

**Report to the North Carolina General Assembly
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Agriculture and Natural and Economic and
Resources, the Environmental Review
Commission, and the Fiscal Research Division**



River Basin Advisory Commissions

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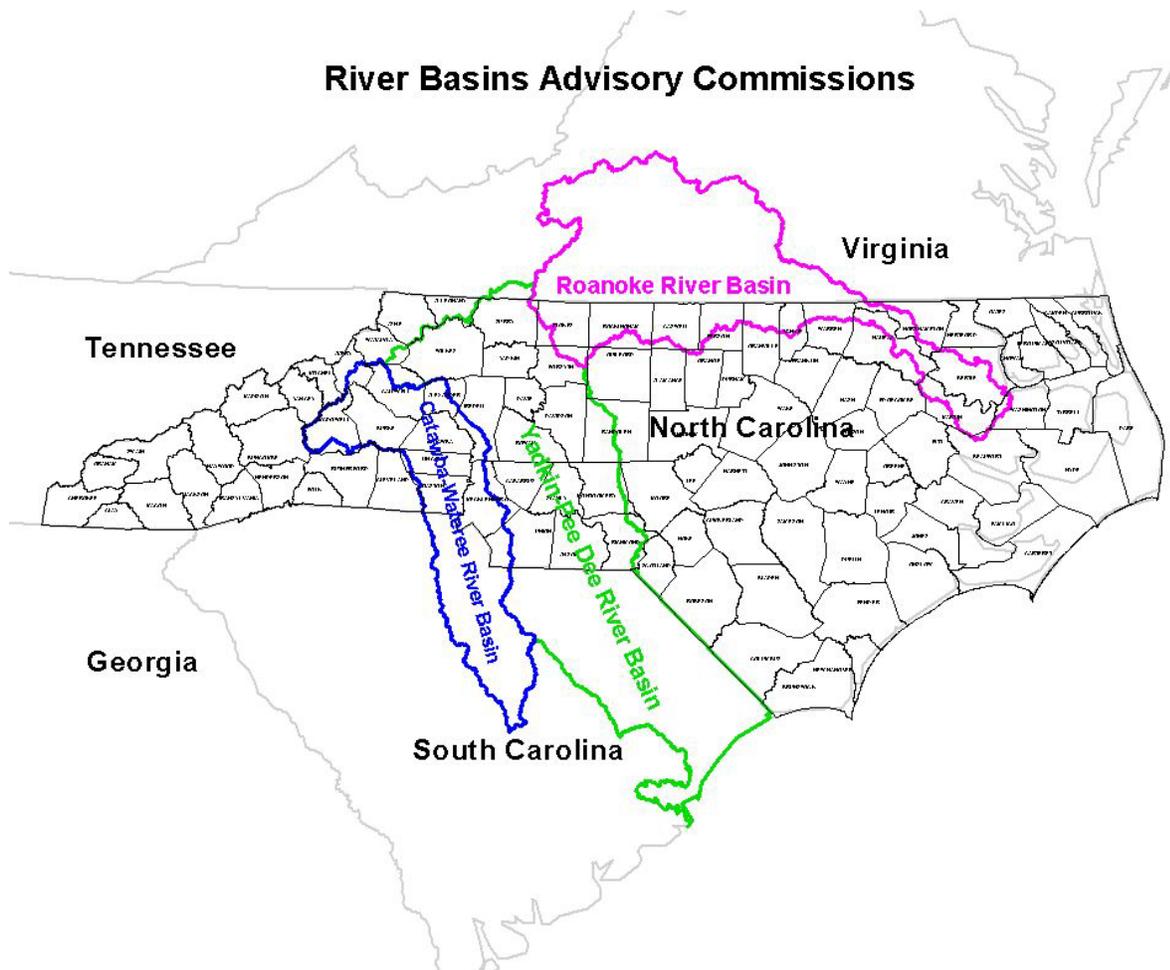
**Pursuant to G.S. , 77-96(c), 77-98, 77-115(b),
77-117, and S.L. 2020-74, Sec 14a**

Executive Summary

The N.C. General Assembly established three river basin advisory commissions by statute: the Catawba/Wataree River Basin Advisory Commission, the Roanoke River Basin Advisory Commission, and the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission.

The Roanoke River Basin Commission was created in 2002, with the passage of Session Law 2002-177. The Catawba/Wataree River Basin Commission and Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Commission were created two years later in 2004 with the passage of Session Law 2004-83.

The following figure highlights the three river basins.



The commissions were established for two primary reasons:

1. To provide a forum for discussion of issues related to water and other natural resources in the basin, and
2. To provide guidance and recommendations regarding the use, stewardship, and enhancement of the natural resources in the basin for the purposes of integrated river basin management.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources maintains a website of relevant information about the three commissions. To see this information, go to <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/river-basin-advisory-commissions>.

Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission

The Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission is comprised of 15 members and includes eight legislative representatives from North and South Carolina. The remaining members include representatives from Duke Energy, a South Carolina water/sewer utility, South Carolina's lake homeowners' association, a nonprofit land conservation trust from North Carolina, Charlotte Regional Partnership, lake marine commissions, and advisory members.

The Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission did not meet between August 1, 2022 and July 31, 2023. There are currently no meetings scheduled for 2023 or the beginning of 2024.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources provides staffing and assistance to the commission. There were no expenses for the period of August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023.

The division maintains a website for the commission where meeting agendas, meeting summaries, speaker presentations and other relevant information are available to interested parties. To see this information, go to <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/planning/basin-planning/water-resource-plans/catawba-river-basin/catawba-wateree-basin-advisory-commission>.

Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission

The Roanoke River Bi-State Commission is comprised of 18 members and includes 12 legislative representatives from North Carolina and Virginia, as well as three non-legislative members from each state.

The Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission did not meet between August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023. There are currently no meetings scheduled for 2023 or the beginning of 2024. The next meeting is tentatively slated to be hosted by Virginia.

The NC delegation of the Roanoke Bi-State Commission is currently fully represented.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources provides staffing and assistance to the commission and the committee. There were no expenses for the period of August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023. The division maintains a website for the commission where meeting agendas, meeting summaries, speaker presentations and other relevant information are available to interested parties, at <https://deq.nc.gov/roanoke>.

Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission

The Yadkin/Pee Dee Commission was established to be comprised of 15 members and includes eight legislative representatives from North Carolina and South Carolina. The remaining seven members include a representative from Progress Energy, Alcoa Power Generating Inc., Weyerhaeuser Inc., a North Carolina and South Carolina water or sewer utility, a South Carolina agricultural entity, and a land development industry that does business within the basin. Currently, the only known appointments to this commission include one member from the NC Senate and two members from the NC House of Representatives.

Since its establishment, the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission has never met. Therefore, there were no expenses for the period of August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023. No meetings are scheduled for 2023 or the beginning of 2024. If this commission meets in the future, the N.C. Division of Water Resources would provide staffing and assistance.