Information Item: 10-02 Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy Development Update

Explanation:

Staff will present an update on actions completed and currently underway to develop a nutrient management strategy for the Falls Lake Reservoir. In 2005 the NC General Assembly passed SL 2005-190 (S981), which includes a requirement for the Commission to adopt a nutrient strategy for Falls Lake. The 2009 regular session produced SL 2009-486 (S1020), a bill devoted to water quality improvements in Falls Lake. This bill revises the EMC adoption deadline to January 15, 2011 and adds certain requirements aimed at water quality improvement in the watershed. A stakeholder process was started in 2008 and recently formed four smaller subcommittees that held a total of twelve meetings between September and December 2009 to work on detailed nutrient reduction rule ides by source type. Staff will provide an overview of the draft rule concepts and key issues discussed with the stakeholder subcommittees and provide a summary of ongoing activities to bring draft rules before the Commission in March 2010 to request approval to send them out for public comment.