and areal proportion.

14 (c) The CRC shall apply mitigation requirements as defined in this Section consistent with the goals, policies, and  
15 objectives set forth in G.S. 113A-102 for coastal resource management and development. Mitigation shall be used to  
16 enhance coastal resources and offset any potential losses occurring from permitted and unpermitted development.  
17 Proposals to mitigate losses of coastal resources shall be considered only for development shown to be in the public  
18 interest, as defined by the standards in 15A NCAC 07M .0703.

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