## SECTION .0900 - POLICIES ON USE OF COASTAL AIRSPACE

## 15A NCAC 07M .0901 DECLARATION OF GENERAL POLICY

It is hereby declared that the use of aircraft by state, federal and local government agencies for purposes of managing and protecting coastal resources, detecting violations of environmental laws and rules and performing other functions related to the public health, safety and welfare serves a vital public interest. The Commission further finds that future economic development in the coastal area and orderly management of such development requires air access to and among coastal communities.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113A-102(b); 113A-107; 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1453 (12);

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## 15A NCAC 07M .0902 POLICY STATEMENTS

(a) It is the policy of the State of North Carolina that access corridors free of special use airspace designations shall be preserved along the length of the barrier islands and laterally at intervals not to exceed 25 miles to provide unobstructed access both along the coastline and from inland areas to the coast. Such access corridors shall extend from the surface to an altitude of 6000 feet above sea level except where communication and radar services allow positive aircraft control at lower altitudes.

(b) Development of aviation-related projects and associated airspace management practices shall, to the maximum extent practicable, facilitate use of aircraft by local, state and federal government agencies for purposes of resource management, law enforcement and other activities related to the public health, safety and welfare. In any case, access to restricted areas shall be provided on a periodic basis for routine enforcement flights and access shall be provided on an emergency basis when required to respond to an immediate threat to public health and safety.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113A-102(b); 113A-107;

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