

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 1083
HOUSE BILL 1778

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTE PERTAINING TO SEIZURE AND
CONFISCATION OF FISH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 113-137(b) is amended by adding the following at the end of the first sentence to read:

"When live fish are returned to public fishing bottoms or public waters, the inspector or protector shall state on the citation the quantity returned."

Sec. 2. G.S. 113-137(e) is amended by addition of the following sentences at the end of the second paragraph to read:

"Within 20 days of the final court adjudication of a citation, the Department or the Wildlife Resources Commission shall notify any acquitted defendant or established owner of its duly established procedures whereby reimbursement may be sought for live fish seized summarily under subsection (d) that is not available for return. Any action or proceeding to recover compensation must be begun within 30 days after receipt of the notice of applicable procedures. After the expiration of this period of limitation, no right or action or claim for compensation shall be asserted."

Sec. 3. G.S. 113-137(g) is amended by adding immediately following the word "lawful" in the last sentence the following words: "for public health reasons".

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective October 1, 1984.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 5th day of July, 1984.