

1 15A NCAC 03I .0101 is proposed for amendment as follows:
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3 **15A NCAC 03I .0101 DEFINITIONS**

4 All definitions set out in G.S. 113, Subchapter IV and the following additional terms apply to this Chapter:

5 (1) Enforcement and management terms:

6 (a) Commercial Quota. Total quantity of fish allocated for harvest by commercial fishing
7 operations.

8 (b) Educational Institution. A college, university or community college accredited by an
9 accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of ~~Education~~ Education; an
10 Environmental Education Center certified by the N.C. Department of Environment and
11 Natural Resources Office of Environmental Education and Public Affairs; or a zoo or
12 aquarium certified by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

13 (c) Internal Coastal Waters or Internal Waters. All coastal fishing waters except the Atlantic
14 Ocean.

15 (d) Length of finfish.

16 (i) Curved fork length. A length determined by measuring along a line, tracing the
17 contour of the body from the tip of the upper jaw to the middle of the fork in the
18 caudal (tail) fin.

19 (ii) Fork length. A length determined by measuring along a straight line the
20 distance from the tip of the snout with the mouth closed to the middle of the fork
21 in the caudal (tail) fin, except that fork length for billfish is measured from the
22 tip of the lower jaw to the middle of the fork of the caudal (tail) fin.

23 (iii) Pectoral fin curved fork length. A length of a beheaded fish from the dorsal
24 insertion of the pectoral fin to the fork of the tail measured along the contour of
25 the body in a line that runs along the top of the pectoral fin and the top of the
26 caudal keel.

27 (iv) Total length. A length determined by measuring along a straight line the
28 distance from the tip of the snout with the mouth closed to the tip of the
29 compressed caudal (tail) fin.

30 (e) Recreational Possession Limit. Restrictions on size, quantity, season, time period, area,
31 means, and methods where take or possession is for a recreational purpose.

32 (f) Recreational Quota. Total quantity of fish allocated for harvest for a recreational
33 purpose.

34 (g) Regular Closed Oyster Season. March 31 through October 15, unless amended by the
35 Fisheries Director through proclamation authority.

36 (h) Scientific Institution. One of the following entities:

37 (i) An educational institution as defined in this Paragraph;

1 (ii) A state or federal agency charged with the management of marine or estuarine
2 resources; or

3 (iii) A professional organization or secondary school working under the direction of,
4 or in compliance with mandates from, the entities listed in Subparagraphs (i) and
5 (ii) above.

6 ~~(h)(i)~~ Seed Oyster Management Area. An open harvest area that, by reason of poor growth
7 characteristics, predation rates, overcrowding or other factors, experiences poor
8 utilization of oyster populations for direct harvest and sale to licensed dealers and is
9 designated by the Marine Fisheries Commission as a source of seed for public and private
10 oyster culture.

11 (2) Fishing Activities:

12 (a) Aquaculture operation. An operation that produces artificially propagated stocks of
13 marine or estuarine resources or obtains such stocks from permitted sources for the
14 purpose of rearing in a controlled environment. A controlled environment provides and
15 maintains throughout the rearing process one or more of the following:

- 16 (i) food,
- 17 (ii) predator protection,
- 18 (iii) salinity,
- 19 (iv) temperature controls, or
- 20 (v) water circulation,

21 utilizing technology not found in the natural environment.

22 (b) Attended. Being in a vessel, in the water or on the shore and immediately available to
23 work the gear and within 100 yards of any gear in use by that person at all times.
24 Attended does not include being in a building or structure.

25 (c) Blue Crab Shedding. The process whereby a blue crab emerges soft from its former hard
26 exoskeleton. A shedding operation is any operation that holds peeler crabs in a
27 controlled environment. A controlled environment provides and maintains throughout
28 the shedding process one or more of the following:

- 29 (i) food,
- 30 (ii) predator protection,
- 31 (iii) salinity,
- 32 (iv) temperature controls, or
- 33 (v) water circulation,

34 utilizing technology not found in the natural environment. A shedding operation does not
35 include transporting pink or red-line peeler crabs to a permitted shedding operation.

36 (d) Depuration. Purification or the removal of adulteration from live oysters, clams, and
37 mussels by any natural or artificially controlled means.

- 1 (e) Long Haul Operations. Fishing a seine towed between two boats.
- 2 (f) Peeler Crab. A blue crab that has a soft shell developing under a hard shell and having a
- 3 white, pink, or red-line or rim on the outer edge of the back fin or flipper.
- 4 (g) Possess. Any actual or constructive holding whether under claim of ownership or not.
- 5 (h) Recreational Purpose. A fishing activity that is not a commercial fishing operation as
- 6 defined in G.S. 113-168.
- 7 (i) Shellfish marketing from leases and franchises. The harvest of oysters, clams, scallops,
- 8 mussels, from privately held shellfish bottoms and lawful sale of those shellfish to the
- 9 public at large or to a licensed shellfish dealer.
- 10 (j) Shellfish planting effort on leases and franchises. The process of obtaining authorized
- 11 cultch materials, seed shellfish, and polluted shellfish stocks and the placement of those
- 12 materials on privately held shellfish bottoms for increased shellfish production.
- 13 (k) Shellfish production on leases and franchises:
- 14 (i) The culture of oysters, clams, scallops, and mussels, on shellfish leases and
- 15 franchises from a sublegal harvest size to a marketable size.
- 16 (ii) The transplanting (relay) of oysters, clams, scallops and mussels from areas
- 17 closed due to pollution to shellfish leases and franchises in open waters and the
- 18 natural cleansing of those shellfish.
- 19 (l) Swipe Net Operations. Fishing a seine towed by one boat.
- 20 (m) Transport. Ship, carry, or cause to be carried or moved by public or private carrier by
- 21 land, sea, or air.
- 22 (n) Use. Employ, set, operate, or permit to be operated or employed.
- 23 (3) Gear:
- 24 (a) Bunt Net. The last encircling net of a long haul or swipe net operation constructed of
- 25 small mesh webbing. The bunt net is used to form a pen or pound from which the catch
- 26 is dipped or bailed.
- 27 (b) Channel Net. A net used to take shrimp which is anchored or attached to the bottom at
- 28 both ends or with one end anchored or attached to the bottom and the other end attached
- 29 to a boat.
- 30 (c) Commercial Fishing Equipment or Gear. All fishing equipment used in coastal fishing
- 31 waters except:
- 32 (i) Cast nets;
- 33 (ii) Collapsible crab traps, a trap used for taking crabs with the largest open
- 34 dimension no larger than 18 inches and that by design is collapsed at all times
- 35 when in the water, except when it is being retrieved from or lowered to the
- 36 bottom;

- 1 (iii) Dip nets or scoops having a handle not more than eight feet in length and a hoop
2 or frame to which the net is attached not exceeding 60 inches along the
3 perimeter;
- 4 (iv) Gigs or other pointed implements which are propelled by hand, whether or not
5 the implement remains in the hand;
- 6 (v) Hand operated rakes no more than 12 inches wide and weighing no more than
7 six pounds and hand operated tongs;
- 8 (vi) Hook-and-line and bait-and-line equipment other than multiple-hook or
9 multiple-bait trotline;
- 10 (vii) Landing nets used to assist in taking fish when the initial and primary method of
11 taking is by the use of hook and line;
- 12 (viii) Minnow traps when no more than two are in use;
- 13 (ix) Seines less than 30 feet in length;
- 14 (x) Spears, Hawaiian slings or similar devices, which propel pointed implements by
15 mechanical means, including elastic tubing or bands, pressurized gas or similar
16 means.
- 17 (d) Corkline. The support structure a net is attached to that is nearest to the water surface
18 when in use. Corkline length is measured from the outer most mesh knot at one end of
19 the corkline following along the line to the outer most mesh knot at the opposite end of
20 the corkline.
- 21 (e) Dredge. A device towed by engine power consisting of a frame, tooth bar or smooth bar,
22 and catchbag used in the harvest of oysters, clams, crabs, scallops, or conchs.
- 23 (f) Fixed or stationary net. A net anchored or staked to the bottom, or some structure
24 attached to the bottom, at both ends of the net.
- 25 (g) Fyke Net. An entrapment net supported by a series of internal or external hoops or
26 frames, with one or more lead or leaders that guide fish to the net mouth. The net has one
27 or more internal funnel-shaped openings with tapered ends directed inward from the
28 mouth, through which fish enter the enclosure. The portion of the net designed to hold or
29 trap fish is completely enclosed in mesh or webbing, except for the openings for fish
30 passage into or out of the net (funnel area).
- 31 (h) Gill Net. A net set vertically in the water to capture fish by entanglement by the gills in
32 its mesh as a result of net design, construction, mesh size, webbing diameter or method in
33 which it is used.
- 34 (i) Headrope. The support structure for the mesh or webbing of a trawl that is nearest to the
35 water surface when in use. Headrope length is measured from the outer most mesh knot
36 at one end of the headrope following along the line to the outer most mesh knot at the
37 opposite end of the headrope.

- 1 (j) Hoop Net. An entrapment net supported by a series of internal or external hoops or
2 frames. The net has one or more internal funnel-shaped openings with tapered ends
3 directed inward from the mouth, through which fish enter the enclosure. The portion of
4 the net designed to hold or trap the fish is completely enclosed in mesh or webbing,
5 except for the openings for fish passage into or out of the net (funnel area).
- 6 (k) Lead. A mesh or webbing structure consisting of nylon, monofilament, plastic, wire or
7 similar material set vertically in the water, held in place by stakes or anchors to guide fish
8 into an enclosure. Lead length is measured from the outer most end of the lead along the
9 top or bottom line, whichever is longer, to the opposite end of the lead.
- 10 (l) Mechanical methods for clamming. Dredges, hydraulic clam dredges, stick rakes and
11 other rakes when towed by engine power, patent tongs, kicking with propellers or
12 deflector plates with or without trawls, and any other method that utilizes mechanical
13 means to harvest clams.
- 14 (m) Mechanical methods for oystering. Dredges, patent tongs, stick rakes and other rakes
15 when towed by engine power and any other method that utilizes mechanical means to
16 harvest oysters.
- 17 (n) Mesh Length. The diagonal distance from the inside of one knot to the outside of the
18 other knot, when the net is stretched hand-tight.
- 19 (o) Pound Net Set. A fish trap consisting of a holding pen, one or more enclosures, lead or
20 leaders, and stakes or anchors used to support the trap. The lead(s), enclosures, and
21 holding pen are not conical, nor are they supported by hoops or frames.
- 22 (p) Purse Gill Nets. Any gill net used to encircle fish when the net is closed by the use of a
23 purse line through rings located along the top or bottom line or elsewhere on such net.
- 24 (q) Seine. A net set vertically in the water and pulled by hand or power to capture fish by
25 encirclement and confining fish within itself or against another net, the shore or bank as a
26 result of net design, construction, mesh size, webbing diameter, or method in which it is
27 used.
- 28 (4) Fish habitat areas. The estuarine and marine areas that support juvenile and adult populations of
29 fish species, as well as forage species utilized in the food chain. Fish habitats as used in this
30 definition, are vital for portions of the entire life cycle, including the early growth and
31 development of fish species. Fish habitats in all coastal fishing waters, as determined through
32 marine and estuarine survey sampling, include:
- 33 (a) Anadromous fish nursery areas. Those areas in the riverine and estuarine systems
34 utilized by post-larval and later juvenile anadromous fish.
- 35 (b) Anadromous fish spawning areas. Those areas where evidence of spawning of
36 anadromous fish has been documented in Division sampling records through direct

- 1 observation of spawning, capture of running ripe females, or capture of eggs or early
2 larvae.
- 3 (c) Coral:
- 4 (i) Fire corals and hydrocorals (Class Hydrozoa);
- 5 (ii) Stony corals and black corals (Class Anthozoa, Subclass Scleractinia); or
- 6 (iii) Octocorals; Gorgonian corals (Class Anthozoa, Subclass Octocorallia), which
7 include sea fans (*Gorgonia* sp.), sea whips (*Leptogorgia* sp. and *Lophogorgia*
8 sp.), and sea pansies (*Renilla* sp.).
- 9 (d) Intertidal Oyster Bed. A formation, regardless of size or shape, formed of shell and live
10 oysters of varying density.
- 11 (e) Live rock. Living marine organisms or an assemblage thereof attached to a hard
12 substrate, excluding mollusk shells, but including dead coral or rock. Living marine
13 organisms associated with hard bottoms, banks, reefs, and live rock include:
- 14 (i) Coralline algae (Division Rhodophyta);
- 15 (ii) *Acetabularia* sp., mermaid's fan and cups (*Udotea* sp.), watercress (*Halimeda*
16 sp.), green feather, green grape algae (*Caulerpa* sp.) (Division Chlorophyta);
- 17 (iii) *Sargassum* sp., *Dictyopteris* sp., *Zonaria* sp. (Division Phaeophyta);
- 18 (iv) Sponges (Phylum Porifera);
- 19 (v) Hard and soft corals, sea anemones (Phylum Cnidaria), including fire corals
20 (Class Hydrozoa), and Gorgonians, whip corals, sea pansies, anemones,
21 *Solengastrea* (Class Anthozoa);
- 22 (vi) Bryozoans (Phylum Bryozoa);
- 23 (vii) Tube worms (Phylum Annelida), fan worms (*Sabellidae*); feather duster and
24 Christmas treeworms (*Serpulidae*), and sand castle worms (*Sabellaridae*);
- 25 (viii) Mussel banks (Phylum Mollusca: Gastropoda); and
- 26 (ix) Acorn barnacles (Arthropoda: Crustacea: *Semibalanus* sp.).
- 27 (f) Nursery areas. Those areas in which for reasons such as food, cover, bottom type,
28 salinity, temperature and other factors, young finfish and crustaceans spend the major
29 portion of their initial growing season. Primary nursery areas are those areas in the
30 estuarine system where initial post-larval development takes place. These are areas
31 where populations are uniformly early juveniles. Secondary nursery areas are those areas
32 in the estuarine system where later juvenile development takes place. Populations are
33 composed of developing sub-adults of similar size which have migrated from an
34 upstream primary nursery area to the secondary nursery area located in the middle
35 portion of the estuarine system.
- 36 (g) Shellfish producing habitats. Those areas in which shellfish, such as clams, oysters,
37 scallops, mussels, and whelks, whether historically or currently, reproduce and survive

1 because of such favorable conditions as bottom type, salinity, currents, cover, and cultch.
2 Included are those shellfish producing areas closed to shellfish harvest due to pollution.

3 (h) Strategic Habitat Areas. Locations of individual fish habitats or systems of habitats that
4 provide exceptional habitat functions or that are particularly at risk due to imminent
5 threats, vulnerability, or rarity.

6 (i) Submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) habitat. Submerged lands that:

7 (i) are vegetated with one or more species of submerged aquatic vegetation
8 including bushy pondweed or southern naiad (*Najas guadalupensis*), coontail
9 (*Ceratophyllum demersum*), eelgrass (*Zostera marina*), horned pondweed
10 (*Zannichellia palustris*), naiads (*Najas* spp.), redhead grass (*Potamogeton*
11 *perfoliatus*), sago pondweed (*Stuckenia pectinata*, formerly *Potamogeton*
12 *pectinatus*), shoalgrass (*Halodule wrightii*), slender pondweed (*Potamogeton*
13 *pusillus*), water stargrass (*Heteranthera dubia*), water starwort (*Callitriche*
14 *heterophylla*), waterweeds (*Elodea* spp.), widgeongrass (*Ruppia maritima*) and
15 wild celery (*Vallisneria americana*). These areas may be identified by the
16 presence of above-ground leaves, below-ground rhizomes, or reproductive
17 structures associated with one or more SAV species and include the sediment
18 within these areas; or

19 (ii) have been vegetated by one or more of the species identified in Sub-item
20 (4)(i)(i) of this Rule within the past 10 annual growing seasons and that meet the
21 average physical requirements of water depth (six feet or less), average light
22 availability (secchi depth of one foot or more), and limited wave exposure that
23 characterize the environment suitable for growth of SAV. The past presence of
24 SAV may be demonstrated by aerial photography, SAV survey, map, or other
25 documentation. An extension of the past 10 annual growing seasons criteria
26 may be considered when average environmental conditions are altered by
27 drought, rainfall, or storm force winds.

28 This habitat occurs in both subtidal and intertidal zones and may occur in isolated patches
29 or cover extensive areas. In defining SAV habitat, the Marine Fisheries Commission
30 recognizes the Aquatic Weed Control Act of 1991 (G.S. 113A-220 et. seq.) and does not
31 intend the submerged aquatic vegetation definition, or rules 15A NCAC 03K .0304,
32 .0404 and 03I .0101, to apply to or conflict with the non-development control activities
33 authorized by that Act.

34 (5) Licenses, permits, leases and franchises, and record keeping:

35 (a) Assignment. Temporary transferal to another person of privileges under a license for
36 which assignment is permitted. The person assigning the license delegates the privileges

- 1 permitted under the license to be exercised by the assignee, but retains the power to
2 revoke the assignment at any time, is still the responsible party for the license.
- 3 (b) Designee. Any person who is under the direct control of the permittee or who is
4 employed by or under contract to the permittee for the purposes authorized by the permit.
- 5 (c) For Hire Vessel. As defined by G.S. 113-174 when the vessel is fishing in state waters or
6 when the vessel originates from or returns to a North Carolina port.
- 7 (d) Holder. A person who has been lawfully issued in their name a license, permit, franchise,
8 lease, or assignment.
- 9 (e) Land:
- 10 (i) For commercial fishing operations, when fish reach the shore or a structure
11 connected to the shore.
- 12 (ii) For purposes of trip tickets, when fish reach a licensed seafood dealer, or where
13 the fisherman is the dealer, when the fish reaches the shore or a structure
14 connected to the shore.
- 15 (iii) For recreational fishing operations, when fish are retained in possession by the
16 fisherman.
- 17 (f) Licensee. Any person holding a valid license from the Department to take or deal in
18 marine fisheries resources.
- 19 (g) Master. Captain of a vessel or one who commands and has control, authority, or power
20 over a vessel.
- 21 (h) New fish dealer. Any fish dealer making application for a fish dealer license who did not
22 possess a valid dealer license for the previous license year in that name or ocean pier
23 license in that name on June 30, 1999. For purposes of license issuance, adding new
24 categories to an existing fish dealers license does not constitute a new dealer.
- 25 (i) North Carolina Trip Ticket. Paper forms provided by the Division, and electronic data
26 files generated from software provided by the Division, for the reporting of fisheries
27 statistics, which include quantity, method and location of harvest.
- 28 (j) Office of the Division. Physical locations of the Division conducting license and permit
29 transactions in Wilmington, Washington, Morehead City, ~~Columbia~~, Roanoke Island and
30 Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Other businesses or entities designated by the Secretary
31 to issue Recreational Commercial Gear Licenses or Coastal Recreational Fishing
32 Licenses are not considered Offices of the Division.
- 33 (k) Responsible party. Person who coordinates, supervises or otherwise directs operations of
34 a business entity, such as a corporate officer or executive level supervisor of business
35 operations and the person responsible for use of the issued license in compliance with
36 applicable statutes and rules.

- 1 (l) Tournament Organizer. The person who coordinates, supervises or otherwise directs a
2 recreational fishing tournament and is the holder of the Recreational Fishing Tournament
3 License.
- 4 (m) Transaction. Act of doing business such that fish are sold, offered for sale, exchanged,
5 bartered, distributed or landed.
- 6 (n) Transfer. Permanent transferal to another person of privileges under a license for which
7 transfer is permitted. The person transferring the license retains no rights or interest
8 under the license transferred.

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10 *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-174; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03J .0104 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03J .0104 TRAWL NETS**

4 (a) It is unlawful to possess aboard a vessel while using a trawl in internal waters more than 500 pounds of finfish
5 from December 1 through February 28 and 1,000 pounds of finfish from March 1 through November 30.

6 (b) It is unlawful to use trawl nets:

7 (1) In internal coastal waters, from 9:00 p.m. on Friday through 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, except that in
8 the areas listed in Subparagraph (b)(5) of this Rule, trawling is prohibited from December 1
9 through February 28 from one hour after sunset on Friday to one hour before sunrise on
10 ~~Monday~~ Monday;

11 (2) For the taking of oysters;

12 (3) In Albemarle Sound, Currituck Sound, and their tributaries, west of a line beginning on the south
13 shore of Long Point at a point 36° 02.4910' N - 75° 44.2140' W; running southerly to the north
14 shore on Roanoke Island to a point 35° 56.3302' N - 75° 43.1409' W; running northwesterly to
15 Caroon Point to a point 35° 57.2255' N - 75° 48.3324' W;

16 (4) In the areas described in 15A NCAC 03R .0106, except that the Fisheries Director may, by
17 proclamation, open the area designated in Item ~~(6)~~ (1) of 15A NCAC 03R .0106 to peeler crab
18 trawling;

19 (5) From December 1 through February 28 from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise in
20 the following areas:

21 (A) In Pungo River, north of a line beginning on Currituck Point at a point 35° 24.5833' N-
22 76° 32.3166' W; running southwestly to Wades Point to a point 35° 23.3062' N-76°
23 34.5135' W;

24 (B) In Pamlico River, west of a line beginning on Wades Point at a point 35° 23.3062' N –
25 76° 34.5135' W; running southwestly to Fulford Point to a point 35° 19.8667' N – 76°
26 35.9333' W;

27 (C) In Bay River, west of a line beginning on Bay Point at a point 35° 11.0858' N – 76°
28 31.6155' W; running southerly to Maw Point to a point 35° 09.0214' N – 76° 32.2593' W;

29 (D) In Neuse River, west of a line beginning on the Minnesott side of the Neuse River Ferry
30 at a point 34° 57.9116' N – 76° 48.2240' W; running southerly to the Cherry Branch side
31 of the Neuse River Ferry to a point 34° 56.3658' N – 76° 48.7110' W; and

32 (E) In New River, all waters upstream of the N.C. Highway 172 Bridge when opened by
33 proclamation; and

34 (6) In designated pot areas opened to the use of pots by 15A NCAC 03J .0301(a)(2) and described in
35 15A NCAC 03R .0107(a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8) and (a)(9) within an area bound by the shoreline
36 to the depth of six feet.

37 (c) Minimum mesh sizes for shrimp and crab trawls are presented in 15A NCAC 03L .0103 and .0202.

1 (d) The Fisheries Director may, with prior consent of the Marine Fisheries Commission, by proclamation, require
2 bycatch reduction devices or codend modifications in trawl nets to reduce the catch of finfish that do not meet size
3 limits or are unmarketable as individual foodfish by reason of size.

4 (e) It is unlawful to use shrimp trawls for recreational purposes unless the trawl is marked by attaching to the
5 codend (tailbag), one floating buoy, any shade of hot pink in color, which shall be of solid foam or other solid
6 buoyant material no less than five inches in diameter and no less than five inches in length. The owner shall always
7 be identified on the buoy by using an engraved buoy or by attaching engraved metal or plastic tags to the buoy.
8 Such identification shall include owner's last name and initials and if a vessel is used, one of the following:

9 (1) Gear owner's current motor boat registration number; or

10 (2) Owner's U.S. vessel documentation name.

11 (f) It is unlawful to use shrimp trawls for the taking of blue crabs in internal waters, except that it shall be
12 permissible to take or possess blue crabs incidental to shrimp trawling in accordance with the following limitations:

13 (1) For individuals using shrimp trawls authorized by a Recreational Commercial Gear License, 50
14 blue crabs, not to exceed 100 blue crabs if two or more Recreational Commercial Gear License
15 holders are on board.

16 (2) For commercial operations, crabs may be taken incidental to lawful shrimp trawl operations
17 provided that the weight of the crabs shall not exceed:

18 (A) 50 percent of the total weight of the combined crab and shrimp catch; or

19 (B) 300 pounds, whichever is greater.

20 (g) The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, close any area to trawling for specific time periods in order to
21 secure compliance with this Rule.

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23 *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-173; 113-182; ~~113-221~~; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03J .0301 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03J .0301 POTS**

4 (a) It is unlawful to use pots except during time periods and in areas specified herein:

5 (1) In Coastal Fishing Waters from December 1 through May 31, except that all pots shall be removed
6 from internal waters from January 15 through February 7. Fish pots upstream of U.S. 17 Bridge
7 across Chowan River and upstream of a line across the mouth of Roanoke, Cashie, Middle and
8 Eastmost Rivers to the Highway 258 Bridge are exempt from the January 15 through February 7
9 removal requirement. The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, reopen various waters to the
10 use of pots after January 19 if it is determined that such waters are free of pots.

11 (2) From June 1 through November 30, north and east of the Highway 58 Bridge at Emerald Isle:

12 (A) In areas described in 15A NCAC 03R .0107(a);

13 (B) To allow for the variable spatial distribution of crustacea and finfish, the Fisheries
14 Director may, by proclamation, specify time periods for or designate the areas described
15 in 15A NCAC 03R .0107(b); or any part thereof, for the use of pots.

16 (3) From May 1 through November 30 in the Atlantic Ocean and west and south of the Highway 58
17 Bridge at Emerald Isle in areas and during time periods designated by the Fisheries Director by
18 proclamation.

19 The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation authority established in 15A NCAC 03L .0201, further restrict the use
20 of pots to take blue crabs.

21 (b) It is unlawful to use pots:

22 (1) in any navigation channel marked by State or Federal agencies; or

23 (2) in any turning basin maintained and marked by the North Carolina Ferry Division.

24 (c) It is unlawful to use pots in a commercial fishing operation unless each pot is marked by attaching a floating
25 buoy which shall be of solid foam or other solid buoyant material and no less than five inches in diameter and no
26 less than five inches in length. Buoys may be of any color except yellow or hot pink or any combination of colors
27 that include yellow or hot pink. The owner shall always be identified on the attached buoy by using engraved buoys
28 or by engraved metal or plastic tags attached to the buoy. Such identification shall include one of the following:

29 (1) gear owner's current motorboat registration number; or

30 (2) gear owner's U.S. vessel documentation name; or

31 (3) gear owner's last name and initials.

32 (d) Pots attached to shore or a pier shall be exempt from Subparagraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this Rule.

33 (e) It is unlawful to use shrimp pots with mesh lengths smaller than one and one-fourth inches stretch or ~~five eighths~~
34 ~~inch~~ five-eighths-inch bar.

35 (f) It is unlawful to use eel pots with mesh sizes smaller than one inch by one-half inch unless such pots contain an
36 escape panel that is at least four inches square with a mesh size of ~~1~~ one inch by one-half inch located in the outside

1 panel of the upper chamber of rectangular pots and in the rear portion of cylindrical pots, except that not more than
2 two eel pots per fishing operation with a mesh of any size may be used to take eels for bait.

3 (g) It is unlawful to use crab pots in coastal fishing waters unless each pot contains no less than two unobstructed
4 escape rings that are at least ~~2-5/16~~ two and five-sixteenths inches inside diameter and located in the opposite
5 outside panels of the upper chamber of the pot. ~~Peeler pots with a mesh size less than 1-1/2 inches shall be pot,~~
6 except the following are exempt from the escape ring requirements.requirements:

7 (1) Unbaited pots;

8 (2) Pots baited with a male crab; and

9 (3) Pots set in areas and during time periods described in 15A NCAC 03R .0118.

10 (h) The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, exempt the escape ring requirement requirements described in
11 Paragraph (g) of this Rule in order to allow the harvest of ~~peeler crabs or~~ mature female crabs and may impose any
12 or all of the following restrictions:

13 (1) Specify ~~areas, and~~ areas;

14 (2) Specify ~~time-time~~ periods; and

15 (3) Specify means and methods.

16 ~~(i)~~ (i) It is unlawful to use more than 150 crab pots per vessel in Newport River.

17 ~~(j)~~ (j) It is unlawful to remove crab pots from the water or remove crabs from crab pots between one hour after
18 sunset and one hour before sunrise.

19 ~~(k)~~ (k) User Conflicts:

20 (1) In order to address user conflicts, the Fisheries Director may by proclamation impose any or all of
21 the following restrictions:

22 (A) Specify ~~time period;~~ areas;

23 (B) Specify ~~areas; and~~ time periods; and

24 (C) Specify means and methods.

25 The Fisheries Director shall hold a public meeting in the affected area before issuance of such
26 proclamation.

27 (2) Any person(s) desiring user conflict resolution may make such request in writing addressed to the
28 Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries. Such requests shall contain the following
29 information:

30 (A) A map of the affected area including an inset vicinity map showing the location of the
31 area with detail sufficient to permit on-site identification and location;

32 (B) Identification of the user conflict causing a need for user conflict resolution;

33 (C) Recommended solution for resolving user conflict; and

34 (D) Name and address of the person(s) requesting user conflict resolution.

35 (3) Upon the requestor's demonstration of a user conflict to the Fisheries Director and within 90 days
36 of the receipt of the information required in Subparagraph ~~(j)~~(k)(2) of this Rule, the Fisheries
37 Director shall issue a public notice of intent to address a user conflict. A public meeting shall be

1 held in the area of the user conflict. The requestor shall present his or her request at the public
2 meeting, and other parties affected may participate.

3 (4) The Fisheries Director shall deny the request or submit a proclamation that addresses the results of
4 the public meeting to the Marine Fisheries Commission for their approval.

5 (5) Proclamations issued under Subparagraph ~~(j)~~(k)(1) of this Rule shall suspend appropriate rules or
6 portions of rules under 15A NCAC 03R .0107 as specified in the proclamation. The provisions of
7 15A NCAC 03I .0102 terminating suspension of a rule as of the next Marine Fisheries
8 Commission meeting and requiring review by the Marine Fisheries Commission at the next
9 meeting shall not apply to proclamations issued under Subparagraph ~~(j)~~(k)(1) of this Rule.

10 ~~(k)~~(l) It is unlawful to use pots to take crabs unless the line connecting the pot to the buoy is non-floating.

11 ~~(k)~~(m) It is unlawful to use pots with leads or leaders to take shrimp. For the purpose of this Rule, leads or leaders
12 are defined as any fixed or stationary net or device used to direct fish into any gear used to capture fish. Any device
13 with leads or leaders used to capture fish is not a pot.

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15 *Authority G. S. 113-134; 113-173; 113-182; ~~113-221~~; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03K .0110 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03K .0110 PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONTROL OF OYSTERS, CLAMS, SCALLOPS AND**
4 **MUSSELS**

5 (a) To protect public health, the Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, impose any or all of the following
6 restrictions on oysters, clams, scallops and mussels to ensure the sale or distribution of shellfish from approved
7 sources and ensure shellfish have not been adulterated or mislabeled during cultivation, harvesting, processing,
8 storage and transport, in compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Guide for Control of Molluscan
9 Shellfish, Section II: Model Ordinance:

10 (1) Specify time and temperature controls;

11 (2) Specify sanitation control procedures as specified in 21 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part
12 123.11;

13 (3) Specify Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) requirements as specified in 21 CFR
14 Part:

15 (A) 123.3 Definitions;

16 (B) 123.6 HACCP Plan;

17 (C) 123.7 Corrective Actions;

18 (D) 123.8 Verification;

19 (E) 123.9 Records; and

20 (F) 123.28 Source Controls;

21 (4) Specify tagging and labeling requirements;

22 (5) Establish training requirements for shellfish harvesters and certified shellfish dealers;

23 (6) Require sales records and collection and submission of information to provide a mechanism for
24 shellfish product to be traced back to the water body of origin; and

25 (7) Require implicated product recall and specify recall procedures.

26 (b) Proclamations issued under this Rule shall suspend appropriate rules or portions of rules under the authority of
27 the Marine Fisheries Commission as specified in the proclamation. The provisions of 15A NCAC 03I .0102
28 terminating suspension of a rule as of the next Marine Fisheries Commission meeting and requiring review by the
29 Marine Fisheries Commission at the next meeting shall not apply to proclamations issued under this Rule.

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31 *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-201; 113-221.1; 113-221.2; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03L .0201 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03L .0201 ~~SIZE LIMIT AND CULLING TOLERANCE~~ CRAB HARVEST RESTRICTIONS**

4 ~~(a) It is unlawful to possess blue crabs less than five inches from tip of spike to tip of spike except mature females,~~
5 ~~soft and peeler crabs and from March 1 through October 31, and male crabs to be used as peeler bait. A culling~~
6 ~~tolerance of not more than 10 percent by number in any container shall be allowed.~~

7 ~~(b) All crabs not of legal size, except mature female and soft crabs shall be immediately returned to the waters from~~
8 ~~which taken. Peeler crabs shall be separated where taken and placed in a separate container. White line peeler crabs~~
9 ~~shall be separated from pink and red line peeler crabs where taken and placed in a separate container. A culling~~
10 ~~tolerance of not more than five percent by number shall be allowed for white line peelers in the pink and red line~~
11 ~~peeler container. Those peeler crabs not separated shall be deemed hard crabs and are not exempt from the size~~
12 ~~restrictions specified in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.~~

13 (a) It is unlawful to possess more than 10 percent by number in any container, male and immature female hard blue
14 crabs less than five inches from tip of spike to tip of spike and to fail to return hard blue crabs not meeting this
15 restriction to the waters from which taken, except the Fisheries Director may, by proclamation authority established
16 in Paragraph (f) of this Rule, further restrict the harvest of blue crabs. All blue crabs not sorted into containers as
17 specified in Paragraph (b) of this Rule shall be deemed hard blue crabs for the purpose of establishing the 10 percent
18 culling tolerance.

19 (b) It is unlawful to possess blue crabs less than five inches from tip of spike to tip of spike unless individuals are
20 sorted to and placed in separate containers for each of the following categories:

21 (1) Soft crabs;

22 (2) Pink and red-line peeler crabs;

23 (3) White-line peeler crabs; and

24 (4) From March 1 through October 31, male crabs to be used as peeler crab bait.

25 The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation authority established in Paragraph (f) of this Rule, further restrict the
26 harvest of blue crabs.

27 (c) It is unlawful to possess more than five percent by number of white-line peelers in a container of pink and red-
28 line peelers, except the Fisheries Director may, by proclamation authority established in Paragraph (f) of this Rule,
29 further restrict the harvest of blue crabs.

30 ~~(e) The Director, may by proclamation, impose the following restrictions when the sum of the carapace widths of~~
31 ~~mature female blue crabs collected during the September cruise of the Division of Marine Fisheries Pamlico Sound~~
32 ~~Fishery Independent Trawl Survey divided by the total number of tows (adjusted catch per effort) falls below the~~
33 ~~lower 90 percent confidence limit for two consecutive years (spawner index):~~

34 ~~(1) It is unlawful to possess mature female blue crabs greater than 6¾ inches from tip of spike to tip~~
35 ~~of spike from September 1 through April 30. A culling tolerance of not more than five percent by~~
36 ~~number in any container shall be allowed.~~

1 ~~(2) It is unlawful to possess female peeler crabs greater than 5¼ inches from tip of spike to tip of~~
2 ~~spike from September 1 through April 30.~~

3 (d) It is unlawful to:

4 (1) Sell white-line peelers;

5 (2) Possess white-line peelers unless they are to be used in the harvester's permitted blue crab
6 shedding operation; and

7 (3) Possess male white-line peelers from June 1 through September 1.

8 The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation authority established in Paragraph (f) of this Rule, further restrict the
9 harvest of blue crabs.

10 (e) It is unlawful to possess more than 50 blue crabs per person per day, not to exceed 100 blue crabs per vessel per
11 day for recreational purposes, except the Fisheries Director may, by proclamation authority established in Paragraph
12 (f) of this Rule, further restrict the harvest of blue crabs.

13 (f) In order to comply with management measures adopted in the N.C. Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan, the
14 Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, close the harvest of blue crabs and take the following actions for
15 commercial and recreational blue crab harvest:

16 (1) Specify areas;

17 (2) Specify seasons;

18 (3) Specify time periods;

19 (4) Specify means and methods;

20 (5) Specify culling tolerance; and

21 (6) Specify limits on harvest based on size, quantity, sex, reproductive stage, or peeler stage.

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23 Authority *G.S. 113-134; 113-182; ~~113-221;~~ 113-221.1; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03L .0202 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03L .0202 CRAB TRAWLING**

4 (a) It is unlawful to take or possess aboard a vessel crabs taken by trawl in internal waters except in areas and
5 during such times as the Fisheries Director may specify by proclamation.

6 (b) It is unlawful to use ~~any crab trawl with a mesh length less than three inches for taking hard crabs, except that~~
7 ~~the Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, increase the minimum mesh length to no more than four inches, and~~
8 ~~specify areas for crab trawl mesh size use a trawl to take crabs that does not meet mesh length requirements, except~~
9 as provided in 15A NCAC 03J .0104. The minimum mesh length to take hard crabs with a trawl is three inches,
10 except:

11 (1) The minimum mesh length is four inches in the area of western Pamlico Sound west of a line
12 beginning at a point 35° 48.3693' N - 75° 43.7232' W on Roanoke Marshes Point; running easterly
13 to a point 35° 48.3000' N - 75° 37.1167' W near Beacon "1" at the southern end of Roanoke
14 Island; running southerly to a point 35° 30.7500' N - 75° 40.5667' W near the "S" Beacon at Long
15 Shoal; running southwesterly to a point 35° 12.6167' N - 76° 04.3833' W near the "BL" Beacon on
16 Bluff Shoal; running westerly to a point 35° 08.1000' N - 76° 17.5000' W near the "BI" Beacon at
17 Brant Island Shoal; running southwesterly to a point 35° 04 .6167' N - 76° 27.8000' W on Point of
18 Marsh; and

19 (2) The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, specify areas other than the area described in Sub-
20 Paragraph (b)(1) of this Rule for trawl mesh length use and increase the minimum trawl mesh
21 length to no more than four inches to take hard crabs.

22 (c) It is unlawful to use ~~trawls a trawl~~ with a mesh length less than two inches or with a combined total headrope
23 length exceeding 25 feet ~~for taking soft or "peeler" crabs.~~ to take soft or peeler crabs, except as provided in 15A
24 NCAC 03J .0104.

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26 *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; ~~113-221~~; 113.221.1; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03L .0203 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03L .0203 CRAB DREDGING**

4 (a) It is unlawful to take crabs with dredges except:

5 (1) From January 1 through March 1 in the area of Pamlico Sound described in ~~15A NCAC 03R~~
6 ~~.0109~~, 15A NCAC 03R .0109; and

7 (2) ~~Crabs may be taken incidental~~ Incidental to lawful oyster dredging operations in areas not subject
8 to the exception in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule provided the weight of the crabs shall not
9 exceed:

10 (A) 50 percent of the total weight of the combined oyster and crab catch; or

11 (B) 500 pounds, whichever is less.

12 The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation authority established in 15A NCAC 03L .0201, further restrict the use
13 of dredges to take blue crabs.

14 (b) It is unlawful to take crabs with dredges between sunset and sunrise and between sunset on any Saturday and
15 sunrise on the following Monday, except in the Atlantic Ocean.

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

1 15A NCAC 03L .0204 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03L .0204 CRAB POTS**

4 (a) It is unlawful to take crabs with pots except as provided in 15A NCAC 03J .0301 and .0302. The Fisheries
5 Director may, by proclamation authority established in 15A NCAC 03L .0201, further restrict the use of pots to take
6 blue crabs.

7 (b) The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, require the use of terrapin excluder devices in each funnel
8 entrance in crab pots and impose the following restrictions concerning terrapin excluder devices:

9 (1) Specify areas;

10 (2) Specify time periods; and

11 (3) Specify means and methods.

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

1 15A NCAC 03L .0205 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03L .0205 CRAB SPAWNING SANCTUARIES**

4 (a) It is unlawful to set or use trawls, pots, and mechanical methods for oysters or clams or take crabs with the use
5 of commercial fishing equipment from the crab spawning sanctuaries described in ~~15A NCAC 3R .0110~~ 15A NCAC
6 03R .0110 from March 1 through August 31.

7 (b) ~~From September 1 through February 28, the~~ The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, ~~close the~~ designate
8 additional areas as crab spawning sanctuaries and may impose ~~any or all of the following restrictions:~~ restrictions in
9 any crab spawning sanctuary:

10 (1) ~~specify number of days;~~

11 (2) ~~specify areas;~~

12 (3) ~~specify means and methods which may be employed in the taking;~~

13 (4) ~~specify time period; and~~

14 (5) ~~limit the quantity.~~

15 (1) Specify areas;

16 (2) Specify time periods;

17 (3) Specify means and methods; and

18 (4) Specify limits on harvest based on size, quantity, sex, reproductive stage, or peeler stage.

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20 *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; ~~113-221~~; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03L .0206 is proposed for repeal as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03L .0206 PEELER CRABS**

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

1 15A NCAC 03L .0209 is proposed for repeal as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03L .0209 RECREATIONAL HARVEST OF CRABS**

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

1 15A NCAC 03M .0103 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03M .0103 MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS**

4 It ~~shall be is~~ unlawful to possess, sell, or purchase ~~fish-finish~~ under four inches in length except:

5 (1) ~~for use as~~ bait in the crab pot fishery in North Carolina with the following provision: such crab
6 pot bait shall not be transported west of U.S. Interstate 95 and when transported, shall be
7 accompanied by documentation showing the name and address of the shipper, the name and
8 address of the consignee, and the total weight of the ~~shipment-shipment~~;

9 (2) ~~for use as~~ bait in the finfish fishery with the following provisions:

10 (A) It ~~shall be is~~ unlawful to possess more than 200 pounds of live ~~fish-finish~~ or 100 pounds
11 of dead ~~fish-finish~~; and

12 (B) Such finfish bait may not be transported outside the State of North ~~Carolina-Carolina~~;

13 (3) live finfish in aquaria, provided the finfish are not subject to other minimum size limits under the
14 authority of Marine Fisheries Commission Rule; and

15 (4) menhaden, herring, gizzard shad, and pinfish.

16 Bait dealers who possess a valid finfish dealers-dealer license from the Division of Marine Fisheries are exempt
17 from Subitems ~~(2)(a) and (b)-(2)(A) and (B)~~ of this Rule. Tolerance of not more than five percent by number of
18 species shall be allowed. ~~Menhaden, herring, gizzard shad, pinfish and live fish in aquaria other than those for~~
19 ~~which a minimum size exists are exempt from this Rule.~~

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21 *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-185; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03M .0206 is proposed for repeal as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03M .0206 HYBRID STRIPED BASS CULTURE**

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5 *Authority G.S. 113-132; 113-134; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03M .0521 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03M .0521 SHEEPSHEAD**

4 The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, impose any or all of the following restrictions on the taking of
5 sheepshead:

6 (1) Specify time;

7 (2) Specify area;

8 (3) Specify means and methods;

9 (4) Specify season;

10 (5) Specify size; and

11 (6) Specify quantity.

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

1 15A NCAC 03O .0503 is proposed for amendment as follows:
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3 **15A NCAC 03O .0503 PERMIT CONDITIONS; SPECIFIC**

4 (a) Horseshoe Crab Biomedical Use Permit:

5 (1) It is unlawful to use horseshoe crabs for biomedical purposes without first obtaining a permit.

6 (2) It is unlawful for persons who have been issued a Horseshoe Crab Biomedical Use Permit to fail
7 to submit a report on the use of horseshoe crabs to the Division of Marine Fisheries due on
8 February 1 of each year. Such reports shall be filed on forms provided by the Division and shall
9 include a monthly account of the number of crabs harvested, statement of percent mortality up to
10 the point of release, and a certification that harvested horseshoe crabs are solely used by the
11 biomedical facility and not for other purposes.

12 (3) It is unlawful for persons who have been issued a Horseshoe Crab Biomedical Use Permit to fail
13 to comply with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management
14 Plan for Horseshoe Crab Fisheries Management Plan monitoring and tagging requirements for
15 horseshoe crabs. Copies of this plan are available from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
16 ~~Commission, 1444 Eye Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 289-6400,~~
17 Commission or the Division of Marine Fisheries' Morehead City Headquarters Office.

18 (b) Dealers Permits for Monitoring Fisheries under a Quota/Allocation:

19 (1) During the commercial season opened by proclamation or rule for the fishery for which a Dealers
20 Permit for Monitoring Fisheries under a Quota/Allocation permit is issued, it is unlawful for fish
21 dealers issued such permit to fail to:

22 (A) Fax or send via electronic mail by noon daily, on forms provided by the Division, the
23 previous day's landings for the permitted fishery to the dealer contact designated on the
24 permit. Landings for Fridays or Saturdays shall be submitted on the following Monday.
25 If the dealer is unable to fax or electronic mail the required information, the permittee
26 shall call in the previous day's landings to the dealer contact designated on the permit but
27 shall maintain a log furnished by the Division;

28 (B) Submit the required log to the Division upon request or no later than five days after the
29 close of the season for the fishery permitted;

30 (C) Maintain faxes and other related documentation in accordance with 15A NCAC 03I
31 .0114;

32 (D) Contact the dealer contact daily regardless of whether or not a transaction for the fishery
33 for which a dealer is permitted occurred;

34 (E) Record the permanent dealer identification number on the bill of lading or receipt for
35 each transaction or shipment from the permitted fishery.

36 (2) Striped Bass Dealer Permit:

- 1 (A) It is unlawful for a fish dealer to possess, buy, sell or offer for sale striped bass taken
2 from the following areas without first obtaining a Striped Bass Dealer Permit validated
3 for the applicable harvest area:
- 4 (i) Atlantic Ocean;
- 5 (ii) Albemarle Sound Management Area as designated in 15A NCAC 03R .0201;
6 and
- 7 (iii) The joint and coastal fishing waters of the Central/Southern Management Area
8 as designated in 15A NCAC 03R .0201.
- 9 (B) No permittee shall possess, buy, sell or offer for sale striped bass taken from the harvest
10 areas opened by proclamation without having a North Carolina Division of Marine
11 Fisheries issued valid tag for the applicable area affixed through the mouth and gill cover,
12 or, in the case of striped bass imported from other states, a similar tag that is issued for
13 striped bass in the state of origin. North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries striped
14 bass tags shall not be bought, sold, offered for sale, or transferred. Tags shall be obtained
15 at the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Offices. The Division of Marine
16 Fisheries shall specify the quantity of tags to be issued based on historical striped bass
17 landings. It is unlawful for the permittee to fail to surrender unused tags to the Division
18 upon request.
- 19 (3) Albemarle Sound Management Area for River Herring Dealer Permit: It is unlawful to possess,
20 buy, sell or offer for sale river herring taken from the following area without first obtaining an
21 Albemarle Sound Management Area for River Herring Dealer Permit: Albemarle Sound
22 Management Area for River Herring ~~is~~as defined in 15A NCAC 03J .0209.
- 23 (4) Atlantic Ocean Flounder Dealer Permit:
- 24 (A) It is unlawful for a fish dealer to allow vessels holding a valid License to Land Flounder
25 from the Atlantic Ocean to land more than 100 pounds of flounder from a single
26 transaction at their licensed location during the open season without first obtaining an
27 Atlantic Ocean Flounder Dealer Permit. The licensed location shall be specified on the
28 Atlantic Ocean Flounder Dealer Permit and only one location per permit shall be allowed.
- 29 (B) It is unlawful for a fish dealer to possess, buy, sell, or offer for sale more than 100 pounds
30 of flounder from a single transaction from the Atlantic Ocean without first obtaining an
31 Atlantic Ocean Flounder Dealer Permit.
- 32 (5) Black Sea Bass North of Cape Hatteras Dealer Permit. It is unlawful for a fish dealer to purchase
33 or possess more than 100 pounds of black sea bass taken from the Atlantic Ocean north of Cape
34 Hatteras (35° 15.0321' N) per day per commercial fishing operation during the open season unless
35 the dealer has a Black Sea Bass North of Cape Hatteras Dealer Permit.
- 36 (c) Blue Crab Shedding Permit: It is unlawful to possess more than 50 blue crabs in a shedding operation without
37 first obtaining a Blue Crab Shedding Permit from the Division of Marine Fisheries.

1 (d) Permit to Waive the Requirement to Use Turtle Excluder Devices in the Atlantic Ocean:

- 2 (1) It is unlawful to trawl for shrimp in the Atlantic Ocean without Turtle Excluder Devices installed
3 in trawls within one nautical mile of the shore from Browns Inlet (34° 35.7000' N latitude) to
4 Rich's Inlet (34° 17.6000' N latitude) without a valid Permit to Waive the Requirement to Use
5 Turtle Excluder Devices in the Atlantic Ocean when allowed by proclamation from April 1
6 through November 30.
- 7 (2) It is unlawful to tow for more than 55 minutes from April 1 through October 31 and 75 minutes
8 from November 1 through November 30 in this area when working under this permit. Tow time
9 begins when the doors enter the water and ends when the doors exit the water.
- 10 (3) It is unlawful to fail to empty the contents of each net at the end of each tow.
- 11 (4) It is unlawful to refuse to take observers upon request by the Division of Marine Fisheries or the
12 National Marine Fisheries Service.
- 13 (5) It is unlawful to fail to report any sea turtle captured. Reports shall be made within 24 hours of the
14 capture to the Marine Patrol Communications Center by phone. All turtles taken incidental to
15 trawling shall be handled and resuscitated in accordance with requirements specified in 50 CFR
16 223.206, copies of which are available via the Internet at www.nmfs.gov and at the Division of
17 Marine Fisheries, 127 Cardinal Drive Extension, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405.

18 (e) Pound Net Set Permits. Rules setting forth specific conditions for pound net sets are set forth in 15A NCAC 03J
19 .0505.

20 (f) Aquaculture Operations/Collection Permits:

- 21 (1) It is unlawful to conduct aquaculture operations utilizing marine and estuarine resources without
22 first securing an Aquaculture Operation Permit from the Fisheries Director.
- 23 (2) It is unlawful:
- 24 (A) To take marine and estuarine resources from coastal fishing waters for aquaculture
25 purposes without first obtaining an Aquaculture Collection Permit from the Fisheries
26 Director.
- 27 (B) To sell, or use for any purpose not related to North Carolina aquaculture, marine and
28 estuarine resources taken under an Aquaculture Collection Permit.
- 29 (C) To fail to submit to the Fisheries Director an annual report due on December 1 of each
30 year on the form provided by the Division the amount and disposition of marine and
31 estuarine resources collected under authority of this permit.
- 32 (3) Lawfully permitted shellfish relaying activities authorized by 15A NCAC 03K .0103 and .0104
33 are exempt from requirements to have an Aquaculture Operation or Collection Permit issued by
34 the Fisheries Director.
- 35 (4) Aquaculture Operations/Collection Permits shall be issued or renewed on a calendar year basis.
- 36 (5) It is unlawful to fail to provide the Division of Marine Fisheries with a listing of all designees who
37 will be acting under an Aquaculture Collection Permit at the time of application.

1 (g) Scientific or Educational ~~Collection-Activity~~ Permit:

2 (1) It is unlawful for ~~individuals-institutions~~ or agencies seeking exemptions from license, rule,
3 proclamation or statutory requirements to ~~collect-collect, hold, culture or exhibit~~ for scientific or
4 educational purposes ~~as approved by the Division of Marine Fisheries~~ any marine ~~and-or~~ estuarine
5 species without first ~~securing-obtaining~~ a Scientific or Educational ~~Collection-Activity~~ Permit.

6 (2) The Scientific or Educational Activity Permit shall only be issued for scientific or educational
7 purposes and for collection methods and possession restrictions approved by the Division of
8 Marine Fisheries.

9 (3) The Scientific or Educational Activity Permit shall only be issued for approved activities
10 conducted by or under the direction of Scientific or Educational institutions as defined in Rule
11 15A NCAC 03I .0101.

12 ~~(2)~~(4) It is unlawful for ~~persons who have been~~ the responsible party issued a Scientific or Educational
13 ~~Collection-Activity~~ Permit to fail to submit a report on collections and, if authorized, sales to the
14 Division of Marine Fisheries due on December 1 of each year unless otherwise specified on the
15 permit. The reports shall be filed on forms provided by the Division. Scientific or Educational
16 ~~Collection-Permits-Activity permits~~ shall be issued on a calendar year basis.

17 ~~(3)~~(5) It is unlawful to sell marine ~~and-or~~ estuarine species taken under a Scientific or Educational
18 ~~Collection-Permit:Activity Permit~~ without:

19 (A) ~~without~~ the required license(s) for such sale;

20 (B) ~~to anyone other than a licensed North Carolina fish dealer; and~~

21 ~~(C)~~(B) ~~without~~ authorization stated on the permit for such ~~sale.sale; and~~

22 (C) providing the information required in Rule 15A NCAC 03I .0114 if the sale is to a
23 licensed fish dealer.

24 ~~(4)~~(6) It is unlawful to fail to provide the Division of Marine Fisheries a listing of all designees who will
25 be acting under a Scientific or Educational ~~Collection-Permits-Activity Permit~~ at the time of
26 application.

27 ~~(5)~~(7) The permittee or designees utilizing the permit shall call ~~or fax~~ the Division of Marine Fisheries
28 Communications Center at 800-682-2632 or 252-726-7021 not later than 24 hours prior to use of
29 the permit, specifying activities and location.

30 (h) Under Dock Oyster Culture Permit:

31 (1) It is unlawful to cultivate oysters in containers under docks for personal consumption without first
32 obtaining an Under Dock Oyster Culture Permit.

33 (2) An Under Dock Oyster Culture Permit shall be issued only in accordance with provisions set forth
34 in G.S. 113-210(c).

35 (3) The applicant shall complete and submit an examination, with a minimum of 70 percent correct
36 answers, based on an educational package provided by the Division of Marine Fisheries pursuant
37 to G.S. 113-210(j). The examination demonstrates the applicant's knowledge of:

- 1 (A) the application process;
2 (B) permit criteria;
3 (C) basic oyster biology and culture techniques;
4 (D) shellfish harvest area closures due to pollution;
5 (E) safe handling practices;
6 (F) permit conditions; and
7 (G) permit revocation criteria.
- 8 (4) Action by an Under Dock Oyster Culture Permit holder to encroach on or usurp the legal rights of
9 the public to access public trust resources in coastal fishing waters shall result in permit
10 revocation.
- 11 (i) Atlantic Ocean Striped Bass Commercial Gear Permit:
- 12 (1) It is unlawful to take striped bass from the Atlantic Ocean in a commercial fishing operation
13 without first obtaining an Atlantic Ocean Striped Bass Commercial Gear Permit.
- 14 (2) It is unlawful to use a single Standard Commercial Fishing License, including assignments, to
15 obtain more than one Atlantic Ocean Striped Bass Commercial Gear Permit during a license year.
- 16 (j) Coastal Recreational Fishing License Exemption Permit:
- 17 (1) It is unlawful for the responsible party seeking exemption from recreational fishing license
18 requirements for eligible individuals to conduct an organized fishing event held in coastal or joint
19 fishing waters without first obtaining a Coastal Recreational Fishing License Exemption Permit.
- 20 (2) The Coastal Recreational Fishing License Exemption Permit shall only be issued for recreational
21 fishing activity conducted solely for the participation and benefit of one of the following groups of
22 eligible individuals:
- 23 (A) Individuals with physical or mental limitations;
24 (B) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents, upon presentation of a
25 valid military identification card, for military appreciation;
26 (C) Individuals receiving instruction on recreational fishing techniques and conservation
27 practices from employees of state or federal marine or estuarine resource management
28 agencies, or instructors affiliated with educational institutions; and
29 (D) Disadvantaged youths.
- 30 For purposes of this Paragraph, educational institutions include high schools and other secondary
31 educational institutions.
- 32 (3) The Coastal Recreational Fishing License Exemption Permit is valid for the date(s), time and
33 physical location of the organized fishing event for which the exemption is granted and the time
34 period shall not exceed one year from the date of issuance.
- 35 (4) The Coastal Recreational Fishing License Exemption Permit shall only be issued when all of the
36 following, in addition to the information required in 15A NCAC 03O .0501, is submitted to the
37 Fisheries Director in writing a minimum of 30 days prior to the event:

- 1 (A) The name, date(s), time and physical location of the event;
- 2 (B) Documentation that substantiates local, state or federal involvement in the organized
- 3 fishing event, if applicable;
- 4 (C) The cost or requirements, if any, for an individual to participate in the event; and
- 5 (D) An estimate of the number of participants.

6 (k) For Hire Fishing Permit:

- 7 (1) It is unlawful to operate a For Hire Vessel unless the vessel operator possesses either the For Hire
- 8 Blanket Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) for the vessel as provided in 15A NCAC
- 9 03O .0112 or a Division of Marine Fisheries For Hire Fishing Permit for the vessel.
- 10 (2) It is unlawful for a For Hire vessel operator to operate under the For Hire Fishing Permit without:
 - 11 (A) Holding the USCG certification required in 15A NCAC 03O .0501(g)(1);
 - 12 (B) Having the For Hire Fishing Permit for the vessel or copy thereof in possession and ready
 - 13 at hand for inspection;
 - 14 (C) Having current picture identification in possession and ready at hand for inspection.
- 15 (3) It is unlawful for the permittee to fail to notify the Division within five days of any changes to
- 16 information provided on the permit.
- 17 (4) It is unlawful to fail to display a current For Hire Fishing Permit decal mounted on an exterior
- 18 surface of the vessel so as to be visible when viewed from the port side while engaged in for-hire
- 19 recreational fishing.
- 20 (5) The For Hire Fishing Permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

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22 *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-169.1; 113-169.3; 113-182; 113-210; 143B-289.52*

15A NCAC 03Q .0202 is proposed for amendment as follows:

15A NCAC 03Q .0202 DESCRIPTIVE BOUNDARIES FOR COASTAL-JOINT-INLAND WATERS

Descriptive boundaries for Coastal-Joint-Inland Waters referenced in 15A NCAC 03Q .0201 are as follows:

- (1) Beaufort County:
 - (a) Pamlico - Tar River - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 32.2167' N - 77^{\circ} 02.8701' W$; running southwesterly along the east side of the railroad bridge to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 32.0267' N - 77^{\circ} 03.5179' W$.
 - (i) All Manmade tributaries - All manmade tributaries within Pamlico - Tar River in Beaufort County are designated as Joint.
 - (b) Pungo River - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 34.2702' N - 76^{\circ} 30.1354' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 34.3192' N - 76^{\circ} 30.0238' W$. Joint Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 32.0974' N - 76^{\circ} 29.6067' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 30.2620' N - 76^{\circ} 29.3843' W$.
 - (i) Flax Pond Bay - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ii) Upper Dowry Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 31.8946' N - 76^{\circ} 32.1231' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 31.9656' N - 76^{\circ} 32.0114' W$.
 - (iii) Lower Dowry Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 32.4188' N - 76^{\circ} 35.3924' W$; running northeast to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 32.4691' N - 76^{\circ} 35.2748' W$.
 - (iv) George Best Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (v) Toms Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (vi) Pantego Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 31.9908' N - 76^{\circ} 36.6105' W$; running southerly along the Breakwater to a point $35^{\circ} 31.6628' N - 76^{\circ} 36.9840' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 31.5653' N - 76^{\circ} 37.3832' W$.
 - (vii) Pungo Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 29.9986' N - 76^{\circ} 40.3564' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 29.8887' N - 76^{\circ} 40.3262' W$.
 - (A) Vale Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 31.0370' N - 76^{\circ} 38.9044'$

- W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 31.0528' N - 76° 38.8536' W.
- (B) Scotts Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 30.4264' N - 76° 40.1156' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 30.4264' N - 76° 39.9430' W.
- (C) Smith Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 30.2844' N - 76° 40.2941' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 30.1982' N - 76° 40.2621' W.
- (viii) Woodstock (Little) Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 30.5291' N - 76° 38.1600' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 30.4852' N - 76° 38.0278' W.
- (ix) Jordan Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 27.7256' N - 76° 36.2159' W; running southerly to a point 35° 27.5587' N - 76° 36.2704' W; following the eastern shore to a point 35° 27.4651' N - 76° 36.3294' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 27.3429' N - 76° 36.4498' W.
- (x) Satterthwaite Creek - Inland Waters northwest and Coastal Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 25.2994' N - 76° 35.4281' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 25.1284' N - 76° 35.4949' W.
- (xi) Wright Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Coastal Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 24.8664' N - 76° 35.4240' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 24.7995' N - 76° 35.3086' W.
- (c) North Creek - Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 25.1667' N - 76° 40.1042' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 25.0971' N - 76° 39.6340' W.
- (d) St. Clair Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 25.7691' N - 76° 42.6406' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 25.7695' N - 76° 42.5967' W.
- (e) Mixon Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 25.7601' N - 76° 46.5971' W; running easterly to a point 35° 25.7304' N - 76° 46.2547' W; following the southern shoreline to a point 35° 25.6878' N - 76° 46.2034' W; running southeasterly to a point 35° 25.6606' N - 76° 46.1892' W; following the southern shoreline to a point 35° 25.6267' N - 76° 46.1494' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 25.6166' N - 76° 46.1361' W.

- (f) Bath Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 27.1685' N - 76^{\circ} 49.4087' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 27.2371' N - 76^{\circ} 49.0969' W$.
- (g) Duck Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Coastal Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 27.5395' N - 76^{\circ} 52.0074' W$; running southerly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 27.4401' N - 76^{\circ} 51.9827' W$.
- (h) Mallard Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 27.6461' N - 76^{\circ} 53.6398' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 27.6425' N - 76^{\circ} 53.5816' W$.
- (i) Upper Goose Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Coastal Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 28.5346' N - 76^{\circ} 56.0229' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 28.4014' N - 76^{\circ} 55.8714' W$.
- (j) Broad Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 29.1023' N - 76^{\circ} 57.3738' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 29.1059' N - 76^{\circ} 57.1188' W$.
- (k) Herring Run (Runyan Creek) - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 32.1615' N - 77^{\circ} 02.3606' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 32.1340' N - 77^{\circ} 02.3438' W$.
- (l) Chocowinity Bay - Inland Waters northwest and Coastal Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 29.4751' N - 77^{\circ} 01.8507' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 29.8780' N - 77^{\circ} 01.3169' W$.
- (m) Calf Tree Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 29.2268' N - 77^{\circ} 01.2973' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 29.2115' N - 77^{\circ} 01.2831' W$.
- (n) Hills Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 28.5227' N - 77^{\circ} 00.2664' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 28.5193' N - 77^{\circ} 00.2270' W$.
- (o) Blounts Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 26.2010' N - 76^{\circ} 58.1716' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 26.1369' N - 76^{\circ} 58.1671' W$.
- (p) Nevil Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 26.1117' N - 76^{\circ} 54.5233' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 26.0966' N - 76^{\circ} 54.5045' W$.
- (q) Barris Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 24.8423' N - 76^{\circ} 49.9928' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 24.8451' N - 76^{\circ} 49.9745' W$.

- (r) Durham Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 23.7824' N - 76° 49.3016' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 23.7821' N - 76° 48.8703' W.
- (s) Huddles Cut - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 22.5817' N - 76° 44.8727' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 22.5782' N - 76° 44.8594' W.
- (t) Huddy Gut - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (u) South Creek - Inland Waters south and Coast Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 18.9589' N - 76° 47.4298' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 18.9994' N - 76° 47.3007' W.
 - (i) Tooleys Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 20.7080' N - 76° 44.8937' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 20.7440' N - 76° 44.8324' W.
 - (ii) Drinkwater Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 20.1441' N - 76° 45.8262' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 20.1333' N - 76° 45.7530' W.
 - (iii) Jacobs Creek - Inland Waters northwest and Coastal Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 20.1420' N - 76° 45.8395' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 20.0692' N - 76° 45.8912' W.
 - (iv) Jacks Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 19.5455' N - 76° 47.0155' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 19.4986' N - 76° 47.0741' W.
 - (v) Whitehurst Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 19.2878' N - 76° 47.4778' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 19.2295' N - 76° 47.4430' W.
 - (vi) Little Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 18.9873' N - 76° 45.9292' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 19.0209' N - 76° 45.8258' W.
 - (vii) Short Creek - Inland Waters southeast and Coastal Waters northwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 20.1228' N - 76° 44.6031' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 20.0527' N - 76° 44.6667' W.
 - (viii) Long Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 20.3050' N - 76° 44.3444' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 20.4185' N - 76° 43.8949' W.

- (ix) Bond Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 20.4231' N - 76° 42.0469' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 20.2539' N - 76 ° 41.8254' W.
- (x) Muddy Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 20.1523' N - 76° 41.2074' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 20.2413' N - 76° 41.0572' W.
- (v) Davis Creek - Inland Waters south Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 20.7032' N - 76° 40.3404' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 20.7112' N - 76° 40.1637' W.
- (w) Strawhorn Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 20.4091' N - 76° 39.0998' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 20.4750' N - 76° 38.8874' W.
- (x) Lower Goose Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) Lower Spring Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 19.7932' N - 76° 37.5347' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 19.4670' N - 76° 37.4134' W.
 - (ii) Peterson Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 18.7722' N - 76° 37.5059' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 18.8406' N - 76° 37.4111' W.
 - (iii) Snode Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 18.2787' N - 76° 37.4679' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 18.0821' N - 76° 37.5544' W.
 - (iv) Campbell Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 17.1203' N - 76° 37.9248' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 16.8807' N - 76° 37.9101' W.
 - (A) Smith Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Inland.
 - (v) Hunting Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 16.7523' N - 76° 36.8138' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 16.6779' N - 76° 36.5885' W.
- (2) Bertie County:
 - (a) Albemarle Sound - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All manmade tributaries within this waterbody for Bertie County are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Roanoke River - Joint Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore of the Roanoke River 35° 56.5068' N -

76° 41.8858' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 56.5324' N - 76° 41.5896' W.

- (A) Sandy Run (Norfleet Gut) - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 10.1119' N - 77° 17.5396' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 10.1172' N - 77° 17.5316' W.
- (B) Quinine - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 09.6041' N - 77° 15.9091' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 09.6068' N - 77° 15.8912' W.
- (C) Wire Gut - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 00.9580' N - 77° 13.0755' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 00.9542' N - 77° 13.0320' W.
- (D) Apple Tree Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 00.4174' N - 77° 12.3252' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 36° 00.3987' N - 77° 12.3088' W.
- (E) Indian Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 59.0794' N - 77° 11.4926' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 59.0597' N - 77° 11.4967' W.
- (F) Coniott Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 56.6562' N - 77° 04.2860' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 56.6397' N - 77° 04.3066' W.
- (G) Conine Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Joint.
- (H) Old Mill Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 53.9483' N - 76° 55.3921' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 53.9378' N - 76° 55.3710' W.
- (I) Cut Cypress Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 51.9465' N - 76° 53.5762' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 35° 51.9229' N - 76° 53.5556' W.
- (J) Broad Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 52.5191' N - 76° 50.4235'

W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 52.4262' N - 76° 50.3791' W.

- (K) Thorofare - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Joint.
- (iii) Cashie River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 54.7865' N - 76° 49.0521' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 54.6691' N - 76° 49.0553' W. Joint Waters south and west and Coastal Waters north and east of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 56.2934' N - 76° 44.1769' W; running easterly to a point on the north shore of an island in the mouth of the river 35° 56.2250' N - 76° 43.9265' W. Joint Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the south shore of an island in the mouth of the river 35° 56.1254' N - 76° 43.9846' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 56.0650' N - 76° 43.9599' W.
 - (A) Cashoke Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 56.2934' N - 76° 44.1769' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 56.2623' N - 76° 44.1993' W.
 - (B) Broad Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 55.0568' N - 76° 45.2632' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 55.0543' N - 76° 45.1309' W.
 - (C) Grinnel Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 55.3147' N - 76° 44.5010' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 55.2262' N - 76° 44.5495' W.
- (iv) Middle River - All waters within this waterbody are designated Joint.
- (v) Eastmost River - Joint Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 56.5024' N - 76° 42.4877' W; running westerly to a point on the east shore 35° 56.4070' N - 76° 42.7647' W.
- (vi) Mud Gut - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 53.2880' N - 76° 45.4463' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 53.2527' N - 76° 45.4678' W.
- (b) Black Walnut Swamp - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 59.4680' N - 76° 40.9556' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 59.3946' N - 76° 40.9629' W.

- (c) Salmon Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Coastal Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 00.4648' N - 76° 42.3513' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 36° 00.3373' N - 76° 42.1499' W.
 - (d) Chowan River - Joint Waters northwest and Coastal Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 02.3162' N - 76° 42.4896' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 03.1013' N - 76° 40.8732' W.
 - (i) Barkers Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 14.0709' N - 76° 44.2451' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 14.0492' N - 76° 44.2456' W.
 - (ii) Willow Branch - Inland Waters southwest and Joint Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 04.7206' N - 76° 43.7667' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 36° 04.7138' N - 76° 43.7580' W.
 - (iii) Keel (Currituck) Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 14.1245' N - 76° 44.1961' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 14.0899' N - 76° 43.8533' W.
- (3) Bladen County:
- (a) Cape Fear River - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 24.2628' N - 78° 17.6390' W; running northeasterly along the Lock and Dam # 1 to a point on the east shore 34° 24.2958' N - 78° 17.5634' W.
 - (i) Natmore Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 24.2841' N - 78° 16.4405' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 34° 24.2852' N - 78° 16.4039' W.
- (4) Brunswick County:
- (a) Calabash River And Tributaries - All waters within this waterbody in Brunswick County are designated as Coastal.
 - (b) Saucepan Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (c) Shallotte River - Inland Waters northwest and Coastal Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the south shore 33° 58.3412' N - 78° 23.1948' W; running northeasterly to a point on the north shore 33° 58.3518' N - 78° 23.1816' W.
 - (i) Mill Dam Branch - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ii) Squash Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iii) Mill Pond - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iv) Charles Branch - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 33° 58.6276' N - 78° 21.2919' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 33° 58.6257' N - 78° 21.2841' W.
 - (v) Grisset Swamp - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

- (vi) Little Shallotte River And Tributaries - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (d) Lockwood Folly ~~River~~ River - Inland Waters northeast and Coastal Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 00.6550' N - 78° 15.8134' W; running southeasterly along the south side of NC Hwy 211 bridge to a point on the south shore 34° 00.6285' N - 78° 15.7928' W.
 - (i) Stanberry Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ii) Pompeys Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iii) Maple Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iv) Rubys Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (v) Big Doe Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (vi) Lennons Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (vii) Mercers Mill Pond Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 33° 57.7498' N - 78° 12.3532' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 33° 57.7439' N - 78° 12.3440' W.
- (e) Elizabeth River - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) Ash Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (f) Beaverdam Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (g) Dutchman Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) Calf Gully Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ii) Jumpin Run - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iii) Fiddlers Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (h) Cape Fear River - Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the western side 34° 13.6953' N - 77° 57.2396' W; running southeasterly along the southern side of US 17-74-76 bridge to a point on the eastern side 34° 13.6214' N - 77° 57.0341' W.
 - (i) ~~Carolina Power And Light~~ Duke Energy Progress Brunswick Nuclear Plant Intake Canal - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ii) Walden Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iii) Orton Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 02.8436' N - 77° 56.7498' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 34° 02.8221' N - 77° 56.7439' W.
 - (iv) Lilliput Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 04.1924' N - 77° 56.5361' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 34° 04.1487' N - 77° 56.5447' W.

- (v) Sandhill Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Coastal Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 06.9584' N - 77^{\circ} 57.0085' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 06.9371' N - 77^{\circ} 56.9943' W$.
- (vi) Town Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 07.7492' N - 77^{\circ} 57.3445' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 07.7034' N - 77^{\circ} 57.3431' W$.
- (vii) Mallory Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 09.9868' N - 77^{\circ} 58.2023' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 09.9618' N - 77^{\circ} 58.2133' W$.
- (viii) Brunswick River - Joint Waters northwest and Coastal Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 10.7281' N - 77^{\circ} 57.7793' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 10.9581' N - 77^{\circ} 57.6452' W$.
 - (A) Alligator Creek - For the southernmost entrance into the Brunswick River: Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 13.5040' N - 77^{\circ} 58.6331' W$; running northwesterly to a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 13.5472' N - 77^{\circ} 58.6628' W$. For the northernmost entrance into the Brunswick River: Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 14.4300' N - 77^{\circ} 59.2346' W$; running northerly to a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 14.4618' N - 77^{\circ} 59.2300' W$.
 - (B) Jackeys Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 11.9400' N - 77^{\circ} 58.5859' W$; running northerly to a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 11.9565' N - 77^{\circ} 58.5859' W$.
 - (C) Sturgeon Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 14.6761' N - 77^{\circ} 59.4145' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 14.6404' N - 77^{\circ} 59.4058' W$.
- (ix) Cartwheel Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 15.7781' N - 77^{\circ} 59.3852' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 15.7564' N - 77^{\circ} 59.3898' W$.
- (x) Indian Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 17.0441' N - 78^{\circ} 00.3662' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 17.0006' N - 78^{\circ} 00.3977' W$.

- (xi) Hood Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 20.3713' N - 78^{\circ} 04.7492' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 20.3393' N - 78^{\circ} 04.7373' W$.
 - (xii) Northwest Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Inland.
- (5) Camden County:
- (a) Albemarle Sound - All waters within this waterbody are designated Coastal.
 - (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Pasquotank River - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 18.0768' N - 76^{\circ} 13.0979' W$; running easterly along the south side of the Highway 158 Bridge to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 18.0594' N - 76^{\circ} 12.9620' W$. Joint Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 11.4282' N - 76^{\circ} 01.2876' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 08.7563' N - 76^{\circ} 03.6991' W$.
 - (A) Raymond Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 14.0746' N - 76^{\circ} 03.3952' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 14.0711' N - 76^{\circ} 03.3668' W$.
 - (B) Portohonk Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 15.0519' N - 76^{\circ} 05.2793' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 15.0391' N - 76^{\circ} 05.2532' W$.
 - (C) Areneuse Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 17.3133' N - 76^{\circ} 08.1655' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 17.1328' N - 76^{\circ} 07.6269' W$.
 - (iii) North River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 18.7703' N - 75^{\circ} 58.7384' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 18.4130' N - 75^{\circ} 58.7228' W$. Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 09.8986' N - 75^{\circ} 54.6771' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 10.0108' N - 75^{\circ} 52.0431' W$.
 - (A) Wading Gut - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 10.6054' N - 75^{\circ} 55.9529' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 10.5777' N - 75^{\circ} 55.8654' W$.

- (B) Little Broad Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 11.6530' N - 75^{\circ} 57.2035' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 11.5587' N - 75^{\circ} 56.9160' W$.
- (C) Broad Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 12.2197' N - 75^{\circ} 57.2685' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 11.6766' N - 75^{\circ} 57.2254' W$.
- (D) Hunting Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Joint Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 15.0480' N - 75^{\circ} 57.5820' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 14.9308' N - 75^{\circ} 57.4635' W$.
- (E) Abel Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 15.9530' N - 75^{\circ} 58.0348' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 15.8553' N - 75^{\circ} 58.0842' W$.
- (F) Back Landing Creek - Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 16.4746' N - 76^{\circ} 07.6377' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 16.2030' N - 76^{\circ} 57.8897' W$.
- (G) Public Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 17.2462' N - 75^{\circ} 58.2774' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 17.2121' N - 75^{\circ} 58.2788' W$.
- (H) Cow Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 17.8667' N - 75^{\circ} 58.3483' W$; running southerly to a point on the marsh island $36^{\circ} 17.7600' N - 75^{\circ} 58.3300' W$; running southerly following the eastern shoreline of the island to a point $36^{\circ} 17.7122' N - 75^{\circ} 58.3273' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 17.6522' N - 75^{\circ} 58.3543' W$.
- (I) Great Creek - Mouth: Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 18.1045' N - 75^{\circ} 58.4289' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 17 9882' N - 75^{\circ} 58.4458' W$. On north shore of Great Creek within the fourth tributary: Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 18.1729' N - 75^{\circ} 58.9137'$

W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 36° 18.1640' N - 75° 58.9022' W.

(J) Indiantown Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Inland.

(6) Carteret County:

(a) Neuse River - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(i) Adams Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(A) Back (Black) Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(B) Cedar Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(ii) Garbacon Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(iii) South River - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 53.5068' N - 76° 31.1233' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 34° 53.4494' N - 76° 31.3032' W.

(A) Big Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(B) Southwest Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(C) West Fork - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Inland.

(D) East Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Inland.

(E) Eastman Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(iv) Browns Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(b) North River - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(i) Panter Cat Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(ii) Cypress Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(c) Newport River - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 45.2478' N - 76° 46.4479' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 34° 45.1840' N - 76° 46.4488' W.

(i) Core Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(ii) Harlowe Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(iii) Bogue Sound And Tributaries - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

(d) White Oak River - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 48.1466' N - 77° 11.4711' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 34° 48.1620' N - 77° 11.4244' W.

(i) Pettiford Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 42.6935' N - 77° 04.0745' W; running along the

west side of the Highway 58 bridge to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 42.6569' N$ - $77^{\circ} 04.0786' W$.

- (ii) Little Hadnotts Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $34^{\circ} 45.0839' N$ - $77^{\circ} 06.5931' W$; running northerly to an easterly point on the east shore $34^{\circ} 45.0867' N$ - $77^{\circ} 06.5780' W$.
- (iii) Hadnotts Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 45.9908' N$ - $77^{\circ} 05.7847' W$; running along the west side of the Highway 58 bridge to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 45.9738' N$ - $77^{\circ} 05.7810' W$.
- (iv) Neds Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (v) Hunters Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the northwest shore $34^{\circ} 47.1205' N$ - $77^{\circ} 09.9462' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the southeast shore $34^{\circ} 47.0947' N$ - $77^{\circ} 09.9160' W$.

(7) Chowan County:

- (a) Albemarle Sound - All waters within this waterbody in Chowan County are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All manmade tributaries are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Yeopim River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 05.4526' N$ - $76^{\circ} 27.7651' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore at Norcum Point $36^{\circ} 05.1029' N$ - $76^{\circ} 27.7120' W$. Joint Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 04.7426' N$ - $76^{\circ} 24.2536' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 04.1136' N$ - $76^{\circ} 24.5365' W$.
 - (iii) Queen Anne Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 03.3757' N$ - $76^{\circ} 36.3629' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 03.3551' N$ - $76^{\circ} 36.3574' W$.
 - (iv) Pembroke Creek (Pollock Swamp) - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 03.2819' N$ - $76^{\circ} 37.0138' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 03.4185' N$ - $76^{\circ} 36.6783' W$.
 - (v) Chowan River - Joint Waters northwest and Coastal Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 02.3162' N$ - $76^{\circ} 42.4896' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 03.1013' N$ - $76^{\circ} 40.8732' W$.
- (A) Rocky Hock Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning on the west shore at a point $36^{\circ} 06.5662' N$ - $76^{\circ} 41.3108'$

W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore at 36° 06.6406' N - 76° 41.4512' W.

- (B) Dillard (Indian) Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 14.2234' N - 76° 41.5901' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 14.2023' N - 76° 41.5855' W.
- (C) Stumpy Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 16.6440' N - 76° 40.4251' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 16.6255' N - 76° 40.4196' W.
- (D) Catherine (Warwick) Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 18.1011' N - 76° 41.1286' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 17.9413' N - 76° 40.8627' W.

(8) Columbus County:

- (a) Cape Fear River - All waters within this waterbody of Columbus County are designated as Joint.
 - (i) Livingston Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 21.1518' N - 78° 12.0358' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 34° 21.1420' N - 78° 12.0018' W.
 - (ii) Waymans Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Joint Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 22.9861' N - 78° 14.5266' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 34° 22.9838' N - 78° 14.5236' W.

(9) Craven County:

- (a) Neuse River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line at Pitch Kettle Creek beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 16.9793' N - 77° 15.5529' W; running south to a point on the south shore 35° 16.9237' N - 77° 15.5461' W. Joint Waters northwest and Coastal Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the east shore 35° 07.7096' N - 77° 01.6749' W; running southwesterly along the southern side of the Southern Railroad bridge to a point on the west shore 35° 07.1530' N - 77° 02.5570' W.
 - (i) Adams Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (A) Back Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ii) Courts Creek - Inland Waters east Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 56.6958' N - 76° 42.7175' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 34° 56.6606' N - 76° 42.7450' W.

- (iii) Long Branch - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning on the west shore 34° 55.6189' N - 76° 43.8180' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 34° 55.6175' N - 76° 43.7846' W.
- (iv) Clubfoot Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (A) Gulden Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (B) Mitchell Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (C) Morton Mill Pond - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 51.9245' N - 76° 45.7754' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 34° 51.7799' N - 76° 45.8184' W.
- (v) Hancock Creek - Coastal Waters east and Inland Waters west of a line beginning on the north shore at 34° 56.3420' N - 76° 51.2809' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore at 34° 56.2731' N - 76° 51.3034' W.
- (vi) Slocum Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at 34° 57.1875' N - 76° 53.7648' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 34° 57.1334' N - 76° 53.8069' W.
- (vii) Scott Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line from a point on the north shore 35° 05.5723' N - 77° 02.0677' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 05.5316' N - 77° 02.0745' W.
- (viii) Trent River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line at Wilson Creek beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 04.05490' N - 77° 06.0987' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 04.3837' N - 77° 06.1230' W. Joint Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line on the western side of the Highway 70 Trent River Bridge beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 06.2136' N - 77° 02.1968' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 05.9351' N - 77° 02.2645' W.
 - (A) Brice Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 04.5114' N - 77° 03.6433' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 04.5634' N - 77° 03.4469' W.
- (ix) Jack Smith Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Joint Waters northeast of a line beginning on the west shore 35° 07.5482' N - 77° 03.1613' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 07.5320' N - 77° 03.1338' W.
- (x) Bachelor Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 09.0099' N - 77° 04.5858' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 08.9085' N - 77° 04.7172' W.

- (xi) Dollys Gut - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 13.6303' N - 77° 09.9847' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 13.5937' N - 77° 09.9778' W.
- (xii) Greens Thoroughfare - Easternmost entrance: Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 13.7807' N - 77° 09.9224' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 13.7587' N - 77° 09.9728' W. Westernmost entrance: Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning on the west shore 35° 14.1398' N - 77° 11.5530' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 14.1481' N - 77° 11.5036' W.
- (xiii) Greens Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning on the north shore 35° 14.1883' N - 77° 11.8862' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 35° 14.1389' N - 77° 11.7535' W.
- (xiv) Turkey Quarter Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 15.6738' N - 77° 14.6823' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 15.6534' N - 77° 14.6470' W.
- (xv) Pitch Kettle Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Inland.
- (xvi) Taylors Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 14.3719' N - 77° 10.8050' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 14.3300' N - 77° 10.8352' W.
- (xvii) Pine Tree Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 12.6663' N - 77° 07.4285' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 12.7033' N - 77° 07.3594' W. Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 12.8553' N - 77° 07.8300' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 12.8372' N - 77° 07.7934' W. Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 13.2012' N - 77° 08.7753' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 13.1714' N - 77° 08.7071' W.
- (xviii) Stumpy Creek - Southern entrance: Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 11.5752' N - 77° 06.1866' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 11.5550' N - 77° 06.2411' W. Northern entrance: Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 11.9377' N - 77° 06.7263' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 35° 11.9169' N - 77° 06.7044' W.

- (xix) Swift Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 11.5972' N - 77° 06.0562' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 11.5816' N - 77° 05.9861' W.
 - (xx) Mill Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 08.5041' N - 77° 02.3400' W; running south easterly to a point on the south shore 35° 08.4711' N - 77° 02.3176' W.
 - (xxi) Duck Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 05.7648' N - 77° 00.5191' W; running south easterly to a point on the south shore at 35° 05.6803' N - 77° 00.4179' W.
 - (xxii) Northwest Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 03.5096' N - 76° 58.2604' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore at 35° 03.5948' N - 76° 58.0297' W.
 - (xxiii) Upper Broad Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 04.5050' N - 76° 56.5269' W; running easterly along the Tidelands EMC power lines to a point on the east shore at 35° 04.4705' N - 76° 56.2115' W.
- (10) Currituck County:
- (a) Albemarle Sound - All waters within Albemarle Sound in Currituck County are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All Manmade Tributaries to Albemarle Sound in Currituck County are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) North River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 18.7703' N - 75° 58.7384' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 18.4130' N - 75° 58.7228' W. Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning on the west shore 36° 09.8986' N - 75° 54.6771' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 10.0108' N - 75° 52.0431' W.
 - (A) Duck Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 12.4056' N - 75° 54.2967' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 12.1865' N - 75° 54.0298' W.
 - (B) Barnett Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 14.2405' N - 75° 55.0112' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 36° 14.0956' N - 75° 54.9774' W.
 - (C) Lutz Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 14.7397' N - 75°

- 55.4914' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 14.4948' N - 75° 55.1989' W.
- (D) Goose Pond - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 15.5152' N - 75° 57.0936' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 15.4016' N - 75° 56.7842' W. Also south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 16.0334' N - 75° 57.1018' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 16.0301' N - 75° 57.0629' W.
- (E) Deep Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 17.1576' N - 75° 56.7594' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 16.9846' N - 75° 56.6802' W.
- (F) Narrow Ridges Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 18.3249' N - 75° 57.8910' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 18.1388' N - 75° 57.9029' W.
- (G) Bump Landing Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 19.3757' N - 75° 57.9057' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 19.2496' N - 75° 57.9107' W.
- (H) Taylor Bay - All waters within Taylor Bay are designated Joint.
- (I) Intracoastal Waterway From Taylor Bay To Coinjock Bay - All waters within the IWW are designated Joint.
- (J) Indiantown Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated Inland.
- (b) Currituck Sound - Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore of Currituck Sound 36° 04.8195' N - 75° 47.4101' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 05.5739' N - 75° 44.5729' W.
- (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All manmade tributaries within this waterbody are designated as Joint.
- (ii) Coinjock Bay - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Joint.
- (iii) Nelson (Nells) Creek - Northern entrance: Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 16.5806' N - 75° 52.1168' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 16.6410' N - 75° 51.9580' W. Southern entrance: Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 15.9816' N - 75° 51.7245' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 15.8640' N - 75° 51.6897' W.

- (iv) Hog Quarter Creek - Northernmost entrance: Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 07.7400' N - 75^{\circ} 48.6254' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 07.7210' N - 75^{\circ} 48.6135' W$. Southernmost entrance: Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 07.4118' N - 75^{\circ} 48.4986' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 07.3532' N - 75^{\circ} 48.5110' W$.
 - (v) Parkers Creek - Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning on the west shore $36^{\circ} 22.1079' N - 75^{\circ} 55.5459' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 22.1607' N - 75^{\circ} 55.4512' W$. Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 22.3928' N - 75^{\circ} 55.6970' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 22.4011' N - 75^{\circ} 55.6782' W$.
 - (vi) North Landing River - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Joint.
 - (A) Northwest River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore of $36^{\circ} 30.8374' N - 76^{\circ} 04.8770' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 30.7061' N - 76^{\circ} 04.8916' W$.
 - (I) Gibbs Canal - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 32.2322' N - 76^{\circ} 01.8923' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 32.1997' N - 76^{\circ} 01.8937' W$.
 - (II) Tull Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Joint Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 30.0991' N - 76^{\circ} 04.8587' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 29.9599' N - 76^{\circ} 04.7126' W$.
 - (B) West Landing - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore ~~$36^{\circ} 30.9867' N - 76^{\circ} 02.5868' W$~~ ; $36^{\circ} 30.9867' N - 76^{\circ} 02.5868' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 31.0045' N - 76^{\circ} 02.3780' W$.
- (11) Dare County:
- (a) Alligator River - Coastal Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 54.2903' N - 76^{\circ} 01.6818' W$; running along the south side of the US 64 bridge to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 53.6835' N - 75^{\circ} 58.8578' W$.
 - (i) Whipping Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 41.3930' N - 76^{\circ} 00.2481' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 41.3717' N - 76^{\circ} 00.2554' W$.

- (ii) Swan Creek and Lake - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 40.2674' N - 76° 00.7360' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 40.2420' N - 76° 00.7548' W.
 - (iii) Milltail Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 50.5192' N - 75° 58.6134' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 50.4956' N - 75° 58.6158' W.
 - (iv) Laurel Bay Lake (Creek) - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 52.4036' N - 75° 58.8560' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 52.3960' N - 75° 58.8528' W.
 - (v) East Lake - Coastal Waters west and Inland Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 56.1676' N - 75° 55.2603' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 55.4727' N - 75° 55.5043' W. Joint Waters north and Inland Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 58.6402' N - 75° 52.1855' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 58.5887' N - 75° 51.7080' W.
- (b) Albemarle Sound - All waters in this waterbody in Dare County are designated as Coastal.
- (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All manmade tributaries in Dare County for this waterbody are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Kitty Hawk Bay - Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 03.1967' N - 75° 44.3087' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 03.1871' N - 75° 44.2716' W. Joint Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 03.1338' N - 75° 44.2423' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 03.0919' N - 75° 44.2533' W. Joint Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 02.9960' N - 75° 44.2840' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 02.9592' N - 75° 44.2291' W. Joint Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 02.4964' N - 75° 44.2089' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 01.3270' N - 75° 43.6422' W.
 - (iii) Peter Mashoes Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 57.2344' N - 75° 48.3087' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 56.7805' N - 75° 48.3563' W.
 - (iv) Tom Mann Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 58.5296' N - 75° 52.8982' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 58.5175' N - 75° 53.6851' W.

- (v) Collington Harbor - Joint Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 01.0828' N - 75° 43.6070' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 01.0510' N - 75° 43.6015' W.
- (c) Croatan Sound - All waters in this waterbody in Dare County are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Spencer Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 51.4205' N - 75° 45.0645' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 51.3876' N - 75° 45.0640' W. Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 51.5597' N - 75° 45.0141' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 51.4624' N - 75° 45.0498' W. Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 51.6783' N - 75° 44.9125' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 51.5693' N - 75° 45.0109' W.
 - (iii) Calahan Creek (Callaghan Creek) - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 51.1312' N - 75° 45.1327' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 51.0953' N - 75° 45.1629' W.
- (d) Roanoke Sound - All waters in this waterbody in Dare County are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) Buzzard Bay - Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 59.6662' N - 75° 41.8400' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 59.4376' N - 75° 40.5770' W.
- (e) Pamlico Sound - All waters in this waterbody in Dare County are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) Stumpy Point Bay - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (A) All Manmade Tributaries - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Long Shoal River - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 38.7661' N - 75° 53.4429' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore ~~35° 38.7641' N - 75° 53.4159' W~~ 35° 38.7641' N - 75° 53.4159' W.
 - (A) All Manmade Tributaries - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Joint.
 - (B) Pains Bay - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (I) Pains Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 36.4464' N - 75° 49.0420' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 36.4439' N - 75° 49.0324' W.

- (C) Deep Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 37.8971' N - 75° 51.3125' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 37.8840' N - 75° 51.2928' W.
- (f) Currituck Sound - Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 04.8195' N - 75° 47.4101' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 05.5739' N - 75° 44.5729' W.
 - (i) ~~All Manmade Tributaries~~ Tributaries - All manmade tributaries are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Martin Point Creek (Jean Guite Creek) - Inland Waters south Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 07.6716' N - 75° 44.9656' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 07.7568' N - 75° 44.6823' W.
- (12) Gates County:
 - (a) Chowan River - All waters within this waterbody for Gates County are designated as Joint.
 - (i) Catherine (Warwick) Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 18.1011' N - 76° 41.1286' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 17.9413' N - 76° 40.8627' W.
 - (ii) Bennetts Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 18.3499' N - 76° 42.0286' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 18.4057' N - 76° 41.6986' W.
 - (iii) Beef Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 20.3235' N - 76° 44.6401' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 20.3070' N - 76° 44.5797' W.
 - (iv) Sarem Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 21.7259' N - 76° 46.4085' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 21.6748' N - 76° 46.4392' W.
 - (v) Shingle (Island) Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the north shore of the westernmost entrance into Chowan River 36° 21.8449' N - 76° 48.0940' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 36° 21.7831' N - 76° 48.0427' W. At the easternmost entrance to the creek: Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 21.8469' N - 76° 47.2668' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 21.9062' N - 76° 47.1862' W.

- (vi) Barnes Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the western shore 36° 21.8820' N - 76° 48.6419' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 21.8978' N - 76° 48.5902' W.
 - (vii) Spikes Creek - Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 22.6515' N - 76° 50.8882' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 22.6684' N - 76° 50.8493' W.
 - (viii) Buckhorn Creek (Run Off Swamp) - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 22.9682' N - 76° 51.9172' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 22.9614' N - 76° 51.8870' W.
 - (ix) Mud Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 23.5134' N - 76° 53.9131' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 23.5132' N - 76° 53.8815' W.
 - (x) Somerton Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 31.7177' N - 76° 54.8327' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 31.7143' N - 76° 54.7810' W.
- (13) Halifax County:
- (a) Roanoke River - Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 12.5264' N - 77° 23.0223' W; running northeasterly along the south side of the Highway 258 Bridge to a point on the east shore 36° 12.5674' N - 77° 22.9724' W.
 - (i) Kehukee Swamp - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 05.1942' N - 77° 18.9596' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 36° 05.1670' N - 77° 18.9761' W.
 - (ii) Clarks Canal - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 04.6165' N - 77° 19.5817' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 04.6215' N - 77° 19.5643' W.
- (14) Hertford County:
- (a) Chowan River - All waters within this waterbody for Hertford County are designated as Joint.
 - (i) Keel (Currituck) Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 14.1245' N - 76° 44.1961' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 14.0899' N - 76° 43.8533' W.
 - (ii) Swain Mill (Taylor Pond) Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 18.5808' N - 76° 43.4729' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 18.5616' N - 76° 43.4706' W.

- (iii) Goose Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 19.5838' N - 76° 44.5971' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 19.5375' N - 76° 44.5925' W.
 - (iv) Wiccacon River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 20.5439' N - 76° 45.4550' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 36° 20.4684' N - 76° 45.3392' W.
 - (v) Hodges Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 21.2459' N - 76° 46.3421' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 21.1823' N - 76° 46.3243' W.
 - (vi) Catherine Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 22.9579' N - 76° 53.1994' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 22.9456' N - 76° 53.1742' W.
 - (vii) Harris (Hares) Mill Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Inland.
 - (viii) Meherrin River - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Joint.
 - (A) Potecasi Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Joint Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 26.1234' N - 76° 57.5262' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 26.1005' N - 76° 57.4960' W.
 - (B) Liverman Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 26.7244' N - 76° 58.2797' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 26.7086' N - 76° 58.2499' W.
 - (C) Vaughan's Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 28.3541' N - 77° 05.6259' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 36° 28.3307' N - 77° 05.6369' W.
 - (D) Banks Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Inland.
 - (ix) Buckhorn Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 31.9519' N - 76° 55.2580' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 36° 31.9628' N - 76° 55.2429' W.
- (15) Hyde County:
- (a) Pamlico Sound - All waters within this waterbody in Hyde County are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) Pungo River - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 34.2702' N - 76° 30.1354' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 34.3192' N - 76° 30.0238' W. Joint

Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 32.0974' N - 76° 29.6067' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 30.2620' N - 76° 29.3843' W.

- (A) Rutman Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 33.1874' N - 76° 27.4090' W; running easterly to a point 35° 33.1759' N - 76° 27.2525' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 33.2455' N - 76° 26.9119' W.
- (B) Wilkerson Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 33.1251' N - 76° 27.2328' W; running northerly to a point 35° 33.1553' N - 76° 27.2447' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 33.3286' N - 76° 26.2019' W.
- (C) Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway From Wilkerson Creek To Alligator River At Winn Bay - All waters within this part of the Intracoastal Waterway are designated as Joint.
- (D) Horse Island Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 32.1965' N - 76° 28.0462' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 32.1480' N - 76° 28.0705' W.
- (E) Tarklin Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 31.1553' N - 76° 28.1478' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 35° 31.0974' N - 76° 28.0984' W.
- (F) Scranton Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 30.0080' N - 76° 26.7759' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 29.9574' N - 76° 26.7750' W.
- (G) Smith Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 30.2812' N - 76° 29.7546' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 30.1904' N - 76° 29.4657' W.
- (H) Fishing Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 30.2400' N - 76° 35.0143' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 30.0645' N - 76° 34.8211' W.

- (I) Slades Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (J) Fortescue Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (ii) Rose Bay - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (A) Rose Bay Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (B) Rose Bay Canal - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 28.5607' N - 76^{\circ} 19.6545' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 28.5509' N - 76^{\circ} 19.6572' W$. Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 27.8491' W - 76^{\circ} 24.2198' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 27.8404' N - 76^{\circ} 24.2065' W$.
- (iii) Swan Quarter Bay - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (A) Oyster Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (iv) Juniper Bay - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (A) Juniper Bay Creek - Joint Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 23.2472' N - 76^{\circ} 14.8754' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 23.1738' N - 76^{\circ} 14.9794' W$.
 - (B) Juniper Bay Creek Canal - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 23.8618' N - 76^{\circ} 13.1044' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 23.8677' N - 76^{\circ} 13.0888' W$.
- (v) Lake Mattamuskeet - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Inland.
 - (A) Outfall Canal - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 26.6017' N - 76^{\circ} 10.1715' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 26.6093' N - 76^{\circ} 10.1513' W$. Joint Waters north and Coastal waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 21.4945' N - 76^{\circ} 06.5336' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 21.5480' N - 76^{\circ} 06.4819' W$.
 - (B) Lake Landing Canal - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 28.7878' N - 76^{\circ} 04.5867' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 28.7910'$

- N - 76° 04.5726' W. Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 25.9529' N - 76° 03.6785' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 25.9568' N - 76° 03.6566' W. Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 25.9666' N - 76° 03.5856' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 25.9819' N - 76° 03.5600' W.
- (C) Waupopin Canal - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 31.8413' N - 76° 01.7779' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 31.8283' N - 76° 01.7637' W. Joint Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 31.5557' N - 75° 58.8725' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 31.5648' N - 75° 58.8555' W.
- (D) Rattlesnake Canal - Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 26.6965' N - 76° 00.8079' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 26.7116' N - 76° 00.7749' W.
- (E) All Other Manmade Tributaries To Lake Mattamuskeet - All manmade tributaries of this waterbody are designated as Inland.
- (vi) Middletown Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (vii) Long Shoal River - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 38.7661' N - 75° 53.4429' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 38.7641' N - 75° 53.4159' W.
- (A) All Manmade Tributaries - All manmade tributaries of this waterbody are designated as Joint.
- (B) Broad Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (C) Flag Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 37.3782' N - 75° 53.0699' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 37.3894' N - 75° 53.0593' W.
- (D) Cumberland Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 38.3026' N - 75° 53.3010' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 38.2692' N - 75° 53.3038' W.

- (b) Alligator River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at Cherry Ridge Landing 35° 42.2172' N - 76° 08.4686' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 42.1327' N - 76° 08.5002' W.
Swan Creek and Lake - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Inland.
- (16) Jones County:
- (a) White Oak River - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore ~~34° 48.1466' N - 77° 11.4711' W;~~ 34° 48.1466' N - 77° 11.4711' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore ~~34° 48.1620' N - 77° 11.4244' W;~~ 34° 48.1620' N - 77° 11.4244' W.
- (i) Grants Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Inland.
- (ii) Hunters Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the northwest shore ~~34° 47.1205' N - 77° 09.9462' W;~~ 34° 47.1205' N - 77° 09.9462' W; running southeasterly to a point on the southeast shore ~~34° 47.0947' N - 77° 09.9160' W;~~ 34° 47.0947' N - 77° 09.9160' W.
- (17) Martin County:
- (a) Roanoke River - All waters within this waterbody in Martin County are designated as Joint.
- (i) Prices Gut - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 57.3701' N - 77° 11.9815' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 57.3552' N - 77° 11.9796' W.
- (ii) Rainbow Gut - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 55.9334' N - 77° 11.3246' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 55.9275' N - 77° 11.3136' W.
- (iii) Conoho Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 52.5439' N - 77° 02.6673' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 52.5407' N - 77° 02.6280' W.
- (iv) Sweetwater Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 51.6464' N - 77° 00.5090' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 51.6252' N - 77° 00.4879' W.
- (A) Peter Swamp - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Inland.
- (v) Devils Gut - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Joint.
- (A) Upper Deadwater Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated Joint.
- (B) Lower Deadwater Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated Joint.

- (C) Gardner Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 50.1599' N - 76° 56.0211' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 50.1633' N - 76° 55.9899' W.
 - (vi) Roses Creek - Inland Waters southeast and Joint Waters northwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 50.1683' N - 76° 50.9664' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 50.1363' N - 76° 56.9907' W.
 - (vii) Welch Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the western shore 35° 51.8458' N - 76° 45.8381' W; running easterly along the shoreline and across the mouths of the three creek entrances to a point on the east shore 35° 51.8840' N - 76° 45.6207' W.
- (18) New Hanover County:
- (a) Cape Fear River - Joint Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the western side 34° 13.6953' N - 77° 57.2396' W; running southeasterly along the southern side of US 17-74-76 bridge to a point on the eastern side 34° 13.6214' N - 77° 57.0341' W.
 - (i) Lords Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 05.1562' N - 77° 55.3816' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 34° 05.1303' N - 77° 55.4008' W.
 - (ii) Todds Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 07.4791' N - 77° 55.5175' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 34° 07.4578' N - 77° 55.5116' W.
 - (iii) Barnards Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 09.4347' N - 77° 56.5969' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 34° 09.3887' N - 77° 56.5791' W.
 - (iv) Greenfield Lake Outlet - Greenfield Lake Outlet Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 12.7210' N - 77° 57.2058' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 34° 12.7075' N - 77° 57.2085' W.
 - (v) Tommer Creek - For the southernmost entrance into the Cape Fear: Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 15.6397' N - 77° 58.9608' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore ~~34° 15.6589' N - 77° 58.9338' W.~~ 34° 15.6589' N - 77° 58.9338' W. For the northernmost entrance into the Cape Fear: Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 16.6630'

- N - 77° 59.4699' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 34° 16.6767' N - 77° 59.4506' W.
- (vi) Catfish Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 16.7546' N - 77° 59.3751' W ; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 34° 16.7118' N - 77° 59.3870' W.
 - (vii) Northeast Cape Fear River - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west side 34° 26.5658' N - 77° 50.0871' W; running northeasterly along the southern side of NC 210 bridge to a point on the east side 34° 26.6065' N - 77° 49.9955' W.
 - (A) Smiths Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 16.0366' N - 77° 56.8405' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 34° 15.9919' N - 77° 56.7961' W.
 - (B) Ness Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 17.1741' N - 77° 57.2460' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 34° 17.1494' N - 77° 57.2044' W.
 - (C) Dock Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 18.1274' N - 77° 57.3847' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 34° 18.1173' N - 77° 57.3678' W.
 - (D) Fishing Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 19.1613' N - 77° 57.2460' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 34° 19.1331' N - 77° 57.2245' W.
 - (E) Prince George Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 21.8481' N - 77° 57.0066' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 34° 21.8778' N - 77° 57.9755' W.
 - (F) Sturgeon Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 22.6796' N - 77° 51.6018' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 34° 22.6931' N - 77° 51.5776' W.
 - (G) Island Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the south shore 34° 23.2509' N - 77° 47.3377' W ; running northeasterly to a point on the north shore 34° 23.3322' N - 77° 49.3208' W.

- (19) Northampton County:
- (a) Roanoke River - Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 12.5264' N - 77^{\circ} 23.0223' W$; running northeasterly along the south side of the Highway 258 Bridge to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 12.5674' N - 77^{\circ} 22.9724' W$.
 - (i) Sandy Run (Norfleet Gut) - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 10.1119' N - 77^{\circ} 17.5396' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 10.1172' N - 77^{\circ} 17.5316' W$.
 - (b) Meherrin River - All waters of Meherrin River up to the Virginia state line within Northampton County are designated as Joint.
 - (i) Vaughan's Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 28.3541' N - 77^{\circ} 05.6259' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 28.3307' N - 77^{\circ} 05.6369' W$.
- (20) Onslow County:
- (a) Beasleys Creek (Barlow Creek) - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (b) Kings Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (c) Turkey Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (d) Mill Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (e) New River - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $34^{\circ} 45.1654' N - 77^{\circ} 26.1222' W$; running easterly along the southern side of the US Hwy 17 bridge to a point on the east shore $34^{\circ} 45.2007' N - 77^{\circ} 25.9790' W$.
 - (i) Wheeler Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ii) Everett Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iii) Stones Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iv) Muddy Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (v) Mill Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (vi) Lewis Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (vii) Southwest Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $34^{\circ} 40.8723' N - 77^{\circ} 26.2399' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $34^{\circ} 40.9112' N - 77^{\circ} 26.1758' W$.
 - (viii) Brinson Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 44.0945' N - 77^{\circ} 26.4335' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 44.0654' N - 77^{\circ} 26.4239' W$.
 - (ix) Northeast Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Coastal Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $34^{\circ} 44.0778' N - 77^{\circ} 21.2640' W$;

- running southeasterly along the southern side of the railroad bridge to a point on the east shore $34^{\circ} 44.0446' N - 77^{\circ} 21.2126' W$.
- (x) Wallace Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 40.9604' N - 77^{\circ} 21.5698' W$; running southwesterly along the western side of the first bridge upstream from the mouth, to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 40.8576' N - 77^{\circ} 21.4787' W$.
 - (xi) Codels Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 38.8845' N - 77^{\circ} 20.4533' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 38.8691' N - 77^{\circ} 20.4515' W$.
 - (xii) French Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 38.4059' N - 77^{\circ} 20.2619' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 38.2566' N - 77^{\circ} 20.3233' W$.
 - (xiii) Duck Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Coastal Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 38.0179' N - 77^{\circ} 20.5169' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 37.9172' N - 77^{\circ} 20.6520' W$.
- (f) Freeman (Browns) Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (g) Bear Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (h) Queens Creek - Inland Waters ~~north-west~~ and Coastal Waters ~~south-east~~ of a line beginning at a point on the ~~west-north~~ shore ~~$34^{\circ} 42.1815' N - 77^{\circ} 11.5690' W$~~ ; $34^{\circ} 42.5696' N - 77^{\circ} 11.8550' W$; running ~~easterly-southerly~~ to a point on the ~~east-south~~ shore ~~$34^{\circ} 42.2273' N - 77^{\circ} 11.4193' W$~~ ; $34^{\circ} 42.4238' N - 77^{\circ} 11.8550' W$.
 - (i) Parrotts Swamp - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) White Oak River - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $34^{\circ} 48.1466' N - 77^{\circ} 11.4711' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $34^{\circ} 48.1620' N - 77^{\circ} 11.4244' W$.
 - (i) Stevens Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ii) Holland Mill (Mill Pond) Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iii) Webbs Creek - Inland Waters northwest and Coastal Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 45.7559' N - 77^{\circ} 10.1321' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 45.7404' N - 77^{\circ} 10.1486' W$.
 - (iv) Freemans Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 46.9791' N - 77^{\circ} 10.3935' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 46.9663' N - 77^{\circ} 10.3999' W$.

- (v) Calebs Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 48.1354' N - 77^{\circ} 11.4688' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 48.1192' N - 77^{\circ} 11.4546' W$.
 - (vi) Grants Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Inland.
- (21) Pamlico County:
- (a) Pamlico River - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) Lower Goose Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (A) Dixons Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (B) Patons Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (C) Wilson Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (D) Eastham Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 17.8205' N - 76^{\circ} 35.1828' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 17.6797' N - 76^{\circ} 35.1840' W$.
 - (E) Upper Spring Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (F) Intracoastal Waterway from Upper Spring Creek To Gale Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (G) Hunting Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 16.7523' N - 76^{\circ} 36.8138' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 16.6779' N - 76^{\circ} 36.5885' W$.
 - (ii) Oyster Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iii) Clark Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (A) Middle Prong - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (B) James Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (b) Pamlico Sound - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) Porpoise Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ii) Drum Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

- (iii) Bay River - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 08.4601' N - 76° 45.9173' W; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore 35° 08.4436' N - 76° 45.8885' W.
 - (A) Gale Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 13.3142' N - 76° 36.7089' W; running southwestly to a point on the south shore 35° 13.2964' N - 76° 36.7222' W.
 - (B) Chadwick Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (C) Bear Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (D) Vandemere Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 12.0330' N - 76° 40.7460' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 12.0433' N - 76° 40.7235' W.
 - (I) Long Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (E) Smith Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (F) Chapel Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 10.0076' N - 76° 42.4909' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 10.0096' N - 76° 42.4722' W.
 - (G) Raccoon Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (H) Trent Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 06.2738' N - 76° 43.1071' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 35° 06.2603' N - 76° 43.0741' W.
 - (I) Thomas Creek - Inland Waters east and Coastal Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 07.2024' N - 76° 43.0929' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 07.1610' N - 76° 43.0947' W.
- (iv) Masons Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (v) Moore Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (vi) Rices Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (vii) Ball Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.

- (viii) Cabin Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ix) Riggs Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (x) Spring Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (xi) Long Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (c) Neuse River - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (i) Swan Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (ii) Lower Broad Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (A) Greens Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (B) Pittman Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (C) Burton Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (D) Brown Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (I) Spice Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (E) Gideon Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (F) Tar Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (G) Parris Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iii) Orchard Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (iv) Pierce Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (v) Whitaker Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
 - (vi) Smith Creek - Joint Waters northwest and Coastal Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at the Oriental Bridge 35° 01.5149' N - 76° 41.9549' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 35° 01.3391' N - 76° 42.1774' W.
 - (vii) Greens Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Joint.
 - (A) Kershaw Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Joint.
 - (viii) Dawson Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 35° 00.3371' N - 76° 45.6513' W; running southerly to a point on the south shore 35° 00.1492' N - 76° 45.6202' W.

- (A) Tarkiln Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 00.4124' N - 76° 45.5392' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 00.4289' N - 76° 45.4472' W.
 - (ix) Gatlin Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 58.4165' N - 76° 47.4645' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 34° 58.4154' N - 76° 47.4371' W.
 - (x) Little Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 58.5175' N - 76° 49.5822' W; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore 34° 58.5086' N - 76° 49.5680' W.
 - (xi) Mill Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 59.6024' N - 76° 51.1276' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 34° 59.5955' N - 76° 51.0864' W.
 - (xii) Beard Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 00.3293' N - 76° 52.1855' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 00.3055' N - 76° 51.9012' W.
 - (xiii) Lower Duck Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 01.5781' N - 76° 54.1580' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 01.5566' N - 76° 54.0248' W.
 - (xiv) Goose Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 03.4414' N - 76° 55.1170' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 03.3567' N - 76° 54.9728' W.
 - (xv) Upper Broad Creek - Inland Waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 35° 04.5050' N - 76° 56.5269' W; running easterly to a point on the east shore 35° 04.4705' N - 76° 56.2115' W.
- (22) Pasquotank County:
- (a) Albemarle Sound - All waters within this waterbody in Pasquotank County are designated Coastal.
 - (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All manmade tributaries of Pasquotank County are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Little River - Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 36° 12.2950' N - 76° 17.1405' W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 36° 12.5237' N - 76° 16.9418' W. Joint Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore 36° 07.5322' N - 76° 10.6901' W; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore 36° 06.4199' N - 76° 11.6047' W.

- (A) Symonds Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 10.2898' N - 76^{\circ} 14.1801' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 10.2042' N - 76^{\circ} 14.0368' W$.
 - (iii) Big Flatty Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 09.3267' N - 76^{\circ} 08.2562' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 08.9730' N - 76^{\circ} 08.3175' W$. Joint waters north and Coastal Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 07.9621' N - 76^{\circ} 07.1818' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 08.2706' N - 76^{\circ} 06.2525' W$.
 - (iv) Pasquotank River - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 18.0768' N - 76^{\circ} 13.0979' W$; running easterly along the south side of the Highway 158 Bridge to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 18.0594' N - 76^{\circ} 12.9620' W$. Joint Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning on the north shore $36^{\circ} 11.4282' N - 76^{\circ} 01.2876' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 08.7563' N - 76^{\circ} 03.6991' W$.
 - (A) Little Flatty Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 11.5209' N - 76^{\circ} 04.6517' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 10.9973' N - 76^{\circ} 04.5149' W$.
 - (B) New Begun Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 13.3298' N - 76^{\circ} 08.2878' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 13.0286' N - 76^{\circ} 08.1820' W$.
 - (I) Paling Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Inland.
 - (II) James Creek - All waters in this waterbody are designated as Inland.
 - (C) Charles Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 17.8090' N - 76^{\circ} 13.0732' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 17.8024' N - 76^{\circ} 13.0407' W$.
- (23) Pender County:
- (a) Cape Fear River - All waters within this waterbody for Pender County are designated as Joint.

- (i) Thorofare - For the easternmost entrance into the Black River: Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $34^{\circ} 22.0493' N - 78^{\circ} 04.4435' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $34^{\circ} 22.0783' N - 78^{\circ} 04.4123' W$. For the westernmost entrance into the Cape Fear River: Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 21.9197' N - 78^{\circ} 07.0527' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 21.8618' N - 78^{\circ} 06.9992' W$.
- (ii) Black River - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 22.0783' N - 78^{\circ} 04.4123' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 21.9950' N - 78^{\circ} 04.2864' W$.
- (iii) Northeast Cape Fear River - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west side $34^{\circ} 26.5658' N - 77^{\circ} 50.0871' W$; running northeasterly along the southern side of NC 210 bridge to a point on the east side $34^{\circ} 26.6065' N - 77^{\circ} 49.9955' W$.
 - (A) Cowpen Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 22.1417' N - 77^{\circ} 59.3357' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 22.1298' N - 77^{\circ} 59.3426' W$.
 - (B) Long Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $34^{\circ} 22.7149' N - 77^{\circ} 58.2797' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $34^{\circ} 22.7428' N - 77^{\circ} 58.2348' W$.
 - (C) Turkey Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 22.8465' N - 77^{\circ} 57.4827' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 22.7895' N - 77^{\circ} 57.4452' W$.
 - (D) Old Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $34^{\circ} 22.5249' N - 77^{\circ} 52.1493' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $34^{\circ} 22.5327' N - 77^{\circ} 52.1278' W$.
 - (E) Honey Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $34^{\circ} 22.8627' N - 77^{\circ} 51.0887' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $34^{\circ} 22.8609' N - 77^{\circ} 51.0507' W$.

- (F) Harrisons Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 24.1859' N - 77^{\circ} 48.6570' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 24.1387' N - 77^{\circ} 48.6982' W$.
- (G) Island Creek - Inland Waters east and Joint Waters west of a line beginning at a point on the south shore $34^{\circ} 23.2509' N - 77^{\circ} 47.3377' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the north shore $34^{\circ} 23.3322' N - 77^{\circ} 49.3208' W$.
- (b) Topsail Sound And Tributaries - All waters within this these waterbodies are designated as Coastal.
- (c) Beasleys (Barlow) Creek - All waters within this waterbody are designated as Coastal.
- (24) Perquimans County:
 - (a) Albemarle Sound - All waters within this waterbody in Perquimans County are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All waters within this water body are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Yeopim River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 05.4526' N - 76^{\circ} 27.7651' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore at Norcum Point $36^{\circ} 05.1029' N - 76^{\circ} 27.7120' W$. Joint Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 04.7426' N - 76^{\circ} 24.2536' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 04.1136' N - 76^{\circ} 24.5365' W$.
 - (A) Yeopim Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore of $36^{\circ} 04.7206' N - 76^{\circ} 24.8396' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore ~~$36^{\circ} 04.7426' N - 76^{\circ} 24.2536' W$~~ $36^{\circ} 04.7426' N - 76^{\circ} 24.2536' W$.
 - (iii) Perquimans River - Joint Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 05.9669' N - 76^{\circ} 18.1791' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 06.7655' N - 76^{\circ} 16.5953' W$. Inland Waters southwest and Joint Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 11.6569' N - 76^{\circ} 28.0055' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 11.6123' N - 76^{\circ} 27.9382' W$.
 - (A) Walter's Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Joint Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 11.1305' N - 76^{\circ} 27.9185' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 11.0224' N - 76^{\circ} 27.6626' W$.

- (B) Mill Pond Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 11.9757' N - 76^{\circ} 27.5752' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 11.9766' N - 76^{\circ} 27.2511' W$.
- (C) Suttons Creek - Inland Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 10.0394' N - 76^{\circ} 23.7945' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 09.9325' N - 76^{\circ} 23.5263' W$.
- (D) Jackson (Cove) Creek - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 08.4642' N - 76^{\circ} 20.3324' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 08.4159' N - 76^{\circ} 20.2890' W$.
- (E) Muddy Creek - Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 07.0381' N - 76^{\circ} 17.1350' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 07.0218' N - 76^{\circ} 17.1226' W$.
- (iv) Little River - Inland Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $36^{\circ} 12.2950' N - 76^{\circ} 17.1405' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $36^{\circ} 12.5237' N - 76^{\circ} 16.9418' W$. Joint Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 07.5322' N - 76^{\circ} 10.6901' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 06.4199' N - 76^{\circ} 11.6047' W$.
 - (A) Deep Creek - Inland Waters southwest and Joint Waters northeast of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 11.0945' N - 76^{\circ} 16.6717' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 10.7510' N - 76^{\circ} 16.2258' W$.
 - (B) Davis Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $36^{\circ} 12.2950' N - 76^{\circ} 17.1405' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $36^{\circ} 12.2222' N - 76^{\circ} 17.1153' W$.
- (25) Tyrrell County:
 - (a) Albemarle Sound - All waters within this waterbody in Tyrrell County are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All manmade tributaries within this waterbody are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Banton (Maybell) Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 56.0552' N - 76^{\circ} 22.0664' W$;

- running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 56.1151' N - 76^{\circ} 21.8760' W$.
- (iii) Scuppernong River - Coastal Waters northwest and Joint Waters southeast of a line beginning at a point on the northeast shore $35^{\circ} 56.7196' N - 76^{\circ} 18.8964' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the southwest shore at $35^{\circ} 56.3351' N - 76^{\circ} 19.6609' W$. Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 54.0158' N - 76^{\circ} 15.4605' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 54.0406' N - 76^{\circ} 15.3007' W$.
- (A) First Creek (Rider's Creek) - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 54.0495' N - 76^{\circ} 15.2842' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 54.0641' N - 76^{\circ} 15.2554' W$.
- (B) Furlough Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 55.6391' N - 76^{\circ} 18.9797' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 55.6322' N - 76^{\circ} 18.9907' W$.
- (iv) Alligator River - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at Cherry Ridge Landing $35^{\circ} 42.2172' N - 76^{\circ} 08.4686' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 42.1327' N - 76^{\circ} 08.5002' W$. Coastal Waters north and Joint Waters south of a line running along the north side of the Highway 64 Bridge beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 54.2903' N - 76^{\circ} 01.6818' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 53.6835' N - 75^{\circ} 58.8578' W$.
- (A) Little Alligator River - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 56.7640' N - 76^{\circ} 01.0299' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 55.9362' N - 76^{\circ} 01.2492' W$.
- (B) Second Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 51.7616' N - 76^{\circ} 03.5105' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 51.1317' N - 76^{\circ} 03.8003' W$.
- (C) Goose Creek - Inland Waters west and Joint Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 50.2658' N - 76^{\circ} 03.9115' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 50.2123' N - 76^{\circ} 03.9120' W$.
- (D) The Frying Pan - Joint Waters by connection with Alligator River.

- (E) Gum Neck Landing Ditch - Inland Waters northeast and Joint Waters southwest of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 41.6054' N - 76^{\circ} 06.8215' W$; running southeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 41.5841' N - 76^{\circ} 06.7991' W$.

(26) Washington County:

- (a) Albemarle Sound - All waters within this waterbody in Washington County are designated as Coastal.
 - (i) All Manmade Tributaries - All manmade tributaries of Albemarle Sound within Washington County are designated as Joint.
 - (ii) Mackeys (Kendrick) Creek - Inland Waters southeast and Coastal Waters northwest of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 56.3806' N - 76^{\circ} 36.4356' W$; running southwesterly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 56.3122' N - 76^{\circ} 36.4613' W$.
 - (iii) Pleasant Grove Creek (Cherry Swamp) - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 56.4791' N - 76^{\circ} 34.1624' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 56.5042' N - 76^{\circ} 34.0319' W$.
 - (iv) Chapel Swamp Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 56.4150' N - 76^{\circ} 33.3494' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 56.4122' N - 76^{\circ} 33.3091' W$.
 - (v) Bull Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 56.9954' N - 76^{\circ} 23.0291' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore $35^{\circ} 56.9602' N - 76^{\circ} 23.0282' W$.
 - (vi) Deep Creek - Inland Waters west and Coastal Waters east of a line beginning at a point on the north shore $35^{\circ} 56.1291' N - 76^{\circ} 23.1179' W$; running southerly to a point on the south shore ~~$35^{\circ} 56.0744' N - 76^{\circ} 23.1230' W$~~ $35^{\circ} 56.0744' N - 76^{\circ} 23.1230' W$.
 - (vii) Banton (Maybell) Creek - Inland Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 56.0552' N - 76^{\circ} 22.0664' W$; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 56.1151' N - 76^{\circ} 21.8760' W$.
- (b) Roanoke River - Joint Waters south and Coastal Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore of the Roanoke River $35^{\circ} 56.5068' N - 76^{\circ} 41.8858' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 56.5324' N - 76^{\circ} 41.5896' W$.
 - (i) Conaby Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the west shore $35^{\circ} 55.3779' N - 76^{\circ} 42.4401' W$; running easterly to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 55.3752' N - 76^{\circ} 42.3408' W$.

- (ii) Welch Creek - Inland Waters south and Joint Waters north of a line beginning at a point on the western shore $35^{\circ} 51.8458' N - 76^{\circ} 45.8381' W$; running easterly along the shoreline and across the mouths of the three creek entrances to a point on the east shore $35^{\circ} 51.8840' N - 76^{\circ} 45.6207' W$.
- (c) Scuppernong River - All waters in this waterbody in Washington County are designated as Inland.

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1 15A NCAC 03R .0107 is proposed for amendment as follows:
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3 **15A NCAC 03R .0107 DESIGNATED POT AREAS**

4 (a) The pot areas referenced in 15A NCAC 03J .0301(a)(2)(A) are delineated in the following coastal fishing
5 waters:

- 6 (1) In Albemarle and Currituck sounds and tributaries.
- 7 (2) In Roanoke Sound and tributaries.
- 8 (3) In Croatan Sound and tributaries.
- 9 (4) In Pamlico Sound and tributaries, except areas further described in Subparagraphs (a)(5), (a)(7),

10 and (a)(8) of this Rule. Pots shall not be set within the following area described by lines:

11 (A) Striking Bay - beginning on shore at a point 35° 23.7003' N - 76° 26.6951' W; running
12 southeasterly to shore at a point 35° 23.3580' N - 76° 26.3777' W; running easterly along
13 shore to Long Point to a point 35° 23.3380' N - 76° 26.2540' W; running southeasterly to
14 Drum Point to a point 35° 22.4830' N - 76° 25.1930' W; running southerly along shore to
15 Point of Narrows to a point 35° 21.9240' N - 76° 25.4080' W; running northwesterly near
16 Marker "2" to a point 35° 22.4166' N - 76° 26.4833' W; running westerly to a point 35°
17 22.3833' N - 76° 27.0000' W; running northerly to Short Point to a point 35° 23.3831' N -
18 76° 26.9922' W; running northerly along shore to a point 35° 23.5000' N - 76° 26.9666'
19 W; running northeasterly to the beginning point.

20 (5) In the Pamlico River and its tributaries west of a line beginning on Willow Point at a point 35°
21 22.3741' N - 76° 28.6905' W; running southerly to Pamlico Point to a point 35° 18.5882' N - 76°
22 28.9625' W; pots may be used within an area bound by the shoreline to the depth of six feet,
23 except areas listed in Paragraph (b) of this Rule that may be opened to the use of pots by
24 proclamation and except pots shall not be set within the following areas described by lines:

25 ~~(A) Lupton Point beginning on Lupton Point at a point 35° 25.6012' N 76° 31.9641' W;~~
26 ~~running northwesterly to a point 35° 25.7333' N 76° 32.1500' W; running southerly~~
27 ~~along the six foot depth to a point 35° 25.2833' N 76° 32.3000' W; running northeasterly~~
28 ~~to shore to a point 35° 25.3389' N 76° 31.9592' W; running northerly along shore to the~~
29 ~~beginning point.~~

30 ~~(B) Green Point beginning on shore at a point 35° 26.6478' N 76° 33.5008' W; running~~
31 ~~westerly to a point 35° 26.5833' N 76° 33.8333' W; running southeasterly along the six~~
32 ~~foot depth to a point 35° 26.0833' N 76° 33.2167' W; running northerly to shore to a~~
33 ~~point 35° 26.4216' N 76° 33.2856' W; running northwesterly along the shore to the~~
34 ~~beginning point.~~

35 ~~(C) July Point beginning on shore at a point 35° 27.3667' N 76° 33.3500' W; running~~
36 ~~northeasterly to a point 35° 27.5166' N 76° 33.3000' W; running westerly along the six~~

- 1 ~~foot depth to a point 35° 27.3000' N 76° 33.8833' W; running easterly to the beginning~~
2 ~~point.~~
- 3 ~~(D) Manley Point beginning on shore at a point 35° 28.0171' N 76° 33.3144' W; running~~
4 ~~northwesterly to a point 35° 28.1500' N 76° 33.7167' W; running southeasterly along~~
5 ~~the six foot depth to a point 35° 27.6667' N 76° 33.2000' W; running northwesterly to~~
6 ~~the beginning point.~~
- 7 ~~(E) Durants Point beginning on shore east of Durants Point at a point 35° 30.4660' N 76°~~
8 ~~33.4513' W; running northwesterly to a point 35° 30.7666' N 76° 33.6500' W; running~~
9 ~~easterly along the six foot depth to a point 35° 30.8347' N 76° 32.6529' W; running~~
10 ~~southwesterly to shore to a point 35° 30.4400' N 76° 32.7897' W; running westerly~~
11 ~~along shore to the beginning point.~~
- 12 ~~(F) Lower Dowry Point beginning on shore west of Lower Dowry Creek at a point 35°~~
13 ~~32.4334' N 76° 35.6647' W; running southwesterly to a point 35° 32.2333' N 76°~~
14 ~~35.8500' W; running easterly along the six foot depth to a point 35° 32.1166' N 76°~~
15 ~~35.1166' W; running northerly to shore to a point 35° 32.4740' N 76° 35.1017' W;~~
16 ~~running westerly along shore to the Inland/Coastal line on the east shore of Lower Dowry~~
17 ~~Creek; running westerly along the Inland/Coastal line to the west shore of Lower Dowry~~
18 ~~Creek; running westerly along shore to the beginning point.~~
- 19 ~~(G) Schrams Beach beginning on shore at a point 35° 27.2222' N 76° 36.4662' W; running~~
20 ~~northeasterly to a point 35° 27.2988' N 76° 36.2600' W; running southerly along the six~~
21 ~~foot depth to a point 35° 26.9000' N 76° 36.1500' W; running northwesterly to shore to~~
22 ~~a point 35° 27.0418' N 76° 36.3767' W; running northerly along shore to the beginning~~
23 ~~point.~~
- 24 ~~(H) Grassy Point beginning on shore at a point 35° 25.8333' N 76° 35.6167' W; running~~
25 ~~northeasterly to a point 35° 25.9846' N 76° 35.4654' W; running southerly along the six~~
26 ~~foot depth to a point 35° 25.7333' N 76° 34.7667' W; running westerly to shore to a~~
27 ~~point 35° 25.6787' N 76° 35.4654' W; running northwesterly along shore to the~~
28 ~~beginning point.~~
- 29 ~~(A)~~ Long Point - beginning on shore at a point 35° 22.4833' N - 76° 43.4167' W; running
30 northwesterly to a point 35° 22.6500' N - 76° 43.4333' W; running easterly along the six
31 foot depth to a point 35° 22.7333' N - 76° 42.7333' W; running to shore to a point 35°
32 22.4000' N - 76° 43.0833' W; running westerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 33 ~~(B)~~ Pamlico River Mainstream Channel - beginning at a point 250 yards north of Marker "7"
34 at a point 35° 27.2953' N - 76° 55.1351' W; running westerly to a point near Marker "8"
35 at a point 35° 27.4217' N - 76° 56.0917' W; running westerly along the north side of the
36 marked channel to a point 100 yards north of Marker "9" at a point 35° 27.7472' N - 76°
37 57.5392' W; running westerly along the north side of the marked channel to a point near

- 1 Marker "16", north of ~~Whichard's~~ Whichard Beach at a point 35° 30.4750' N - 77°
2 01.2217' W; running southwesterly across the channel to a point 35° 30.4373' N - 77°
3 01.2614' W; running southeasterly along the south side of the marked channel at a
4 distance of 100 yards from the north side of the marked channel to a point near Marker
5 "7" at a point 35° 27.1722' N - 76° 55.1380' W; running northerly to the beginning point.
- 6 ~~(K)~~(C) Chocowinity Bay Channel - beginning at a point near the Wildlife Resources
7 Commission (WRC) red marker in Chocowinity Bay at a point 35° 29.5501' N - 77°
8 01.4335' W; running easterly to the south side of the marked navigation channel in
9 Pamlico River, at a point 35° 29.0408' N - 76° 59.5437' W; running southeasterly to a
10 point 35° 28.9236' N - 76° 59.3109' W; running westerly to the WRC green buoy in
11 Chocowinity Bay at a point 35° 29.5004' N - 77° 01.4339' W; running northerly to the
12 beginning point.
- 13 ~~(L)~~(D) ~~Whichard's~~ Whichard Beach Channel - beginning on shore at a point 35° 30.2364' N - 77°
14 01.3679' W; running easterly to the south side of the marked navigation channel in
15 Pamlico River at a point 35° 30.1952' N - 77° 01.0252' W; running southeasterly to a
16 point 35° 30.1373' N - 77° 00.9685' W; running westerly to shore at a point 35° 30.2002'
17 N - 77° 01.4518' W, running northeasterly to the beginning point.
- 18 ~~(M)~~(E) Broad Creek Channel - beginning near Marker "3" in Broad Creek at a point 35° 29.0733'
19 N - 76° 57.2417' W; running southwesterly near Marker "1" at a point 35° 28.8591' N -
20 76° 57.3823' W; running southerly to the marked navigation channel in Pamlico River at
21 a point 35° 27.8083' N - 76° 57.6250' W; running southeasterly to a point 35° 27.7344' N
22 - 76° 57.4822' W; running northerly to the six foot depth at a point 35° 28.5779' N - 76°
23 57.2924' W; running northerly to the six foot depth at a point 35° 28.7781' N - 76°
24 57.3508' W; running northerly along the six foot depth to a point near Marker "4" at a
25 point 35° 29.0933' N - 76° 57.1967' W; running southwesterly to the beginning point.
- 26 ~~(N)~~(F) Blounts Bay - from June 1 through September 15, on the south side of Pamlico River
27 beginning near Marker "7" at a point 35° 27.1722' N - 76° 55.1381' W; running westerly
28 and along the south side of the marked navigation channel to a point near Marker "9" at a
29 point 35° 27.7070' N - 76° 57.5739' W; running northwesterly along the south side of the
30 marked channel to the intersection of the Chocowinity Bay Channel at a point 35°
31 28.9236' N - 76° 59.3109' W; running westerly along the south side of the Chocowinity
32 Bay Channel to a point 35° 29.0206' N - 76° 59.6678' W; running southerly to the eight
33 foot depth at a point 35° 28.6667' N - 76° 59.6667' W; running southeasterly along the
34 eight foot depth to a point 35° 27.0833' N - 76° 55.1667' W; running northerly to the
35 beginning point.
- 36 (6) In the Pamlico River and its tributaries west of a line beginning on Willow Point at a point 35°
37 22.3741' N - 76° 28.6905' W; running southerly to Pamlico Point to a point 35° 18.5882' N - 76°

1 28.9625' W; pots may be used within an area bound by the shoreline to the depth of six feet,
2 except areas listed in Paragraph (b) of this Rule that may be opened to the use of pots by
3 proclamation and ~~except~~; except pots may be set within the following areas described by lines:

4 ~~(A) — Durants Point — beginning on Durants Point at a point 35° 30.5197' N — 76° 35.1521' W;~~
5 ~~running northwesterly to a point 35° 31.1333' N — 76° 35.5833' W; running northeasterly~~
6 ~~200 yards south of Marker "10" to a point 35° 31.2032' N — 76° 35.5558' W; running~~
7 ~~easterly parallel to the marked navigation channel at a distance of 200 yards to a point~~
8 ~~southwest of Marker "12" to a point 35° 31.1492' N — 76° 33.8997' W; running~~
9 ~~southeasterly to shore to a point 35° 30.4660' N — 76° 33.4513' W; running westerly along~~
10 ~~shore to the beginning point.~~

11 ~~(B) — South shore, upper Pungo River — beginning on shore west of Durants Point at a point 35°~~
12 ~~30.4400' N — 76° 32.7897' W; running northeasterly to a point southeast of Marker "14" to~~
13 ~~a point 35° 31.0833' N — 76° 32.5667' W; running easterly parallel to the marked~~
14 ~~navigation channel at a distance of 200 yards to the shore south of Wilkerson Creek to a~~
15 ~~point 35° 33.0493' N — 76° 27.2752' W; running southerly and westerly along the~~
16 ~~shoreline and following the Inland/Coastal lines of Horse Island, Tarklin, Scranton, and~~
17 ~~Smith Creeks to the beginning point.~~

18 ~~(C) — North shore, upper Pungo River — beginning on shore east of Lower Dowry Creek at a~~
19 ~~point 35° 32.4740' N — 76° 35.1017' W; running southerly to a point 35° 31.5167' N — 76°~~
20 ~~35.1000' W; running easterly parallel to the marked navigation channel at a distance of~~
21 ~~200 yards to the north shore of Wilkerson Creek to a point 35° 33.2339' N — 76° 27.5449'~~
22 ~~W; running northwesterly along the shoreline to the east end of the US 264 bridge;~~
23 ~~running westerly along the bridge and following the Inland/Coastal line to the western~~
24 ~~shore; running southerly and westerly along the shoreline and following the~~
25 ~~Inland/Coastal lines of Crooked Creek and Upper Dowry Creek to the beginning point.~~

26 ~~(D) — Tooleys Point — beginning at the "Breakwater" 200 yards northeast of Beacon "6", at a~~
27 ~~point 35° 31.7833' N — 76° 36.8500' W; running southeasterly to a point 200 yards from~~
28 ~~Marker "4" at a point 35° 31.5167' N — 76° 36.3500' W; running easterly to a point 35°~~
29 ~~31.4667' N — 76° 35.9833' W; running northerly near Beacon "1" to a point 35° 32.1100'~~
30 ~~N — 76° 35.9817' W; running northeasterly to shore to a point 35° 32.4334' N — 76°~~
31 ~~35.6647' W; running westerly and along the shoreline of Battalina and Tooley Creeks;~~
32 ~~running along the river shore to the "Breakwater" to a point 35° 31.9908' N — 76°~~
33 ~~36.6105' W; running southwestly along the "Breakwater" to the beginning point.~~

34 (A) Durants Point and South Shore, upper Pungo River - beginning on Durants Point at a
35 point 35° 30.5197' N - 76° 35.1521' W; running northwesterly to a point 35° 31.1333' N
36 - 76° 35.5833' W; running northeasterly 200 yards south of Marker "10" to a point 35°
37 31.2032' N - 76° 35.5558' W; running easterly parallel to the marked navigation channel

- 1 at a distance of 200 yards to the shore south of Wilkerson Creek to a point 35° 33.0493'
2 N - 76° 27.2752' W; running southerly and westerly along the shoreline and following
3 the Inland/Coastal lines of Horse Island, Tarklin, Scranton, and Smith Creeks to the
4 beginning point.
- 5 (B) Tooleys Point and North Shore, upper Pungo River - beginning at the "Breakwater" 200
6 yards northeast of Beacon "6", at a point 35° 31.7833' N - 76° 36.8500' W; running
7 southeasterly to a point 200 yards from Marker "4" at a point 35° 31.5167' N - 76°
8 36.3500' W; running easterly parallel to the marked navigation channel at a distance of
9 200 yards to the north shore of Wilkerson Creek to a point 35° 33.2339' N - 76° 27.5449'
10 W; running northwesterly along the shoreline to the east end of the US 264 bridge;
11 running westerly along the south side of the bridge and following the Inland/Coastal line
12 to the western shore; running southerly and westerly along the shoreline and following
13 the Inland/Coastal lines of Upper Dowry Creek and Lower Dowry Creek; running
14 westerly and along the shoreline of Battalina and Tooleys creeks; running along the river
15 shore to the "Breakwater" to a point 35° 31.9908' N - 76° 36.6105' W; running
16 southwesterly along the "Breakwater" to the beginning point.
- 17 ~~(F)~~(C) Pungo Creek - beginning on Windmill Point at a point 35° 30.7444' N - 76° 38.2869' W;
18 running northeasterly to a point 200 yards west of Marker "3" to a point 35° 31.3500' N -
19 76° 36.6167' W; running northwesterly to the "Breakwater" to a point 35° 31.6296' N -
20 76° 37.1201' W; running westerly along the "Breakwater" to shore to a point 35° 31.5653'
21 N - 76° 37.3832' W; running westerly along shore and into Pungo Creek following the
22 shoreline and the Inland/Coastal lines of Vale, Scott, and Smith creeks to the north end of
23 the NC 92 bridge over Pungo Creek; running southerly along the bridge and following
24 the Inland/Coastal line to the southern shore; running easterly along shore to the
25 beginning point.
- 26 ~~(F)~~(D) Upper Pamlico - in coastal fishing waters west of a line beginning on the north shore of
27 Gum Point at a point 35° 25.1699' N - 76° 45.5251' W; running southwestly to a point
28 on the south shore of Pamlico River to a point 35° 23.4453' N - 76° 46.4346' W, except
29 as described in Part (a)(5)(J) through (N) of this Rule.
- 30 ~~(G)~~(E) North Side Pamlico - beginning on the north shore of Gum Point at a point 35° 25.1699'
31 N - 76° 45.5251' W; running southwestly 500 yards from shore to a point 35° 24.9339'
32 N - 76° 45.6495' W; running easterly parallel to the shoreline at a distance of 500 yards
33 near Adams Point to a point 35° 23.3949' N - 76° 35.8089' W; running northerly to shore
34 at a point 35° 23.1754' N - 76° 35.9619' W; running westerly along shore to the
35 beginning point.

- 1 ~~(H)~~(F) South Creek - in coastal fishing waters of South Creek and tributaries west of a line
2 beginning on Hickory Point at a point 35° 21.7385' N - 76° 41.5907' W; running
3 southerly to Fork Point to a point 35° 20.7534' N - 76° 41.7870' W.
- 4 (7) In Bay River west of a line beginning on Bay Point at a point 35° 11.0750' N - 76° 31.6080' W;
5 running southerly to Maw Point to a point 35° 09.0407' N - 76° 32.2348' W; pots may be used
6 within an area bound by the shoreline to the depth of six feet, except areas listed in Paragraph (b)
7 of this Rule that may be opened to the use of pots by proclamation, and pots shall not be set within
8 the following areas described by lines:
- 9 (A) Vandemere - beginning on the west shore of Vandemere Creek at a point 35° 11.2280' N
10 - 76° 39.6046' W; running southeasterly to the east shore to a point 35° 11.0920' N - 76°
11 39.3240' W; running southerly to a point 35° 10.9390' N - 76° 39.4426' W; running
12 southwesterly to a point 35° 10.8567' N - 76° 39.6212' W; running northwesterly to shore
13 west of Vandemere Creek to a point 35° 10.8983' N - 76° 39.7307' W; running northerly
14 along shore to the beginning point.
- 15 (B) Moore Bay - beginning on shore west of Bell Point at a point 35° 09.6712' N - 76°
16 39.9651' W; running northwesterly to a point 35° 09.7331' N - 76° 40.0928' W; running
17 southerly along the six foot depth to a point 35° 09.0045' N - 76° 40.3141' W; running
18 southeasterly to the north shore of Moore Creek to a point 35° 08.9640' N - 76° 40.2000'
19 W; running northerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 20 (8) In the Neuse River and Point of Marsh area south and west of a line beginning on Maw Point at a
21 point 35° 09.0407' N - 76° 32.2348' W; running southeasterly near the Maw Point Shoal Marker
22 "2" to a point ~~35° 08.1250' N - 76° 30.8532' W;~~ 35° 08.1250' N - 76° 30.8532' W; running
23 southeasterly near the Neuse River Entrance Marker "NR" to a point 35° 06.6212' N - 76°
24 28.5383' W; running southeasterly to a point 35° 04.7670' N - 76° 25.7920' W; running
25 southwesterly to shore to a point 35° 03.9387' N - 76° 27.0466' W; pots may be used in coastal
26 fishing waters bound by the shoreline to the depth of six feet, except areas listed in Paragraph (b)
27 of this Rule that may be opened to the use of pots by proclamation and except pots shall not be set
28 within the following areas described by lines:
- 29 (A) Oriental - in that area including Greens Creek and tributaries downstream of the bridge
30 on State Secondary Road 1308, and Whittaker Creek north of a line beginning on the
31 west shore at the Whittaker Creek primary nursery area (PNA) line; running easterly
32 along the Whittaker Creek PNA line to the east shore; running southerly to a point 35°
33 01.3833' N - 76° 40.9500' W; running westerly following the six foot depth to a point 35°
34 01.1666' N - 76° 41.8833' W; running southerly across the channel to a point 35°
35 01.1339' N - 76° 41.9589' W; running westerly to Windmill Point to the south shore of
36 the Shop Gut Creek PNA line; running northerly along the Shop Gut Creek PNA line to
37 the north shore of the Shop Gut Creek PNA line.

- 1 (B) Greens Creek - more than 75 yards from shore in the area beginning on the south shore of
 2 Greens Creek primary nursery area (PNA) line; following the PNA lines of Greens Creek
 3 and Kershaw Creek to the east shore of Kershaw Creek; running easterly along the shore
 4 of Greens Creek, and running along the shore of Smith Creek and its tributaries to the
 5 bridge on State Secondary Road 1308; running southwesterly along the bridge to the
 6 south shore of Greens Creek; running westerly along the shore to the beginning point.
- 7 (C) Dawson Creek - beginning on the west shore at a point $34^{\circ} 59.5920' N - 76^{\circ} 45.4620' W$;
 8 running easterly along the bridge on State Secondary Road 1302 to shore at a point 34°
 9 $59.5800' N - 76^{\circ} 45.4140' W$; running northerly and easterly along the shore to the
 10 primary nursery area (PNA) line of the southeastern tributary; running northerly along the
 11 PNA line to shore; running northerly along shore to the PNA line of the unnamed
 12 northeastern tributary; running northwesterly along the PNA line to shore; running
 13 northwesterly along shore to the Inland/Coastal line on Tarklin Creek; running westerly
 14 along the Inland/Coastal line to shore; running southwesterly along shore to the
 15 Inland/Coastal line on Dawson Creek; running southerly along the Inland/Coastal line to
 16 the shore; running easterly and then southerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 17 (D) Wilkerson Point - beginning on the west side of the Minnesott Beach Yacht Basin
 18 Channel at a point $34^{\circ} 58.2682' N - 76^{\circ} 49.1903' W$; running southerly to a point 34°
 19 $58.1403' N - 76^{\circ} 49.2253' W$; running easterly along the six foot depth to a point 34°
 20 $58.4000' N - 76^{\circ} 46.5667' W$; running northerly to shore to a point $34^{\circ} 58.5333' N - 76^{\circ}$
 21 $46.6333' W$; running westerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 22 (E) Beard Creek - beginning on shore west of Beard Creek at a point $35^{\circ} 00.1902' N - 76^{\circ}$
 23 $52.2176' W$; running southerly to a point $34^{\circ} 59.8883' N - 76^{\circ} 52.3594' W$; running
 24 easterly along the six foot depth to a point $34^{\circ} 59.4167' N - 76^{\circ} 51.2333' W$; running
 25 northeasterly to shore to a point $34^{\circ} 59.5989' N - 76^{\circ} 51.0781' W$; running westerly
 26 along shore to the Beard Creek tributary primary nursery area (PNA) line; running
 27 northeasterly along the PNA line to the Inland/Coastal line in Beards Creek; running
 28 westerly along the Inland/Coastal line to the western shore; running southerly along shore
 29 to the beginning point.
- 30 (F) Clubfoot Creek - more than 50 yards from shore in the area south of a line beginning at a
 31 point ~~$34^{\circ} 54.9327' N - 76^{\circ} 45.6506' W$~~ $34^{\circ} 54.9327' N - 76^{\circ} 45.6506' W$ on the west
 32 shore; running northerly to a point ~~$34^{\circ} 55.1501' N - 76^{\circ} 45.6221' W$~~ ; ~~$34^{\circ} 55.1501' N -$~~
 33 ~~$76^{\circ} 45.6221' W$~~ ; running northeasterly to a point ~~$34^{\circ} 55.1812' N - 76^{\circ} 45.5172' W$~~ 34°
 34 $55.1812' N - 76^{\circ} 45.5172' W$ near Marker "5"; running northeasterly to a point ~~34°~~
 35 ~~$55.2994' N - 76^{\circ} 45.1180' W$~~ $34^{\circ} 55.2994' N - 76^{\circ} 45.1180' W$ on the east shore and
 36 north of line beginning at a point on the west shore ~~$34^{\circ} 54.5424' N - 76^{\circ} 45.7252' W$~~ ; 34°

1 54.5424' N – 76° 45.7252' W; running easterly to a point 34° 54.4853' N – 76° 45.4022'
2 W 34° 54.4853' N – 76° 45.4022' W on the east shore.

3 (G) Lower Broad Creek - beginning on the north shore at a point 35° 05.8314' N – 76°
4 35.3845' W; running southwesterly along the secondary nursery area line to the six foot
5 depth at 35° 05.7321' N – 76° 35.5046' W; running southerly following the six foot depth
6 near Marker "2A" to a point 35° 05.5442' N – 76° 35.2886' W; running northerly to a
7 point 35° 05.7446' N – 76° 35.2980' W; running westerly along the shore to the point of
8 beginning.

9 (9) In the Neuse River and Point of Marsh area south and west of a line beginning on Maw Point at a
10 point 35° 09.0407' N – 76° 32.2348' W; running southeasterly near the Maw Point Shoal Marker
11 "2" to a point 35° 08.1250' N - 76° 30.8532' W; running southeasterly near the Neuse River
12 Entrance Marker "NR" to a point 35° 06.6212' N – 76° 28.5383' W; running southeasterly to a
13 point 35° 04.7670' N – 76° 25.7920' W; running southwesterly to shore to a point 35° 03.9387' N –
14 76° 27.0466' W; pots may be used in coastal fishing waters bound by the shoreline to the depth of
15 six feet, except areas listed in Paragraph (b) of this Rule that may be opened to the use of pots by
16 proclamation and except pots may be set in coastal fishing waters west of a line beginning on
17 shore west of Beards Creek at a point 35° 00.1902' N – 76° 52.2176' W; running southwesterly to
18 shore west of Slocum Creek to a point 34° 57.0333' N – 76° 53.7252' W.

19 (10) In the West Bay and Long Bay area south and west of a line beginning on shore at a point 35°
20 03.9387' N – 76° 27.0466' W; running northeasterly to a point 35° 04.7670' N – 76° 25.7920' W;
21 running southeasterly to the eastern shore of West Bay to a point 35° 02.1203' N - 76° 21.8122' W;
22 areas described by lines:

23 (A) Raccoon Island, northern shore - beginning at the western point at a point 35° 04.3696' N
24 – 76° 26.1815' W; running southeasterly along the north shore to a point 35° 03.9814' N -
25 76° 25.5862' W; running easterly 150 yards to a point 35° 03.9777' N - 76° 25.4910' W;
26 running northwesterly at a distance of 150 yards from shore to a point 35° 04.4417' N -
27 76° 26.2150' W; running easterly to the beginning point.

28 (B) Raccoon Island, southern shore - beginning at the western point at a point 35° 04.3696' N
29 – 76° 26.1815' W; running southeasterly along the south shore to a point 35° 03.9814' N
30 – 76° 25.5862' W; running easterly 50 yards to a point 35° 03.9800' N - 76° 25.5513' W;
31 running westerly at a distance of 50 yards from shore to a point 35° 04.3955' N - 76°
32 26.1934' W; running easterly to the beginning point.

33 (C) West Bay: Point of the Narrows - beginning on shore at a point 35° 03.5421' N – 76°
34 26.3909' W; running northeasterly to a point 35° 03.5980' N – 76° 26.3894' W; running
35 southeasterly parallel to shore at a distance of 100 yards to a point 35° 02.4740' N – 76°
36 26.1280' W; running northwesterly to shore to a point 35° 02.5440' N – 76° 26.1486' W;
37 running northerly along shore to the beginning point.

- 1 (D) West Bay: Point of Island Bay, Dowdy Bay - beginning on shore at a point 35° 01.5271'
2 N – 76° 26.2836' W; running southeasterly to a point 35° 01.4684' N - 76° 26.2450' W;
3 running southeasterly parallel to shore at a distance of 100 yards to a point 35° 00.0701'
4 N - 76° 25.4414' W; running southerly to a point 35° 00.0620' N - 76° 25.5074' W on
5 Dowdy Point; running westerly and northerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 6 (E) West Bay – beginning on Dowdy Point at a point 35° 00.0620' N – 76° 25.5074' W;
7 running easterly to a point 35° 00.1000' N – 76° 25.2000' W; running southerly to a point
8 34° 58.7500' N – 76° 24.7000' W; running westerly to Jack's Bay Point to a point 34°
9 58.6886' N - 76° 25.3683' W; running northerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 10 (F) Long Bay: Jack's Bay, Stump Bay - beginning on Jack's Bay Point at a point 34°
11 58.6886' N – 76° 25.3683' W; running southwesterly to a point 34° 57.6500' N – 76°
12 25.8500' W; running westerly to shore to a point 34° 57.2089' N – 76° 27.2292' W;
13 running northerly along shore to the boundary of the military restricted area (having its
14 center at a point 34° 58.8000' N – 76° 26.2000' W) in Jack's Bay to a point 34° 58.4208'
15 N – 76° 25.9417' W; running northeasterly along the boundary of the military restricted
16 area to a point 34° 58.7746' N – 76° 25.6733' W; running easterly along shore to the
17 beginning point.
- 18 (G) Long Bay - beginning on the east point of the southern shore of Stump Bay at a point 34°
19 57.2089' N – 76° 27.2292' W; running southeasterly to Swimming Point to a point 34°
20 56.7619' N – 76° 26.3838' W; running southerly along shore to the head of Long Bay;
21 running northerly along the west shore to the beginning point.
- 22 (H) Long Bay: Owens Bay - beginning on Swimming Point at a point 34° 56.7619' N – 76°
23 26.3838' W; running northwesterly to a point 34° 56.8470' N – 76° 26.5363' W; running
24 northeasterly parallel to shore at a distance of 300 yards to a point 34° 57.9394' N – 76°
25 24.1326' W; running southwesterly to Long Bay Point at a point 34° 57.7863' N – 76°
26 24.1837' W; running southwesterly along shore to the beginning point.
- 27 (I) West Thorofare Bay, Merkle Bay - beginning on Long Bay Point at a point 34° 57.7863'
28 N – 76° 24.1837' W; running northeasterly near Marker "8WB" to a point 34° 58.4600' N
29 – 76° 23.9600' W; running easterly to Tump Point to a point 34° 58.7000' N – 76°
30 22.8166' W; running southerly along the shore of Merkle Bay and West Thorofare Bay
31 back to the beginning point.
- 32 (J) West Bay, North Bay - beginning on the eastern shore of West Bay at a point 35°
33 02.1203' N – 76° 21.8122' W; running northwesterly to a point 35° 02.5412' N - 76°
34 22.4445' W; running southwesterly near Marker "5WB" to a point 35° 02.0798' N - 76°
35 22.8729' W; running southerly to a point 35° 00.5666' N – 76° 21.8333' W; running
36 southerly to Deep Bend Point to a point 34° 58.5923' N – 76° 21.7325' W; running
37 easterly and northerly along shore to the beginning point.

- 1 (11) Core Sound, Back Sound and the Straits and their tributaries.
- 2 (12) North River:
- 3 (A) Goose Bay - beginning on shore west of South Leopard Creek at a point $34^{\circ} 45.4517' N -$
4 $76^{\circ} 35.1767' W$; running northerly to a point $34^{\circ} 45.6409' N - 76^{\circ} 35.2503' W$; running
5 southwesterly to a point $34^{\circ} 45.3333' N - 76^{\circ} 35.7500' W$; running southerly to a point
6 $34^{\circ} 43.4667' N - 76^{\circ} 35.2333' W$; running easterly to shore at a point $34^{\circ} 43.5833' N -$
7 $76^{\circ} 34.9167' W$; running northerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 8 (B) Ward Creek - coastal fishing waters north and east of a line beginning on the north shore
9 at a point $34^{\circ} 46.2667' N - 76^{\circ} 35.4933' W$; running southerly to south shore to a point
10 $34^{\circ} 45.4517' N - 76^{\circ} 35.1767' W$.
- 11 (C) Upper North River - coastal fishing waters north of a line beginning on the west shore at
12 a point $34^{\circ} 46.0383' N - 76^{\circ} 37.0633' W$; running easterly to shore to a point 34°
13 $46.2667' N - 76^{\circ} 35.4933' W$.
- 14 (D) Newby Creek, Gibbs Creek - beginning on Marsh Hen Point at a point $34^{\circ} 45.2004' N -$
15 $76^{\circ} 37.0639' W$; running southwesterly to a point $34^{\circ} 44.5833' N - 76^{\circ} 36.6000' W$;
16 running southeasterly to shore near Holland's Rocks to a point $34^{\circ} 43.6667' N - 76^{\circ}$
17 $37.3333' W$; running northerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 18 (E) North River Marshes - beginning near Marker "6" at a point $34^{\circ} 43.4833' N - 76^{\circ}$
19 $37.3500' W$; running northeasterly to a point $34^{\circ} 44.1333' N - 76^{\circ} 36.8667' W$; running
20 southeasterly to a point $34^{\circ} 43.8000' N - 76^{\circ} 36.1333' W$; running southeasterly to a
21 point $34^{\circ} 43.5000' N - 76^{\circ} 35.7833' W$; running southerly near Marker "56" to a point 34°
22 $42.2391' N - 76^{\circ} 35.8498' W$; running westerly to a point $34^{\circ} 42.2333' N - 76^{\circ} 36.7167'$
23 W ; running northerly to a point $34^{\circ} 42.7500' N - 76^{\circ} 36.9667' W$; running northerly to a
24 point $34^{\circ} 43.2333' N - 76^{\circ} 36.9667' W$; running northwesterly to the beginning point.
- 25 (13) Newport River:
- 26 (A) Lower portion - beginning on shore east of Penn Point at a point $34^{\circ} 45.4397' N - 76^{\circ}$
27 $43.0638' W$; running northeasterly to shore east of Oyster Creek to a point $34^{\circ} 46.5480' N$
28 $- 76^{\circ} 41.9910' W$; running easterly along shore to a point on the western shore of Core
29 Creek to a point $34^{\circ} 47.0816' N - 76^{\circ} 41.2605' W$; running easterly to the eastern shore at
30 a point $34^{\circ} 46.9867' N - 76^{\circ} 41.0437' W$; running southerly along shore to Gallant Point
31 to a point $34^{\circ} 43.9911' N - 76^{\circ} 40.2762' W$; running westerly near Marker "2" to a point
32 $34^{\circ} 44.0031' N - 76^{\circ} 40.5038' W$; running southeasterly near Marker "4" to a point 34°
33 $43.7064' N - 76^{\circ} 40.1627' W$; running southerly to the west side of Gallant's Channel at
34 the drawbridge to a point $34^{\circ} 43.3500' N - 76^{\circ} 40.1833' W$; running westerly along the
35 US 70 and the US 70 bridge to its terminus at the State Port Terminal; running westerly
36 and northerly along the western shore of Newport River and its tributaries to the
37 beginning point.

- 1 (B) Upper portion - the coastal fishing waters west of a line beginning on shore east of
2 Harlowe Creek at a point 34° 46.5730' N – 76° 42.6350' W; running southerly to shore
3 east of Penn Point to a point 34° 45.6970' N - 76° 43.5180' W.
- 4 (14) Bogue Sound:
- 5 (A) South of the IWW - beginning on the south shore at the NC 58 bridge at a point 34°
6 40.0585' N – 77° 03.8005' W; running northerly along the bridge to the south side of the
7 IWW channel to a point 34° 40.4464' N – 77° 03.9155' W; running easterly along the
8 south side of the IWW channel to the Atlantic Beach bridge to a point 34° 43.0320' N –
9 76° 44.1300' W; running easterly to the northeastern shore of Tar Landing Bay to a point
10 34° 42.5000' N – 76° 42.2000' W; running easterly along shore to a point 34° 42.1990' N
11 - 76° 41.3873' W; running southeasterly to a point 34° 42.1631' N - 76° 41.3491' W;
12 running southeasterly and westerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 13 (B) North of the IWW - beginning on the north shore at the NC 58 bridge at a point 34°
14 40.7780' N - 77° 04.0010' W; running southerly along the bridge to the north side of the
15 IWW channel to a point 34° 40.4640' N – 77° 03.9090' W; running easterly along the
16 north side of the IWW channel to the Atlantic Beach bridge to a point 34° 43.0620' N –
17 76° 44.1240' W; running northerly along the bridge to shore to a point 34° 43.2780' N –
18 76° 44.0700' W; running westerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 19 (15) Designated primary nursery areas in all coastal fishing waters which are listed in 15A NCAC 03R
20 .0103, except Burton Creek off Lower Broad Creek in Pamlico County.
- 21 (b) The pot areas referenced in 15A NCAC 03J .0301(a)(2)(B) to be opened by proclamation are delineated in the
22 following coastal fishing waters:
- 23 (1) Wysocking Bay:
- 24 (A) Lone Tree Creek - beginning on shore at a point 35° 25.9705' N - 76° 02.7799' W;
25 running easterly along the shoreline to the primary nursery area (PNA) line on the north
26 shore of Lone Tree Creek; running southeasterly along the PNA line to the south shore;
27 running southwesterly to a point 35° 24.7666' N - 76° 02.5333' W; running northwesterly
28 to a point 35° 25.7000' N - 76° 03.2666' W; running northeasterly to the beginning point.
- 29 (B) Mt. Pleasant Bay - beginning on shore west of Green Point at a point 35° 24.6160' N -
30 76° 03.9690' W; running easterly to a point 35° 24.4500' N - 76° 03.2000' W; running
31 southerly to a point 35° 23.2833' N - 76° 03.5333' W; running southwesterly to shore to a
32 point 35° 23.1166' N - 76° 04.2000' W; running westerly and northerly along shore to the
33 primary nursery area (PNA) line on the western shore of Hickory Creek Bay; running
34 northeasterly along the PNA line to Browns Island; running along the eastern shore of
35 Browns Island to the PNA line on the south shore of Old Hill Bay; running northerly
36 along the PNA line to shore; running northeasterly along shore to the beginning point.

- 1 (2) Juniper Bay - beginning on shore at a point 35° 21.7957' N - 76° 14.3545' W; running
2 southeasterly along shore to the primary nursery area (PNA) line on the western shore of Buck
3 Creek; running southeasterly along the PNA line to the eastern shore; running southeasterly along
4 shore to the PNA line on the north shore of Laurel Creek; running southerly to the south shore;
5 running southerly along shore to Juniper Bay Point to a point 35° 20.4420' N - 76° 13.2680' W;
6 running westerly to a point 35° 20.2500' N - 76° 14.7500' W; running northerly near Marker "3" to
7 a point 35° 21.5360' N - 76° 14.8040' W; running northeasterly to the beginning point.
- 8 (3) Swanquarter Bay - beginning in Caffee Bay on the north shore at a point 35° 21.9928' N - 76°
9 17.6720' W; running southerly to the south shore at a point 35° 21.5240' N - 76° 17.8130' W;
10 running westerly along shore to Drum Point to a point 35° 21.5920' N - 76° 18.3560' W; running
11 westerly to a point 35° 21.2833' N - 76° 19.0500' W; running northwesterly to a point 35° 21.8500'
12 N - 76° 19.4500' W; running easterly to Sandy Point to a point 35° 22.1080' N - 76° 18.7440' W;
13 running easterly along shore and following the PNA line of the northern tributary in Caffee Bay to
14 the beginning point.
- 15 (4) Deep Cove - beginning on the north shore at a point 35° 21.5784' N - 76° 22.7505' W; running
16 easterly along shore to a point 35° 21.5002' N - 76° 22.1112' W; running southerly to shore to a
17 point 35° 20.6851' N - 76° 22.0524' W; running westerly along shore to a point 35° 20.5390' N -
18 76° 22.7790' W; running northerly to the beginning point.
- 19 (5) Rose Bay - beginning on shore south of Swan Point at a point 35° 23.9650' N - 76° 23.5530' W;
20 running southeasterly along shore to a point 35° 23.5060' N - 76° 23.2090' W; running westerly to
21 a point 35° 23.3166' N - 76° 24.0666' W; running northwesterly to a point 35° 24.0500' N - 76°
22 24.5500' W; running easterly to the beginning point.
- 23 (6) Spencer Bay - beginning on Roos Point at a point 35° 22.3590' N - 76° 28.1850' W; running
24 northeasterly to a point 35° 22.9500' N - 76° 27.2166' W; running northwesterly to a point 35°
25 23.4166' N - 76° 27.9500' W; running southwesterly to shore to a point 35° 23.0209' N - 76°
26 28.5060' W; running southeasterly along shore and the primary nursery area line of the unnamed
27 western tributary of Spencer Bay to the beginning point.
- 28 (7) Pamlico River:
- 29 (A) Lee Creek - beginning on shore at a point 35° 22.8779' N - 76° 45.7149' W; running
30 northerly to a point 35° 23.1011' N - 76° 45.7371' W; running easterly along the six foot
31 depth to a point 35° 22.9450' N - 76° 44.8403' W; running southwesterly to shore to a
32 point 35° 22.7667' N - 76° 45.2333' W; running westerly along shore to the beginning
33 point.
- 34 (B) Huddy Gut - beginning on shore at a point 35° 22.5000' N - 76° 44.4500' W; running
35 northerly to a point 35° 22.7166' N - 76° 44.5000' W; running easterly along the six foot
36 depth to a point 35° 22.7170' N - 76° 43.9500' W; running southwesterly to shore to a

- 1 point 35° 22.4657' N - 76° 44.0536' W; running westerly along shore to the beginning
2 point.
- 3 (C) Indian Island - beginning on shore at the west end of Indian Island at a point 35° 21.6240'
4 N - 76° 39.4090' W; running westerly to a point 35° 21.7667' N - 76° 40.2667' W;
5 running easterly along the six foot depth to a point 35° 21.6107' N - 76° 38.2202' W;
6 running westerly to the east end of Indian Island to a point 35° 21.6100' N - 76° 38.6290'
7 W; running westerly along the northern shore to the beginning point.
- 8 (D) Old Field Point, Goose Creek - beginning on shore at a point 35° 20.2297' N - 76°
9 37.3456' W; running southeasterly to a point 35° 20.1500' N - 76° 37.1000' W; running
10 southerly along the six foot depth to a point 35° 19.9031' N - 76° 37.2308' W; running
11 westerly to shore to a point 35° 19.9812' N - 76° 37.4917' W; running northerly along
12 shore to the beginning point.
- 13 (8) Big Porpoise Bay - beginning on the north shore at a point 35° 16.0028' N - 76° 29.1708' W;
14 running southerly to Sage Point at a point 35° 15.5930' N - 76° 29.1270' W; running easterly to a
15 point 35° 15.4660' N - 76° 28.6000' W; running northerly to shore to a point 35° 15.8120' N - 76°
16 28.4270' W; running westerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 17 (9) Middle Bay - beginning on Middle Bay Point at a point 35° 14.8310' N - 76° 28.7500' W; running
18 southerly to Sow Island Point at a point 35° 13.2876' N - 76° 29.5585' W; running westerly along
19 shore to Big Fishing Point at a point 35° 14.0285' N - 76° 29.9336' W; running northerly to Oyster
20 Creek Point at a point 35° 14.6042' N - 76° 29.8544' W; running easterly along shore to the
21 beginning point.
- 22 (10) Jones Bay - beginning on Sow Island Point at a point 35° 13.1811' N - 76° 29.6096' W; running
23 southerly near Marker "3" to a point 35° 12.0250' N - 76° 29.9660' W; running northwesterly to a
24 point 35° 12.8000' N - 76° 30.9666' W; running southwestly to shore at the east shore of the
25 Little Drum Creek primary nursery area (PNA) line; running westerly along the PNA line to the
26 west shore of the Little Eve Creek PNA; running westerly along shore to a point 35° 12.6000' N -
27 76° 32.0166' W; running northeasterly to a point 35° 12.8666' N - 76° 31.7500' W; running
28 northwesterly to a point 35° 13.1833' N - 76° 32.1166' W; running northerly to a point 35°
29 13.6500' N - 76° 31.9000' W; running southeasterly to a point 35° 13.1500' N - 76° 30.8000' W;
30 running northerly to shore at a point 35° 13.4886' N - 76° 30.7785' W; running easterly along
31 shore to the beginning point.
- 32 (11) Bay Point - beginning on Boar Point at a point 35° 12.1450' N - 76° 31.1150' W; running easterly
33 near Marker "5" to a point 35° 12.0250' N - 76° 29.9660' W; running southerly to a point 35°
34 10.9333' N - 76° 30.1666' W; running westerly to Bay Point to a point 35° 11.0750' N - 76°
35 31.6080' W; running northerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 36 (12) Bay River:

- 1 (A) Rockhole Bay - beginning on the western shore of Dump Creek at a point 35° 11.6708' N
2 - 76° 33.4359' W; running southerly to a point 35° 11.3833' N - 76° 33.3166' W; running
3 southeasterly along the six foot depth to a point 35° 10.8333' N - 76° 32.1333' W;
4 running northerly to shore at a point 35° 11.1250' N - 76° 32.1340' W; running
5 northwesterly along shore to the southeast shore of the Rockhole Bay PNA line; running
6 northwesterly along the PNA line to the western shore; running westerly along shore to
7 the east shore of PNA line in Dump Creek; running southwestly along the PNA line to
8 the western shore; running southerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 9 (B) Hogpen Creek - beginning on shore north of Bonner Bay at a point 35° 10.4174' N - 76°
10 34.7041' W; running northerly to a point 35° 10.7500' N - 76° 34.7333' W; running
11 easterly along the six foot depth to a point southwest of Marker "3" to a point 35°
12 10.8137' N - 76° 33.5120' W; running southwestly to shore to a point 35° 10.3195' N -
13 76° 34.0876' W; running westerly along shore to the beginning point.
- 14 (C) Fisherman Bay - beginning on the western shore of Fisherman Bay at a point 35°
15 09.2345' N - 76° 33.0199' W; running northwesterly to a point 35° 09.9892' N - 76°
16 33.2213' W; running easterly along the six foot depth to a point southwest and near
17 Marker "1" to a point 35° 09.7951' N - 76° 32.0099' W; running southwestly to shore to
18 a point 35° 09.2668' N - 76° 32.3668' W; running westerly along shore to the beginning
19 point.
- 20 (13) Neuse River:
- 21 (A) Swan Creek - beginning at a point on shore south of Maw Bay at a point 35° 08.5760' N -
22 76° 32.6320' W; running southerly along shore to a point north of Swan Creek to a point
23 35° 07.3182' N - 76° 33.4620' W; running southeasterly to the six foot depth to a point
24 35° 07.2524' N - 76° 33.2078' W; running northeasterly along the six foot depth to a point
25 35° 08.3214' N - 76° 31.9971' W; running westerly to the beginning point.
- 26 (B) Broad Creek - beginning on Tonney Hill Point at a point 35° 05.5505' N - 76° 35.7249'
27 W; running southeasterly along shore and following the primary nursery area line of
28 Cedar Creek; running southerly along shore to a point north of Gum Thicket Creek to a
29 point 35° 04.6741' N - 76° 35.7051' W; running southeasterly to a point 35° 04.5786' N -
30 76° 35.4808' W; running northerly near Marker "1" to a point 35° 05.4809' N - 76°
31 34.9734' W; running westerly along the six foot depth near Marker "3" to a point 35°
32 05.6400' N - 76° 35.6433' W; running southwestly to the beginning point.
- 33 (C) Gum Thicket Shoal - beginning on shore west of Gum Thicket Creek at a point 35°
34 04.2169' N - 76° 36.2119' W; running southwestly along shore to a point 35° 04.0634'
35 N - 76° 36.6548' W; running southerly to a point 35° 03.6833' N - 76° 36.7166' W;
36 running easterly along the six foot depth to a point 35° 03.9166' N - 76° 35.8000' W;
37 running northwesterly to the beginning point.

- 1 (D) Orchard Creek - beginning on the eastern shore at and running southwesterly along the
2 Orchard and Old House Creeks primary nursery area line to Cockle Point; running
3 easterly to a point 35° 03.3000' N - 76° 37.8833' W; running northerly to the beginning
4 point.
- 5 (E) Dawson Creek - beginning on the eastern shore of Dawson Creek at a point 34° 59.5800'
6 N - 76° 45.4140' W; running westerly along the bridge to the western shore to a point 34°
7 59.5920' N - 76° 45.4620' W; running southwesterly along shore to a point 34° 59.0667'
8 N - 76° 45.9000' W; running southeasterly to a point 34° 58.7833' N - 76° 45.6500' W;
9 running northerly along the six foot depth to a point 34° 59.3666' N - 76° 45.3166' W;
10 running northwesterly near Marker "4" to a point 34° 59.4430' N - 76° 45.4521' W;
11 running northerly to the beginning point.
- 12 (F) Pine Cliff Recreation Area - beginning on shore at a point 34° 56.4333' N - 76° 49.5833'
13 W; running easterly along shore to a point 34° 56.3422' N - 76° 49.1158' W; running
14 northeasterly near Marker "2" to a point 34° 56.7650' N - 76° 48.5778' W; running
15 northerly to a point 34° 56.8333' N - 76° 48.6000' W; running southwesterly along the
16 six foot depth to a point 34° 56.6067' N - 76° 49.6190' W; running southerly to the
17 beginning point.

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19 *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; ~~113-221~~; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03R .0116 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03R .0116 DESIGNATED SEED OYSTER MANAGEMENT AREAS**

4 The Seed Oyster Management Areas referenced in 15A NCAC 03K .0208 are delineated in the following coastal
5 water areas:

6 (1) Croatan Sound and tributaries: Cedar Bush Bay Seed Oyster Management Area, within the area
7 described by a line beginning at a point 35° 50.0383' N - 75° 40.0712' W; running easterly to a
8 point 35° 50.2328' N - 75° 39.4930' W; running southeasterly to a point 35° 49.3831' N - 75°
9 39.1521' W; running southwesterly to a point 35° 48.8000' N - 75° 39.5000' W; running westerly
10 to a point 35° 48.6333' N - 75° 40.7000' W; running northerly to a point 35° 49.7000' N - 75°
11 40.6333' W; running northeasterly back to the point of beginning;

12 (2) Croatan and Roanoke sounds and tributaries: Wanchese Marshes Seed Oyster Management Area,
13 within an area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 49.0000' N - 75° 38.3000' W; running
14 northerly to a point 35° 49.2243' N - 75° 38.3000' W; running easterly to a point 35° 49.0806' N -
15 75° 37.5293' W; running easterly to a point 35° 49.2893' N - 75° 37.0335' W; running
16 northeasterly to point 35° 49.5541' N - 75° 36.9715' W; running southerly to a point 35° 49.0000'
17 N - 75° 36.5500' W; running southwesterly to a point 35° 48.1500' N - 75° 36.9500' W; running
18 westerly to a point 35° 48.1000' N - 75° 37.6333' W; running northwesterly to the point of
19 beginning;

20 (3) Pamlico Sound and tributaries: Bay River Seed Oyster Management Area, within an area
21 described by a line beginning at a point 35° 10.7670' N - 76° 36.7000' W off Spencer Point;
22 running southeasterly to a point 35° 10.5330' N - 76° 36.4670' W; running westerly to a point 35°
23 10.4670' N - 76° 36.6500' W; running northwesterly to a point 35° 10.8000' N - 76° 36.9170' W,
24 running easterly to the point of beginning;

25 (4) White Oak River: White Oak River Seed Oyster Management Area, within an area described by a
26 line beginning at a point 34° 43.0774' N - 77° 06.8610' W on the White Oak River/Stevens Creek
27 polluted area line; running northeasterly to a point 34° 43.4006' N - 77° 06.1293' W on the east
28 shore; running southerly along the shoreline to a point 34° 43.0755' N - 77° 06.1187' W; running
29 southwesterly to a point 34° 42.8800' N - 77° 06.7975' W on the White Oak River/Stevens Creek
30 polluted area line; running northerly to the point of beginning;

31 (5) New River area:

32 (a) Possum Bay Seed Oyster Management Area, within an area described by a line beginning
33 at a point 34° 32.1256' N - 77° 21.3781' W; running northeasterly to a point 34°
34 32.2773' N - 77° 21.1194' W; running northwesterly to a point 34° 32.3365' N - 77°
35 21.1720' W; running southwesterly to a point 34° 32.2068' N - 77° 21.3958' W; running
36 south to the point of beginning; and

1 (b) Swan Point Seed Oyster Management Area, within an area described by a line beginning
2 at a point 34° 32.9488' N - 77° 21.6843' W; running southerly to a point 34° 32.9040' N
3 - 77° 21.6704' W; running northeasterly to a point 34° 33.0376' N - 77° 21.5339' W;
4 running northwesterly to a point 34° 33.0693' N - 77° 21.5923' W; running
5 southwesterly to the point of beginning; and

6 ~~(5)~~(6) Topsail Sound and tributaries:

7 (a) Virginia Creek Seed Oyster Management Area, within an area described by a line
8 beginning at a point 34° 25.4620' N - 77° 36.0074' W on the north shore; running
9 southerly to a point 34° 25.1346' N - 77° 36.0640' W on the south shore; running easterly
10 and southerly along the shoreline to a point 34° 24.9438' N - 77° 35.5325' W on Sloop
11 Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 25.0988' N - 77° 35.2920' W on the north
12 shore; running northwesterly along the shoreline to the point of beginning; and

13 (b) Topsail Sound Seed Oyster Management Area, within an area described by a line
14 beginning at a point 34° 24.6555' N - 77° 35.6012' W across the IWW from Sloop Point;
15 running southeasterly to a point 34° 24.3677' N - 77° 35.2015' W; running northeasterly
16 to a point 34° 24.5260' N - 77° 35.1070' W; running northwesterly to a point 34°
17 24.8690' N - 77° 35.2872' W; running southwesterly to the point of beginning.

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19 *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; ~~113-201~~; 113-203; ~~113-204~~; 143B-289.52*

1 15A NCAC 03R .0118 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03R .0118 EXEMPTED CRAB POT ESCAPE RING AREAS**

4 The areas referenced in 15A NCAC 03J .0301(g) are delineated in the following coastal fishing waters:

- 5 (1) Pamlico Sound - within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 43.7457' N – 75°
6 30.7014' W on the south shore of Eagles Nest Bay on Pea Island; running westerly to a point 35°
7 42.9500' N – 75° 34.1500' W; running southerly to a point 35° 39.3500' N – 75° 34.4000' W;
8 running southeasterly to a point 35° 35.8931' N – 75° 31.1514' W in Chicamacomico Channel near
9 Beacon "ICC"; running southerly to a point 35° 28.5610' N – 75° 31.5825' W on Gull Island;
10 running southwestery to a point 35° 22.8671' N – 75° 33.5851' W in Avon Channel near Beacon
11 "1AV"; running southwestery to a point 35° 18.9603' N – 75° 36.0817' W in Cape Channel near
12 Beacon "2"; running westerly to a point 35° 16.7588' N – 75° 44.2554' W in Rollinson Channel
13 near Beacon "42RC"; running southwestery to a point 35° 14.0337' N – 75° 45.9643' W
14 southwest of Oliver Reef near the quick-flashing beacon; running westerly to a point 35° 09.3650'
15 N – 76° 00.6377' W in Big Foot Slough Channel near Beacon "14BF"; running southwestery to a
16 point 35° 08.4523' N – 76° 02.6651' W in Nine Foot Shoal Channel near Beacon "9"; running
17 westerly to a point 35° 07.1000' N – 76° 06.9000' W; running southwestery to a point 35°
18 01.4985' N – 76° 11.4353' W near Beacon "HL"; running southwestery to a point 35° 00.2728' N
19 – 76° 12.1903' W near Beacon "1CS"; running southerly to a point 34° 59.5027' N – 76° 12.3204'
20 W in Wainwright Channel immediately east of the northern tip of Wainwright Island; running
21 southwestery to a point 34° 59.3610' N – 76° 12.6040' W on Wainwright Island; running easterly
22 to a point at 34° 58.7853' N – 76° 09.8922' W on Core Banks; running easterly and northerly along
23 the shoreline across the inlets following the COLREGS Demarcation line up the Outer Banks to
24 the point of beginning.
- 25 (2) Newport River, from April 1 through June 15 - within the area described by a line beginning at a
26 point 34° 49.5080' N – 76° 41.4440' W; running westerly along the south side of the Highway 101
27 Bridge over Core Creek to a point on the west shore 34° 49.5260' N – 76° 41.5130' W; running
28 along the shoreline of Newport River and its tributaries to a point 34° 49.3050' N – 76° 44.2350'
29 W; running westerly along the south side of the Highway 101 Bridge over Harlowe Canal to point
30 on the west shore 34° 49.2980' N – 76° 44.2610' W; running along the shoreline of Newport River
31 and its tributaries to a point 34° 45.2478' N – 76° 46.4479' W; running southerly along the Inland-
32 Coastal Waters boundary line to a point 34° 45.1840' N – 76° 46.4488' W; running along the
33 shoreline of Newport River and its tributaries to a point 34° 43.2520' N – 76° 41.6840' W; running
34 easterly along the north side of the Highway 70 Bridge over Newport River to a point 34° 43.2840'
35 N – 76° 41.2200' W; running along the shoreline of Newport River and its tributaries to a point
36 34° 43.3530' N – 76° 40.2080' W; running easterly across Gallant Channel to a point 34° 43.3521'

1 N – 76° 40.0871' W; running along the shoreline of Newport River and its tributaries back to the
2 point of beginning.

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