

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE for 4/23/2021:**

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

Please note below the action on H-518 about waiving commercial fishing fees. It was given a favorable report by Marine Resources this week but Representative Larry Yarborough was doing his best to undermine it. It's now in House Finance.

**S-26 TERMINAL GROIN DEFINITION; nothing new as of 4/22**

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/Senate/PDF/S26v0.pdf>

Currently in the Senate Agriculture, Energy & Environment Committee

**H-2 BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN AS STATE MARINE MAMMAL**

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H2v1.pdf>

**Passed by the House on 3/31. Vote was 119-0. Now in Senate Rules.**

**H-87 FUNDS/NEW NORTH CAROLINA MARITIME MUSEUM; nothing new as of 4/22**

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H87v1.pdf>

Currently in the House Committee on Appropriations; if favorable Rules.

**H-161 ADDRESS ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS; nothing new as of 4/22**

sponsored by Hanig, McElraft, Iler & Shepard;

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H161v2.pdf>

Passed the House 119-0 on 3/24; now in Senate Rules

**H-181 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AMENDMENTS; nothing new as of 4/22**

sponsored by Adams, Yarborough & Wray;

favorable report by Wildlife Resources Committee on 3/23; favorable report by Marine Resources Committee on 3/30 after deleting the sections on proclamation authority and dogs; now in House Finance Committee.

<https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2021/2068/0/H181-PCS10216-BRf-5>

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**H-182 INCREASING MEAT PRODUCTION AND CAPACITY; see action below**

The above is the "short title"; full title is: AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE MEAT AND SEAFOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN NORTH CAROLINA BY MAKING PERMANENT THE "INCREASING SEAFOOD AND MEAT PRODUCTION AND CAPACITY" GRANT PROGRAM

sponsored by McNeely, Gillespie, Hanig, and Elmore;

Reported favorable by House Ag Committee; now in Marine Resources

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H182v0.pdf>

**S-279 REGULATE NAVIGABLE WATERS (New Bern, Bridgeton, Oriental);**

**nothing new as of 4/22**

sponsored by Sanderson, Steinburg;

Passed by the Senate on 4/1; now in House Rules

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/Senate/PDF/S279v1.pdf>

**S-296 COLLABORATORY/FISHERIES STUDY; nothing new as of 4/22**

sponsored by Lee, Sanderson, Lazzara, Garrett, Mayfield, Steinburg

Passed by the Senate on 4/1; now in House Rules

<https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2021/2026/0/S296-PCS15188-BR-7>

**S-317 MARINE FISHERIES REFORM; nothing new as of 4/22**

sponsored by Sanderson;

similar to a bill by the same name passed by the Senate 46-1 in 2019 but never heard in the House; similar, but there are some significant changes.

Passed by the Senate on 4/1; now in House Rules

<https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2021/2028/0/S317-PCS15189-BR-8>

**H-281 LOGGERHEAD TURTLE/STATE SALTWATER REPTILE; see action below**

sponsored by Iler, Hanig, McElraft, Shepard, Autry, Belk, Brown, Butler, Carter, Clemmons, Dahle, Goodwin, Harrison, Hawkins, Insko, Majeed, Moss, Penny, Warren

Reported favorable by State Government Cmte on 4/21; now in House Rules to be heard 4/22

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H281v1.pdf>

**H-327 UPDATE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF RULES PROCESS; nothing new as of 4/22**

sponsored by Moffitt, Riddell, Stevens, Yarborough, Clampitt

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Currently in Judiciary 2;

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H327v1.pdf>

**H-513 PEOPLES' CHOICE FOR MARINE SOURCES; nothing new as of 4/22**

Sponsored by Richardson, Lucas, Yarborough

Currently in House Rules;

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H513v1.pdf>

**H-518 TEMPORARILY WAIVE COMMERCIAL FISHING FEES; see action below**

Sponsored by Goodwin, Hanig, Wray, Richardson, Autry, Brisson, Carney, Carter, Fisher, Harrison, Hunter, Iler, Insko, Lucas, McNeely, Moss, Shepard

**Reported favorable by Marine Resources on 4/20; now in Finance**

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H518v1.pdf>

God bless,

Jerry