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Periodic Review and Expiration of
Existing Rules



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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rulemaking

Issue

Request the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) vote on approval of the final determination of its rules in support of the Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules per N.C.G.S. § 150B-21.3A. Update the MFC on the status of rulemaking in support of the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 rulemaking cycles.

Findings

- Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules – **Action**
 - N.C.G.S. § 150B-21.3A, enacted in 2013, requires state agencies to review existing rules every 10 years in accordance with a prescribed process that includes a report phase, followed by rule readoption.
 - To comply with the periodic review schedule adopted by the Rules Review Commission (RRC) for the second iteration of the requirements, the MFC is scheduled to vote on approval of the final agency determination of its rules following the public comment process.
- 2026-2027 Rulemaking Cycle – Update
 - At its May 2026 business meeting, the MFC began the process for one rule for the management of Atlantic bonito.
 - On August 3, 2026, the rule was published in the *N.C. Register*, beginning the public comment process; a news release was issued.
 - A public hearing is scheduled to be held on August 26, 2026, at 6 p.m. via WebEx with a listening station in Morehead City.
 - The public comment period will close October 2, 2026. Any comments received will be presented to the MFC at its November 2026 business meeting when it is scheduled to vote on final approval of the rule.
 - The earliest effective date of the rule would be in 2027.
- 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Rulemaking Cycles – Process Complete
 - At its August 2024 business meeting, the MFC began the process for eight rules about pot marking requirements, false albacore management, and the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. At its May 2025 business meeting, the MFC began the process for nine rules about permits, and franchises and shellfish leases.
 - The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact rules became effective June 1, 2025.

- The pot marking requirements, false albacore management, permits, and franchises and shellfish lease rules became effective June 1, 2026, following the legislative review process.

Action Needed

The MFC will be asked to vote on approval of the final determination of its rules in support of the Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules per N.C.G.S. § 150B-21.3A following the public comment process.

Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules (335 rules)

North Carolina N.C.G.S. § 150B-21.3A, enacted in 2013, requires state agencies to review existing rules every 10 years in accordance with a prescribed process that includes a report phase, followed by rule readoption. To comply with the periodic review schedule adopted by the RRC for the second iteration of the requirements, the MFC gave approval at its February 2026 business meeting of the initial agency determination of each of its rules as “necessary” to proceed to public notice for four groups of rules, per N.C.G.S. § 150B-21.3A:

- 15A NCAC 03Q .0100 (9 rules);
- ALL OTHER 15A NCAC 03 RULES (194 rules);
- 15A NCAC 10C .0100 (11 rules); and
- 15A NCAC 18A .0100, .0300-.0900, .3400 (132 rules).

The public comment period for the reports on these four groups of rules was determined to be March 2 through May 1, 2026. All the rules are in Title 15A, which is the Department of Environmental Quality. The nine MFC rules in 15A NCAC 03Q .0100 are jointly adopted with the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC). The 11 WRC rules in 15A NCAC 10C .0100 are jointly adopted with the MFC. All 20 jointly adopted rules set requirements for joint fishing waters. Rules in Chapter 03 are for the management of marine fisheries, while rules in Subchapter 18A are for the management of shellfish sanitation and recreational water quality.

Now that the public comment period has concluded, the MFC must review the public comments and prepare a brief response addressing the merits of each comment. No public comments were received so the proposed final determinations are unchanged: each rule remains classified as “necessary”. This information becomes the final report and is scheduled to be voted on by the MFC for approval at its August 2026 business meeting. A copy of the four reports is included in the rulemaking section of the briefing materials.

The final reports are then submitted to the RRC, which, if approved, are forwarded to the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee for final determination. The MFC’s reports are due to the RRC for its January (15A NCAC 03Q .0100; all other 03 rules; 10C .0100) and March (15A NCAC 18A .0100, .0300-.0900, .3400) 2027 meetings.

The second part of the process is the re-adoption of rules. The final report determines the process for re-adoption. A necessary rule must be readopted as if it was a new rule. An unnecessary rule will expire at the end of the report process and be removed from the N.C. Administrative Code. The RRC works with each agency to consider the agency’s rulemaking priorities in establishing

a deadline for the re-adoption of rules. This consultation process is expected to occur in the spring or summer of 2027. It is anticipated that the MFC will need to readopt all 335 of its rules that are subject to the Periodic Review requirements as if they are new rules. Rules can be amended during readoption and fiscal analysis of the rules will still be required. Based on the MFC's rulemaking priorities, the readoption process is expected to take several years to complete.

2026-2027 Rulemaking Cycle (1 rule)

ATLANTIC BONITO MANAGEMENT (15A NCAC 03M .0524)

At its May 2024 business meeting, the MFC passed a motion to request DMF staff develop an issue paper for Atlantic bonito management, including landings information and proposed rule language, using the previous sheepshead issue paper (February 11, 2013) as a model to follow. Discussions among commissioners noted concerns expressed by recreational stakeholders about angler behavior changing in targeting Atlantic bonito in more recent years and the potential need to implement a recreational bag limit. Further concerns expressed by the MFC identified limited information about Atlantic bonito in this part of the Atlantic Ocean and no measure of stock status for the population, and whether these recent increases in recreational catches may not be due to more fish, but rather due to changes in fishing tactics and new technologies available to recreational anglers to improve their success in catching Atlantic bonito when available in state waters. Commissioners did not express concern for commercial catches due to a limited shelf life as a fresh product and not being desirable frozen as likely reasons behind no similar increase in commercial harvest occurring. Potential waste of the resource was discussed, since there are no current limits on Atlantic bonito. The MFC also identified the need to learn more about the fisheries and develop a rule to implement regulations to get ahead of a potential problem.

Commissioners continued discussions on Atlantic bonito at the August and November 2024, and May 2025 MFC business meetings with an urgency to be proactive in their management and continued to stress the need to implement a bag limit in the recreational fishery. After key DMF vacancies were filled, DMF staff presented background information about the life history and catch characteristics of Atlantic bonito to the MFC at its August 2025 business meeting. Commissioners discussed that Atlantic bonito appear to behave differently off southeast North Carolina than in other locations along the coast, showing preference for structure and pondered if these preferences are associated with spawning, thereby making Atlantic bonito more vulnerable to harvest. Commissioners mentioned that the presentation illustrated the increasing trends in recreational landings with smaller fish being caught in recent years and discussed the potential for implementing both a bag limit and possibly a size limit on the recreational sector. The MFC passed a motion to ask the DMF staff to bring proposed rulemaking language for a five-fish recreational bag limit per person (per day) for Atlantic bonito to its November 2025 business meeting, a request DMF staff fulfilled.

The DMF developed an [issue paper for the management of Atlantic bonito](https://www.deq.nc.gov/marine-fisheries/marine-fisheries-commission/february-2026/atlantic-bonito-issue-paper/open)¹ containing background information, authority for management, and discussion of potential management options, including proposed rule options. The issue paper was presented to the MFC at its

¹ <https://www.deq.nc.gov/marine-fisheries/marine-fisheries-commission/february-2026/atlantic-bonito-issue-paper/open>

February 2026 business meeting when it selected Option 4 as its preferred management option for Atlantic bonito. Upon the effective date of the proposed rule, this option would implement a five-fish recreational bag limit per person per day and delegate authority to the Fisheries Director to implement additional harvest restrictions by proclamation; however, additional steps would be required before issuance of a proclamation. Any harvest restrictions beyond the five-fish recreational bag limit would undergo a process including the DMF presenting the most recent data to the MFC, MFC consent that harvest restrictions are needed based on the data, outreach and education to the regulated public that management will change, and identification of an appropriate effective date for the proclamation that would be issued to implement the restrictions so the regulated public can prepare.

Following the February 2026 MFC business meeting, DMF staff developed a [fiscal analysis of the proposed rule](#)² that was approved by the Office of State Budget and Management. At its May 2026 business meeting, the MFC approved Notice of Text for Rulemaking to begin the process as part of its 2026-2027 annual rulemaking cycle. A table showing the timing of the steps in the process is included in the rulemaking section of the briefing materials.

On August 3, 2026, the proposed rule was published in the *N.C. Register*, beginning the public comment process; a news release was issued. These materials are also in the rulemaking section of the briefing materials. A public hearing is scheduled to be held on August 26, 2026, at 6 p.m. via WebEx with a listening station in Morehead City. The public comment period will close October 2, 2026. Any comments received will be presented to the MFC at its November 2026 business meeting when it is scheduled to vote on final approval of the rule. The proposed rule is subject to legislative review per Session Law 2019-198 and N.C.G.S. § 14-4.1 and could possibly be effective following the legislative review process in the 2027 long session; however, the timing is such that the legislative review process may not occur until the 2028 short session. The earliest possible effective date of the rule would be in spring 2027.

² <https://www.deq.nc.gov/deq2026-04-30-updated-bonito-approved-notepdf/open>



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June 5, 2026

New Marine Fisheries rules now in effect

MOREHEAD CITY – Eleven new and amended Marine Fisheries Commission rules are now in effect, including rules pertaining to False Albacore management, pot marking requirements, shellfish leases and franchises and various permits.

False Albacore Management: One new rule, 15A NCAC 03M .0523, delegates authority to the Fisheries Director to issue a public notice, called a "proclamation," to manage the False Albacore fishery if landings exceed a predetermined threshold. Prior consent from the Marine Fisheries Commission is required. Until now, False Albacore (*Euthynnus alletteratus*), also known as "little tunny," has not been managed at the state or federal level in North Carolina or in any Atlantic waters on the East Coast except Massachusetts. The rule establishes means to manage this fishery in North Carolina in case the fishery continues to expand.

Pot Marking Requirements – One amendment to 15A NCAC 03J .0301 reduces the burden on stakeholders who use pots for fishing by only requiring one form of pot identification, instead of two forms, which had been required. The agency coordinated with N.C. Marine Patrol to conclude that one form of identification is sufficient for marking pots. The proposed changes are in response to feedback from stakeholders and an internal review of processes.

Shellfish Leases and Franchises Rule Amendments: Amendments to 5 rules (15A (NCAC 03I .0101, 03O .0201, .0207, .0208, .0210) codify current procedures and align rules with state laws by:

- Removing franchises from productions requirements and termination procedures.
- Clarifying that production requirements for shellfish leases are based on the date a shellfish lease was granted or last renewed.
- Clarifying who determines eligibility for additional shellfish lease acreage, the time at which the determination of eligibility for additional acreage occurs, what is

considered additional shellfish lease acreage and what is considered acres under a shellfish lease.

Permit Rule Amendments – Amendments to five rules (15A NCAC 03I .0101, .0114, 03O .0501-.0503):

- Require any seafood dealer that reports trip tickets electronically to report quota monitoring logs electronically.
- Codify four permits in permanent rule that have been required by proclamation, including a dealer permit for the estuarine flounder fishery and the Estuarine Gill Net Permit. There are no changes to the permit requirements.
- Clarify a fish dealer is required to submit a trip ticket for fish not sold, consistent with the North Carolina Mandatory Harvest Reporting law and MFC rules for commercial harvest reporting requirements.
- Codify into rule a permit condition that has been required by proclamation that makes it unlawful to refuse to allow DMF employees to obtain data for the conservation and management of marine and estuarine resources.
- Broaden the definition of "educational institution" to include schools and educational organizations.
- Add links to webpages in rules for supporting information that can change frequently.
- Repeal the Horseshoe Crab Biomedical Use Permit due to lack of use. Harvest continues to be allowed during the open commercial bait harvest season.
- Add email as an additional means to satisfy call-in requirements for the Scientific or Educational Activity Permit and Weekend Trawling for Live Shrimp Permit.
- Remove the requirement to notarize a permit application and, instead, require only the initial permit general condition form to be notarized.

Full text of the rule changes can be found [in the June 1, 2026 Supplement to the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules April 1, 2020](#).

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2024-2025 Annual Rulemaking Cycle

August 2026

Time of Year	Action
February-July 2024	Fiscal analysis of rules prepared by DMF staff and approved by Office of State Budget and Management
Aug. 23, 2024	MFC approved Notice of Text for Rulemaking
Oct. 1, 2024	Publication of proposed rules in the <i>North Carolina Register</i>
Oct. 1-Dec. 2, 2024	Public comment period held
Oct. 30, 2024, 6 p.m.	Public hearing held via WebEx with listening station
March 12, 2025	MFC received public comments and gave final approval of eight permanent rules
April 24, 2025	Two rules subject to legislative review approved by Office of Administrative Hearings/Rules Review Commission (15A NCAC 03J .0301, 03M .0523)
May 29, 2025	Five rules approved by Office of Administrative Hearings/Rules Review Commission and one rule withdrawn (15A NCAC 03O .0600)
June 1, 2025	Effective date of five rules not automatically subject to legislative review
June 1, 2025	Rulebook supplement available online
June 1, 2026	Effective date of two rules subject to legislative review per S.L. 2019-198 and G.S. 14-4.1, and G.S. 150B-21.3
June 5, 2026	Rulebook supplement available online

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2025-2026 Annual Rulemaking Cycle

August 2026

Time of Year	Action
February-April 2025	Fiscal analysis of rules prepared by DMF staff and approved by Office of State Budget and Management
May 22, 2025	MFC approved Notice of Text for Rulemaking
Aug. 1, 2025	Publication of proposed rules in the <i>North Carolina Register</i>
Aug. 1-Sept. 30, 2025	Public comment period held
Aug. 26, 2025, 6 p.m.	Public hearing held via WebEx with listening station
Nov. 20, 2025	MFC received public comments and gave final approval of permanent rules
Dec. 18, 2025	Rules approved by Office of Administrative Hearings/ Rules Review Commission
June 1, 2026	Effective date of rules subject to legislative review per S.L. 2019-37, Section 3, as amended by S.L. 2024-32, Section 5.(a); and S.L. 2019-198 and G.S. 14-4.1
June 5, 2026	Rulebook supplement available online



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July 31, 2026

Comment period opens, public hearing scheduled for one marine fisheries rule

MOREHEAD CITY –The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) will begin accepting public comment on Monday, Aug. 3, for a proposed rule that would set a five-fish recreational bag limit for Atlantic bonito.

The rule would also authorize the Director of the NC Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to implement additional management measures by proclamation with prior consent of the MFC.

The public may comment on the proposed rule at a public hearing or in writing.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held by WebEx on Aug. 26, 2026, at 6 p.m. A listening location will be established at the Division of Marine Fisheries' Central District Office.

The public may join the meeting online. Those who wish to comment during the hearing must register to speak by noon on the day of the hearing. Those who wish to speak at the listening location may sign up when they arrive.

WHO:	Marine Fisheries Commission
WHAT:	Public Hearing for Proposed Rules
WHEN:	Aug. 26, 2026, at 6 p.m.
WHERE:	Meeting by Web Conference Click Here for Links
LISTENING LOCATION:	NC Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office 5285 Highway 70 West Morehead City, NC 28557

Written Comments

Members of the public may also submit written comments through an [online form](#) or through the mail to:

N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules Comments
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, N.C. 28557

Comments must be posted online or received by DMF by 5 p.m. Oct. 2, 2026.

Links to the public hearing registration form and online comment form, as well as text of the proposed rule and links to join the meeting, can be found on the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission's [2026-2027 Proposed Rules Webpage](#).

The proposed rule will be presented to the MFC for final approval in November 2026. If approved, the earliest effective date of the rule would be in 2027 pending legislative review.

For questions about the MFC rulemaking process, email [Catherine Blum](#), rules coordinator for the DMF.

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GENERAL

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- (1) temporary rules;
- (2) text of proposed rules;
- (3) text of permanent rules approved by the Rules Review Commission;
- (4) emergency rules
- (5) Executive Orders of the Governor;
- (6) final decision letters from the U.S. Attorney General concerning changes in laws affecting voting in a jurisdiction subject of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as required by G.S. 120-30.9H; and
- (7) other information the Codifier of Rules determines to be helpful to the public.

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FILING DEADLINES

ISSUE DATE: The Register is published on the first and fifteen of each month if the first or fifteenth of the month is not a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday for employees mandated by the State Human Resources Commission. If the first or fifteenth of any month is a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday for State employees, the North Carolina Register issue for that day will be published on the day of that month after the first or fifteenth that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday for State employees.

LAST DAY FOR FILING: The last day for filing for any issue is 15 days before the issue date excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays for State employees.

NOTICE OF TEXT

EARLIEST DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: The hearing date shall be at least 15 days but not later than 60 days after the date a notice of the hearing is published.

END OF REQUIRED COMMENT PERIOD
An agency shall accept comments on the text of a proposed rule for at least 60 days after the text is published.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT TO THE RULES REVIEW COMMISSION: The Commission shall review a rule submitted to it on or before the twentieth of a month by the last day of the next month.

Board shall grant up to 200 additional hours if the applicant can demonstrate that further training or course-work related to the private protective services industry was received while obtaining the bachelor's degree.

- (3) An applicant shall receive 1,200 hours of experience credit for a graduate degree. The Board shall grant an additional 300 additional hours if the applicant can demonstrate that further training or course-work related to the private protective services industry was received while obtaining the graduate degree.

(d) Persons licensed under Chapter 74D of the General Statutes of North Carolina may be issued a limited guard and patrol license exclusively for providing armed alarm responders.

Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-8; 93B-15.1.

SECTION .0700 - SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION (UNARMED)

14B NCAC 16 .0705 UNARMED SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION CARDS

(a) The registration identification card shall be carried by the unarmed security guard registrant when performing the duties of a private protective services employee.

(b) The registration identification card shall be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement officer or any other authorized representative of the Board.

(c) Registration identification card holders shall within five business days notify the Board upon receipt of any information relating to the holder's eligibility to continue holding such a card.

(d) The guard transfer online ~~form~~ form, a statement of the results of a statewide criminal history records search by the reporting service designated by the Board pursuant to G.S. 74C-8.1(a) for each state where the applicant has resided within the preceding 12 months, and fee shall be submitted to the Board by the employer within ~~40~~ 30 days of the ~~beginning of permanent, non-probationary~~ employment.

~~(e) Upon revocation or suspension by the Board, a holder shall return the registration identification card to the administrator within 10 days of the date of the revocation or suspension.~~

Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-11.

SECTION .1300 – ARMORED CAR SERVICE GUARD REGISTRATION (UNARMED)

14B NCAC 16 .1305 UNARMED ARMORED CAR SERVICE GUARD REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION CARDS

(a) A registration identification card shall be carried by ~~an~~ the armored car service guard registrant when performing the duties of a private protective services employee.

(b) The registration identification card shall be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement officer or any authorized representative of the Board.

(c) Registration identification card holders shall within five business days notify the Board following receipt of any

information relating to the holder's eligibility to continue holding the card.

(d) The guard transfer ~~form~~ form, a statement of the results of a statewide criminal history records search by the reporting service designated by the Board pursuant to G.S. 74C-8.1(a) for each state where the applicant has resided within the preceding 12 months, and fee shall be submitted to the Board by the employer within ~~40~~ 30 days of the ~~beginning of permanent, non-probationary~~ employment.

~~(e) Upon revocation or suspension by the Board, a holder shall return the registration identification card to the Director within 10 days of the date of the revocation or suspension.~~

Authority G.S. 74C-3; 74C-5.

TITLE 15A – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Marine Fisheries Commission intends to adopt the rule cited as 15A NCAC 03M .0524.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c):
<https://deq.nc.gov/mfc-proposed-rules>

Proposed Effective Date: *Subject to Legislative Review*

Public Hearing:

Date: *August 26, 2026*

Time: *6:00 p.m.*

Location: *WebEx Register link: <https://ncgov.webex.com/weblink/register/rd413a5ff71720d465fd9b2fe0fe71df9> WebEx Events meeting link: <https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/j.php?MTID=md3d30700b6f0c3c5fe2ba5308cd59903> Webinar number: 2439 876 2166 Webinar password: 1234 Webinar phone number: 1-415-655-0003 Access code: 2439 876 2166 Listening station: Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office, 5285 Highway 70 West, Morehead City, NC 28557*

Reason for Proposed Action: *The proposed rule adoption would implement a five-fish bag limit and otherwise delegate proclamation authority to the Fisheries Director to manage the Atlantic bonito (Sarda sarda) fishery, with prior consent of the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) before a proclamation is issued. Landings of Atlantic bonito from the recreational sector have increased in state waters over the last 10 years, and North Carolina accounts for 22% of the overall coastwide landings. Trends in the number of recreationally harvested fish have increased while trends in the number of released fish have remained stable over this time. Atlantic bonito is incidentally caught by commercial fishers pursuing other species; there is not a targeted fishery at this time. Atlantic bonito has a limited shelf life as a fresh product and is not desirable in frozen form. Little information exists on the status of Atlantic bonito in North Carolina, so their stock status is considered unknown, and the species is not managed at either the state or federal level, except Massachusetts. The MFC is seeking to adopt a rule to have the*

ability to manage this fishery as more data continues to be collected and the apparent popularity of the recreational fishery increases.

Comments may be submitted to: Catherine Blum, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557

Written comments may also be submitted via an online form available at <https://deq.nc.gov/mfc-proposed-rules>.

Comment period ends: October 2, 2026

Rule(s) is automatically subject to legislative review: S.L. 2019-198

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- ☐ State funds affected
- ☐ Local funds affected
- ☐ Substantial economic impact ($\geq$ \$1,000,000)
- ☒ Approved by OSBM
- ☐ No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 03 - MARINE FISHERIES

SUBCHAPTER 03M - FINFISH

SECTION .0500 – OTHER FINFISH

15A NCAC 03M .0524 ATLANTIC BONITO

(a) It shall be unlawful to possess more than five Atlantic bonito per person per day for recreational purposes.

(b) The Fisheries Director may, with prior consent of the Marine Fisheries Commission, by proclamation and pursuant to 15A NCAC 03H .0103, impose any of the following requirements on the taking of Atlantic bonito:

- (1) specify time;
- (2) specify area;
- (3) specify means and methods;
- (4) specify season;
- (5) specify size; and
- (6) specify quantity, except as provided in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52.

TITLE 21 - OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CHAPTER 06 - BARBER AND ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners intends to adopt the rule cited as 21 NCAC 06O .0202, and amend the rules cited as 21 NCAC 06O .0101-.0104, .0118, and .0121.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.bbee.nc.gov/news/rulemaking>

Proposed Effective Date: December 1, 2026

Public Hearing:

Date: August 19, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: By videoconference at <https://bit.ly/august-2026-rulemaking-hearing> or by telephone at 984-204-1487, conference ID 752 885 07#

Reason for Proposed Action: *The board is increasing or establishing various civil penalties to improve the board's ability to prevent unlawful practice of barbering, electrolysis, and laser hair practice.*

Comments may be submitted to: Dennis Seavers, 7001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-7000; phone (919) 814-0641; email dennis.seavers@nc.gov

Comment period ends: October 2, 2026

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit a written objection to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive letters via U.S. Mail, private courier service, or hand delivery to 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, or via email to oah.rules@oah.nc.gov. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please review 26 NCAC 05 .0110 or call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- ☐ State funds affected
- ☐ Local funds affected
- ☐ Substantial economic impact ($\geq$ \$1,000,000)
- ☐ Approved by OSBM
- ☒ No fiscal note required

SUBCHAPTER 06O – CIVIL PENALTY

21 NCAC 06O .0101 SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES

The rules in this Subchapter establish the schedule of civil penalties required by ~~G.S. 86A-27(e)~~; G.S. 86B-10(c). The amounts stated are the presumptive amounts that may be modified in accordance with ~~G.S. 86A-27(b)~~; G.S. 86B-10(b).

Authority ~~G.S. 86A-5(a)(6); 86A-27; G.S. 86B-2; 86B-10.~~

N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

2026-2027 Annual Rulemaking Cycle

August 2026

Time of Year	Action
February-April 2026	Fiscal analysis of rule prepared by DMF staff and approved by Office of State Budget and Management
May 14, 2026	MFC votes to approve Notice of Text for Rulemaking
August 3, 2026	Publication of proposed rule in the <i>North Carolina Register</i>
August 3 - October 2, 2026	Public comment period held
August 26, 2026, 6 p.m.	Public hearing held via WebEx with listening station at NCDEQ Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office at 5285 Highway 70 West, Morehead City
November 17-18, 2026	MFC receives public comments and votes on final approval of permanent rule
December 2026 or January 2027	Rule reviewed by Office of Administrative Hearings/ Rules Review Commission
2027 or 2028 legislative session	Possible effective date of rule subject to legislative review per S.L. 2019-198 and G.S. 14-4.1
2027 or 2028 legislative session	Rulebook supplement available online pending legislative review process

Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules

August 2026 Quarterly Business Meeting

Documents

Final Draft Periodic Review Report for
15A NCAC 03Q .0100

Final Draft Periodic Review Report for
All Other Rules in 15A NCAC 03

Final Draft Periodic Review Report for
15A NCAC 10C .0100

Final Draft Periodic Review Report for
15A NCAC 18A .0100, .0300-.0900, .3400

G.S. 150B-21.3A Report for 15A NCAC 03Q - Section .0100, JURISDICTION OF AGENCIES: CLASSIFICATION OF WATERS												
Agency - Marine Fisheries Commission and Wildlife Resources Commission												
Comment Period - March 2 - May 1, 2026												
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SUBCHAPTER 03Q JURISDICTION OF AGENCIES: CLASSIFICATION OF WATERS	SECTION .0100 GENERAL REGULATIONS: JOINT	15A NCAC 03Q .0101	SCOPE AND PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03Q .0102	INLAND FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03Q .0103	COASTAL FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03Q .0104	JOINT FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03Q .0105	POSTING DIVIDING LINES	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03Q .0106	APPLICABILITY OF RULES: JOINT FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03Q .0107	SPECIAL REGULATIONS: JOINT FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03Q .0108	MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTUARINE STRIPED BASS IN JOINT FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03Q .0109	IMPLEMENTATION OF ESTUARINE STRIPED BASS MANAGEMENT PLANS: RECREATIONAL FISHING	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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SUBCHAPTER 03H – SCOPE OF MANAGEMENT	SECTION .0100 – SCOPE OF MANAGEMENT	15A NCAC 03H .0102	SCOPE OF MANAGEMENT	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03H .0103	PROCLAMATIONS, GENERAL	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
SUBCHAPTER 03I – GENERAL RULES	SECTION .0100 – GENERAL RULES	15A NCAC 03I .0101	DEFINITIONS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0102	TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF RULES	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0103	CONFISCATION AND DISPOSITION	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0104	INTRODUCE, TRANSFER, OR HOLD IMPORTED MARINE AND ESTUARINE ORGANISMS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0105	LEAVING DEVICES UNATTENDED	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0107	ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0108	OCEAN FISHING PIERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0109	RESEARCH SANCTUARIES	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0110	MILITARY DANGER ZONES AND RESTRICTED AREAS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0113	DATA COLLECTION	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0114	RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0115	REPLACEMENT COSTS OF MARINE AND ESTUARINE RESOURCES FISH	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0116	CORAL AND LIVE ROCK	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0118	DISPOSAL OF EVIDENCE	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
SUBCHAPTER 03J NETS, POTS, DREDGES, AND OTHER FISHING DEVICES	SECTION .0100 NET RULES, GENERAL	15A NCAC 03I .0119	PROHIBITED FISHING ACTIVITY DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0120	POSSESSION OR TRANSPORTATION LIMITS THROUGH STATE WATERS; SALE OF NATIVE SPECIES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0121	MAPS AND MARKING	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03I .0122	USER CONFLICT RESOLUTION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0101	FIXED OR STATIONARY NETS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0102	NETS OR NET STAKES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0103	GILL NETS, SEINES, IDENTIFICATION, RESTRICTIONS	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0104	TRAWL NETS	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0105	PURSE SEINES	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0106	CHANNEL NETS	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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Agency - Marine Fisheries Commission

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		15A NCAC 03J .0108	NETS PULLED BY MORE THAN ONE VESSEL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0109	LONG HAUL AND SWIPE NET REQUIREMENTS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0110	SEINES	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0111	FYKE OR HOOP NETS	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 - NET RULES, SPECIFIC AREAS	15A NCAC 03J .0202	ATLANTIC OCEAN	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0203	CHOWAN RIVER AND MEHERRIN RIVER	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0204	CURRITUCK SOUND AND ITS TRIBUTARIES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0206	SOUTHPORT BOAT HARBOR	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0207	NUCLEAR PLANT INTAKE CANAL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0208	NEW RIVER	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0209	ALBEMARLE SOUND AND CHOWAN RIVER RIVER HERRING MANAGEMENT AREAS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 - POTS, DREDGES, AND OTHER FISHING DEVICES	15A NCAC 03J .0301	POTS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0302	RECREATIONAL USE OF POTS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0303	DREDGES AND MECHANICAL METHODS PROHIBITED	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0304	ELECTRICAL FISHING DEVICE IN CAPE FEAR RIVER	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0305	TROT LINES (MULTIPLE HOOK OR MULTIPLE BAIT)	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0306	HOOK AND LINE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0400 FISHING GEAR	15A NCAC 03J .0401	FISHING GEAR	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0402	FISHING GEAR RESTRICTIONS	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0404	OCEAN ARTIFICIAL REEF GEAR RESTRICTIONS	Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0500 – POUND NETS	15A NCAC 03J .0501	DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS FOR POUND NETS AND POUND NET SETS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0502	POUND NET SET PERMIT APPLICATION AND PROCESSING	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0503	POUND NET SET PERMIT RENEWAL	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0504	POUND NET SET PERMIT TRANSFER	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03J .0505	POUND NET SET PERMIT CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
SUBCHAPTER 03K - OYSTERS, CLAMS, SCALLOPS, AND MUSSELS	SECTION .0100 – SHELLFISH, GENERAL	15A NCAC 03K .0101	PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN POLLUTED SHELLFISH AREAS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0102	RAKES PROHIBITED	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0103	SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT AREAS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0105	RECREATIONAL HARVEST OF SHELLFISH	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0106	TAKING OR UNLOADING OYSTERS AND CLAMS ON SUNDAY OR AT NIGHT	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0107	DEPURATION OF CLAMS AND OYSTERS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0108	DREDGES AND MECHANICAL METHODS PROHIBITED	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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		15A NCAC 03K .0109	SHELLFISH HARVEST TAGS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0110	PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONTROL OF OYSTERS, CLAMS, SCALLOPS, AND MUSSELS	Amended Eff. August 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 – OYSTERS	15A NCAC 03K .0201	OYSTER HARVEST MANAGEMENT	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0202	CULLING REQUIREMENTS FOR OYSTERS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0204	MECHANICAL METHODS FOR OYSTERING PROHIBITED	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0205	MARKETING OYSTERS TAKEN FROM A SHELLFISH LEASE OR FRANCHISE	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0207	OYSTER SIZE AND HARVEST LIMIT EXEMPTIONS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0208	SEED OYSTER MANAGEMENT AREAS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0209	OYSTER SANCTUARIES	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 HARD CLAMS (MERCENARIA)	15A NCAC 03K .0301	SIZE AND HARVEST LIMITS OF CLAMS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0302	MECHANICAL HARVEST OF CLAMS FROM PUBLIC BOTTOM	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0304	PROHIBITED TAKING OF CLAMS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0305	CLAM SIZE AND HARVEST LIMIT EXEMPTIONS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0400 RANGIA CLAMS	15A NCAC 03K .0402	SIZE AND HARVEST LIMITS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0404	DREDGES AND MECHANICAL METHODS PROHIBITED AND OPEN SEASON	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0500 - SCALLOPS	15A NCAC 03K .0501	BAY SCALLOP HARVEST MANAGEMENT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0502	TAKING BAY SCALLOPS AT NIGHT AND ON WEEKENDS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0503	BAY SCALLOP DREDGE PROHIBITED	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0504	CALICO SCALLOP HARVEST MANAGEMENT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0505	SEA SCALLOPS SIZE LIMIT AND TOLERANCE	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0507	MARKETING SCALLOPS TAKEN FROM A SHELLFISH LEASE OR FRANCHISE	Amended Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03K .0508	SCALLOP AQUACULTURE HARVEST EXEMPTIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
SUBCHAPTER 03L – SHRIMP, CRAB, AND LOBSTER	SECTION .0100 - SHRIMP	15A NCAC 03L .0101	SHRIMP HARVEST RESTRICTIONS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03L .0102	WEEKEND SHRIMPING PROHIBITED	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03L .0103	PROHIBITED NETS, MESH LENGTHS, AND AREAS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03L .0105	RECREATIONAL SHRIMP LIMITS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 – CRAB	15A NCAC 03L .0201	CRAB HARVEST RESTRICTIONS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03L .0202	CRAB TRAWLING	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03L .0203	CRAB DREDGING	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03L .0204	CRAB POTS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03L .0205	CRAB SPAWNING SANCTUARIES	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03L .0207	HORSESHOE CRABS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03L .0208	STONE CRABS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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		15A NCAC 03L .0210	REPACKING OF FOREIGN CRAB MEAT PROHIBITED	Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 – LOBSTER	15A NCAC 03L .0301	AMERICAN LOBSTER (NORTHERN LOBSTER)	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03L .0302	SPINY LOBSTER	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
SUBCHAPTER 03M - FINFISH	SECTION .0100 – FINFISH, GENERAL	15A NCAC 03M .0101	MUTILATED FINFISH	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0102	UNMARKETABLE FINFISH	Readopted April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0103	MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 STRIPED BASS	15A NCAC 03M .0201	STRIPED BASS REQUIREMENTS; GENERAL	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0202	STRIPED BASS SEASON, SIZE, AND HARVEST LIMIT: INTERNAL WATERS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0204	STRIPED BASS SEASON, SIZE, AND HARVEST LIMIT: ATLANTIC OCEAN	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0205	STRIPED BASS; PROHIBITED TRAWLING	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 - SPANISH AND KING MACKEREL	15A NCAC 03M .0302	PURSE GILL NET PROHIBITED	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0501	RED DRUM	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0500 – OTHER FINFISH	15A NCAC 03M .0502	MULLET	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0503	FLOUNDER	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0506	SNAPPER GROUPER COMPLEX	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0507	BILLFISH	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0508	STURGEON	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0509	TARPON	Readopted Eff. March 17, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0510	AMERICAN EEL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0512	COMPLIANCE WITH FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0513	RIVER HERRING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0515	DOLPHIN	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0517	WAHOO	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0518	KINGFISHES (SEA MULLET)	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0519	SHAD	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0520	TUNA	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0521	SHEEPSHEAD	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03M .0522	SPOTTED SEATROUT	Eff. May 1, 2017	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
SUBCHAPTER 03N - FISH HABITAT AREAS		15A NCAC 03N .0101	SCOPE AND PURPOSE	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03N .0103	NURSERY AREA BOUNDARIES	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03N .0104	PROHIBITED GEAR, PRIMARY NURSERY AREAS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03N .0105	PROHIBITED GEAR, SECONDARY NURSERY AREAS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03N .0106	ANADROMOUS FISH SPAWNING AREA BOUNDARIES	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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SUBCHAPTER 030 - LICENSES, LEASES, FRANCHISES, AND PERMITS	SECTION .0100 - LICENSES	15A NCAC 030 .0101	PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN LICENSES, ENDORSEMENTS, AND COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL REGISTRATIONS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0102	PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS TO RENEW LICENSES, ENDORSEMENTS, AND COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL REGISTRATIONS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0103	AUXILIARY VESSELS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0104	COMMERCIAL UNLOADING OF FISH	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0105	REQUIREMENTS FOR MUSSEL DEALERS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0106	DISPLAY OF LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0107	LICENSE REPLACEMENT AND FEES	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0108	LICENSE AND COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL REGISTRATION TRANSFERS	Readopted Eff. March 17, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0109	ASSIGNMENT OF STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0110	LICENSE REFUNDS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0111	SURRENDER OF LICENSES	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0112	FOR-HIRE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0113	OCEAN FISHING PIER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0114	SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, AND REISSUANCE OF LICENSES	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 – SHELLFISH LEASES AND FRANCHISES	15A NCAC 030 .0201	STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SHELLFISH LEASES AND FRANCHISES	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0202	SHELLFISH LEASE APPLICATIONS	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0203	SHELLFISH LEASE APPLICATION PROCESSING	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0204	MARKING SHELLFISH LEASES AND FRANCHISES	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0205	SHELLFISH LEASE RENEWAL	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0206	SHELLFISH LEASE APPLICATION: REQUEST FOR REVIEW	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0207	SHELLFISH LEASE AND FRANCHISE PRODUCTION REPORTS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0208	TERMINATION PROCEDURES FOR SHELLFISH LEASES AND FRANCHISES	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0209	ASSIGNMENT OF SHELLFISH LEASES AND FRANCHISES	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0210	STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FRANCHISES	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 030 .0211	FISHING GEAR REQUIREMENTS FOR SHELLFISH LEASES AND FRANCHISES	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 – RECREATIONAL COMMERCIAL GEAR LICENSES	15A NCAC 030 .0301	ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL COMMERCIAL GEAR LICENSES	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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		15A NCAC 03O .0302	AUTHORIZED GEAR FOR RECREATIONAL COMMERCIAL GEAR LICENSES	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03O .0303	POSSESSION LIMITS FOR RECREATIONAL COMMERCIAL GEAR LICENSES	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0400 – STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY	15A NCAC 03O .0401	STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY BOARD	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03O .0402	STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION PROCESS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03O .0403	STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY BOARD REVIEW	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03O .0404	STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03O .0405	STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY POOL APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03O .0406	STANDARD COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY POOL CERTIFICATION	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0500 - PERMITS	15A NCAC 03O .0501	PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN PERMITS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03O .0502	GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03O .0503	PERMIT CONDITIONS; SPECIFIC	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03O .0504	SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF PERMITS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03O .0506	SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT PURPOSES	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
SUBCHAPTER 03P - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES	SECTION .0100 - HEARING PROCEDURES	15A NCAC 03P .0101	LICENSE, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE DENIAL: REQUEST FOR REVIEW	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03P .0102	CONTESTED CASE HEARING PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 - DECLARATORY RULINGS	15A NCAC 03P .0201	DECLARATORY RULINGS: GENERALLY	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03P .0202	PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING DECLARATORY RULINGS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03P .0203	DISPOSITION OF REQUESTS FOR DECLARATORY RULING	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 - PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING	15A NCAC 03P .0301	FORM AND CONTENTS OF PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03P .0302	REVIEW OF RULEMAKING PETITIONS BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03P .0303	PRESENTATION OF RULEMAKING PETITIONS TO THE COMMISSION	Readopted Eff. June 1 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
SUBCHAPTER 03Q - JURISDICTION OF AGENCIES: CLASSIFICATION OF WATERS	SECTION .0200 - BOUNDARY LINES: COASTAL-JOINT-INLAND FISHING WATERS	15A NCAC 03Q .0201	SPECIFIC CLASSIFICATION OF WATERS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03Q .0202	DESCRIPTIVE BOUNDARIES FOR COASTAL-JOINT-INLAND WATERS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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SUBCHAPTER 03R DESCRIPTIVE BOUNDARIES	SECTION .0100 - DESCRIPTIVE BOUNDARIES	15A NCAC 03R .0101	SEA TURTLE SANCTUARY	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0102	MILITARY DANGER ZONES AND RESTRICTED AREAS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0103	PRIMARY NURSERY AREAS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0104	PERMANENT SECONDARY NURSERY AREAS	Amended Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0105	SPECIAL SECONDARY NURSERY AREAS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0106	TRAWL NETS PROHIBITED	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0107	DESIGNATED POT AREAS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0108	MECHANICAL METHODS PROHIBITED TO TAKE OYSTERS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0109	TAKING CRABS WITH DREDGES	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0110	CRAB SPAWNING SANCTUARIES	Amended Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0111	PURSE SEINES PROHIBITED	Amended Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0112	ATTENDED GILL NET AREAS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0113	POUND NET SET PROHIBITED AREAS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0114	SHRIMP TRAWL PROHIBITED AREAS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0115	ANADROMOUS FISH SPAWNING AREAS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0116	DESIGNATED SEED OYSTER MANAGEMENT AREAS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0117	OYSTER SANCTUARIES	Amended Eff. August 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0118	CRAB HARVEST MANAGEMENT AREAS	Amended Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0119	OCEAN ARTIFICIAL REEFS	Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 – FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREAS	15A NCAC 03R .0201	STRIPED BASS MANAGEMENT AREAS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 03R .0202	RIVER HERRING MANAGEMENT AREAS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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SUBCHAPTER 10C INLAND FISHING REGULATIONS	SECTION .0100 JURISDICTION OF AGENCIES: CLASSIFICATION OF WATERS	15A NCAC 10C .0101	SCOPE AND PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10C .0102	INLAND FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10C .0103	COASTAL FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10C .0104	JOINT FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10C .0105	POSTING DIVIDING LINES	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10C .0106	APPLICABILITY OF RULES: JOINT FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10C .0107	SPECIAL REGULATIONS: JOINT FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10C .0108	SPECIFIC CLASSIFICATION OF WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10C .0109	PROTECTION OF SEA TURTLES	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10C .0110	MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTUARINE STRIPED BASS IN JOINT FISHING WATERS	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 10C .0111	IMPLEMENTATION OF ESTUARINE STRIPED BASS MANAGEMENT PLANS: RECREATIONAL FISHING	Readopted Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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SUBCHAPTER 18A SANITATION	SECTION .0100 – HANDLING, PACKING, AND SHIPPING OF CRUSTACEA MEAT	15A NCAC 18A .0134	DEFINITIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0135	PERMITS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0136	APPLICABILITY OF RULES	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0137	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0138	SUPERVISION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0139	FACILITY FLOODING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0140	FLOORS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0141	WALLS AND CEILINGS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0142	LIGHTING	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0143	VENTILATION	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0144	INSECT CONTROL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0145	RODENT AND ANIMAL CONTROL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0146	PREMISES	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0147	WATER SUPPLY	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0148	ICE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0149	PLUMBING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0150	SEWAGE DISPOSAL	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0151	TOILETS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0152	SOLID WASTE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0153	PERSONAL HYGIENE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0154	EMPLOYEES' PERSONAL ARTICLES	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0155	SUPPLY STORAGE	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0156	EQUIPMENT AND UTENSIL CONSTRUCTION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0157	FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT SANITATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0158	EQUIPMENT STORAGE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0159	SEPARATION OF OPERATIONS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0160	RAW CRUSTACEA RECEIVING AND REFRIGERATION	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0161	CRUSTACEA COOKING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0162	COOKED CRUSTACEA AIR COOL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0163	COOKED CRUSTACEA REFRIGERATION	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0164	COOKED CRUSTACEA PICKING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0165	PACKING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0166	PICKED CRUSTACEA MEAT REFRIGERATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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		15A NCAC 18A .0167	DELIVERY WINDOW OR SHELF	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0168	SINGLE SERVICE CONTAINERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0169	FREEZING	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0170	SHIPPING	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0171	WHOLE CRUSTACEA OR CRUSTACEA PRODUCTS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0172	COOKED CLAW SHIPPING CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0173	REPACKING	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0174	PASTEURIZATION PROCESS CONTROLS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0175	THERMOMETERS PREPARATION OF CRUSTACEA MEAT FOR PASTEURIZATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0176	PASTEURIZATION OF CRUSTACEA MEAT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0177	LABELING OF PASTEURIZED CRUSTACEA MEAT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0178	INTERFACILITY PASTEURIZATION PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0179	RECALL PROCEDURE	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0180	SAMPLING AND TESTING	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0181	EMBARGO OR DISPOSAL OF COOKED CRUSTACEA OR CRUSTACEA MEAT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0182	BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CONTAMINATION STANDARDS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0183	ALTERNATIVE LABELING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0184	THERMAL PROCESSING CONTROLS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0185	THERMOMETERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0186	THERMAL PROCESSING OF CRUSTACEA AND CRUSTACEA MEAT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0187	LABELING OF THERMALLY PROCESSED CRUSTACEA OR CRUSTACEA MEAT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0187	INTERFACILITY THERMAL PROCESSING PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0188	HAZARD ANALYSIS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0189	HACCP PLAN	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0190	SANITATION MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0191	MONITORING RECORDS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 – SANITATION OF SHELLFISH - GENERAL	15A NCAC 18A .0301	DEFINITIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0302	PERMITS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0400 SANITATION OF SHELLFISH GENERAL OPERATION STANDARDS	15A NCAC 18A .0401	APPLICABILITY OF RULES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0402	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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		15A NCAC 18A .0404	CONSTRUCTION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0405	FACILITY FLOODING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0406	FLOORS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0407	WALLS AND CEILINGS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0408	LIGHTING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0409	VENTILATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0410	PEST CONTROL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0412	PLUMBING AND HAND WASHING FACILITIES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0413	WATER SUPPLY	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0414	TOILET FACILITIES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
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		15A NCAC 18A .0419	HARVEST VESSELS AND VEHICLES	Readopted Eff. June 17, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0420	TRANSPORTING SHELLFISH	Readopted Eff. June 17, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0421	RECORDS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0422	SHELLSTOCK CLEANING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0423	SALE OF LIVE SHELLSTOCK	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0424	SHELLFISH RECEIVING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0425	DEALER TAGS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0426	BULK SHIPMENTS BETWEEN SHELLFISH DEALERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0427	SHELLSTOCK STORAGE	Readopted Eff. June 17, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0428	SAMPLING AND TESTING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0429	EMBARGO OR DISPOSAL OF SHELLFISH	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0430	BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CONTAMINATION STANDARDS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0432	PUBLIC DISPLAY OF CONSUMER ADVISORY	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0433	HAZARD ANALYSIS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0434	HACCP PLAN	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0435	SANITATION MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0500 OPERATION OF SHELLSTOCK PLANTS AND RESHIPPIERS	15A NCAC 18A .0501	REQUIREMENTS FOR SHELLSTOCK PLANTS AND RESHIPPIERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0502	GRADING SHELLSTOCK AND COMMINGLING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0504	RESHIPPIERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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	SECTION .0600 OPERATION OF SHELLFISH SHUCKING AND PACKING PLANTS AND REPACKING PLANTS	15A NCAC 18A .0601	REQUIREMENTS FOR SHUCKING AND PACKING PLANTS AND REPACKING PLANTS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0602	SEPARATION OF OPERATIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0603	HOT WATER SYSTEM	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0605	DELIVERY WINDOW OR SHELF	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0606	NON FOOD CONTACT SURFACES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0607	SHUCKING BENCHES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0608	EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0609	SANITIZING EQUIPMENT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0610	EQUIPMENT SANITATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0611	EQUIPMENT STORAGE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0612	ICE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0613	SHELLFISH SHUCKING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0614	CONTAINERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0615	SHELLFISH COOLING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0616	SHELLFISH FREEZING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0618	HEAT SHOCK METHOD OF PREPARATION OF SHELLFISH	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0619	REPACKING OF SHELLFISH	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0620	SHELLFISH THAWING AND REPACKING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0700 OPERATION OF DEPURATION (MECHANICAL PURIFICATION) FACILITIES	15A NCAC 18A .0701	REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPURATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0800 WET STORAGE OF SHELLSTOCK	15A NCAC 18A .0801	REQUIREMENTS FOR WET STORAGE OF SHELLSTOCK	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0900 CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH GROWING WATERS	15A NCAC 18A .0901	DEFINITIONS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0902	CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH GROWING WATERS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0903	SANITARY SURVEY	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0904	APPROVED WATERS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0905	CONDITIONALLY APPROVED WATERS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0906	RESTRICTED AREAS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0907	PROHIBITED WATERS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0909	BUFFER ZONES	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0911	MARINAS, DOCKING FACILITIES, AND OTHER MOORING AREAS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2023	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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		15A NCAC 18A .0913	PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .0914	LABORATORY PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .3400 - COASTAL RECREATIONAL WATERS MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND NOTIFICATION	15A NCAC 18A .3401	DEFINITIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .3402	BACTERIOLOGICAL LIMITS FOR SWIMMING AREAS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .3403	PUBLIC NOTICE OF INCREASED HEALTH RISKS IN SWIMMING AREAS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .3404	SWIMMING ADVISORIES FOR POINT SOURCE DISCHARGES INTO SWIMMING AREAS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		15A NCAC 18A .3405	RESCINDING A PENDING SWIMMING ADVISORY OR SWIMMING ADVISORY	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2021	Necessary	No		No	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One