

pursuant to this section shall be substantively identical to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to Part 3 of Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1), as though 10 or more written objections had been received as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b2).

SECTION 4.(e) Sunset. – This section expires when permanent rules adopted as required by subsection (d) of this section become effective.

MODIFY CERTAIN RULES RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT DENSITY IN WATER SUPPLY WATERSHEDS, AS APPLICABLE IN IREDELL COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE

SECTION 5.(a) Definitions. – For purposes of this section and its implementation, "Water Supply Watershed Project Density Rule" means 15A NCAC 02B .0624 (Water Supply Watershed Protection Program: Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Pollution Control).

SECTION 5.(b) Water Supply Watershed Project Density Rule. – Until the effective date of the revised permanent rule that the Environmental Management Commission is required to adopt pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the Commission shall implement the Water Supply Watershed Project Density Rule as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

SECTION 5.(c) Implementation. – Notwithstanding 15A NCAC 02B .0624(7), Iredell County and the Town of Mooresville may regulate new development outside of WS-I watersheds and the critical areas of WS-II, WS-III, and WS-IV watersheds in accordance with the following requirement: a maximum of twenty percent (20%) of the land area of a water supply watershed outside of the critical area and within the local government's planning jurisdiction may be developed with new development projects and expansions of existing development of up to seventy percent (70%) built-upon area.

SECTION 5.(d) Additional Rulemaking Authority. – The Commission shall adopt a rule to amend the Water Supply Watershed Project Density Rule consistent with subsection (c) of this section. Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-19(4), the rule adopted by the Commission pursuant to this section shall be substantively identical to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to Part 3 of Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1), as though 10 or more written objections had been received as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b2).

SECTION 5.(e) Sunset. – This section expires when permanent rules adopted as required by subsection (d) of this section become effective.

PHASED-IN MANDATORY COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL REPORTING OF CERTAIN FISH HARVESTS

SECTION 6.(a) G.S. 113-170.3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 113-170.3. Record-keeping requirements; requirements; mandatory reporting for certain fisheries.

...
(d) Any person who recreationally harvests a fish listed in this subsection from coastal fishing waters, joint fishing waters, and inland fishing waters adjacent to coastal or joint fishing waters shall report that harvest to the Division of Marine Fisheries within the Department of Environment Quality in a manner consistent with rules adopted by the Marine Fisheries Commission and the Wildlife Resources Commission. The harvest of the following finfish species shall be reported:

- (1) Red Drum.
- (2) Flounder.

- (3) Spotted Seatrout.
- (4) Striped Bass.
- (5) Weakfish.

(e) Any person holding a commercial fishing license engaged in a commercial fishing operation who harvests any fish in coastal or joint fishing waters, regardless of sale, shall report that harvest to the Division of Marine Fisheries within the Department of Environmental Quality in a manner consistent with rules adopted by the Marine Fisheries Commission.

(f) Violation of subsection (d) or (e) of this section shall only be punishable by a verbal warning."

SECTION 6.(b) G.S. 113-170.3(f), as enacted by subsection (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"(f) Violation of subsection (d) or (e) of this section shall only be punishable by a verbal warning-issuance of a warning ticket pursuant to G.S. 113-140. Notwithstanding G.S. 113-140(c), an inspector or protector may issue additional warning tickets for repeat violations of subsection (d) or (e) of this section."

SECTION 6.(c) G.S. 113-170.3(f), as enacted by subsection (a) of this section and amended by subsection (b) of this act, reads as rewritten:

"(f) Violation of subsection (d) or (e) of this section shall only be punishable by issuance of a warning ticket pursuant to G.S. 113-140. Notwithstanding G.S. 113-140(e), a marine fisheries inspector may issue additional warning tickets for repeat violations of subsection (d) or (e) of this section-be an infraction as provided in G.S. 14-3.1, punishable by a fine of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00). A person responsible for an infraction under this subsection shall not be assessed court costs, but the Fisheries Director of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries is authorized to suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue a commercial or recreational fishing license for any individual guilty of an infraction for violations of subsection (d) or (e) of this section pursuant to G.S. 113-171. The Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission is authorized to revoke or refuse to issue a recreational fishing license issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission for any individual guilty of an infraction for violations of subsection (d) or (e) of this section for two consecutive years or upon failure to pay outstanding infraction fines when required to do so."

SECTION 6.(d) The Marine Fisheries Commission and the Wildlife Resources Commission shall adopt temporary rules to implement this section and shall adopt permanent rules to replace the temporary rules. Temporary rules adopted in accordance with this section shall remain in effect until permanent rules that replace the temporary rules become effective.

SECTION 6.(e) The Department of Environmental Quality and the Wildlife Resources Commission shall report on the implementation and response to the fishery reporting requirements imposed by subsection (a) of this section, including potential incentives to encourage reporting, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources no later than May 1 of each year.

SECTION 6.(f) Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective December 1, 2024, and applies to violations committed on or after that date. Subsection (b) of this section becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to violations committed on or after that date. Subsection (c) of this section becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to violations committed on or after that date. The remainder of this section is effective when it becomes law.