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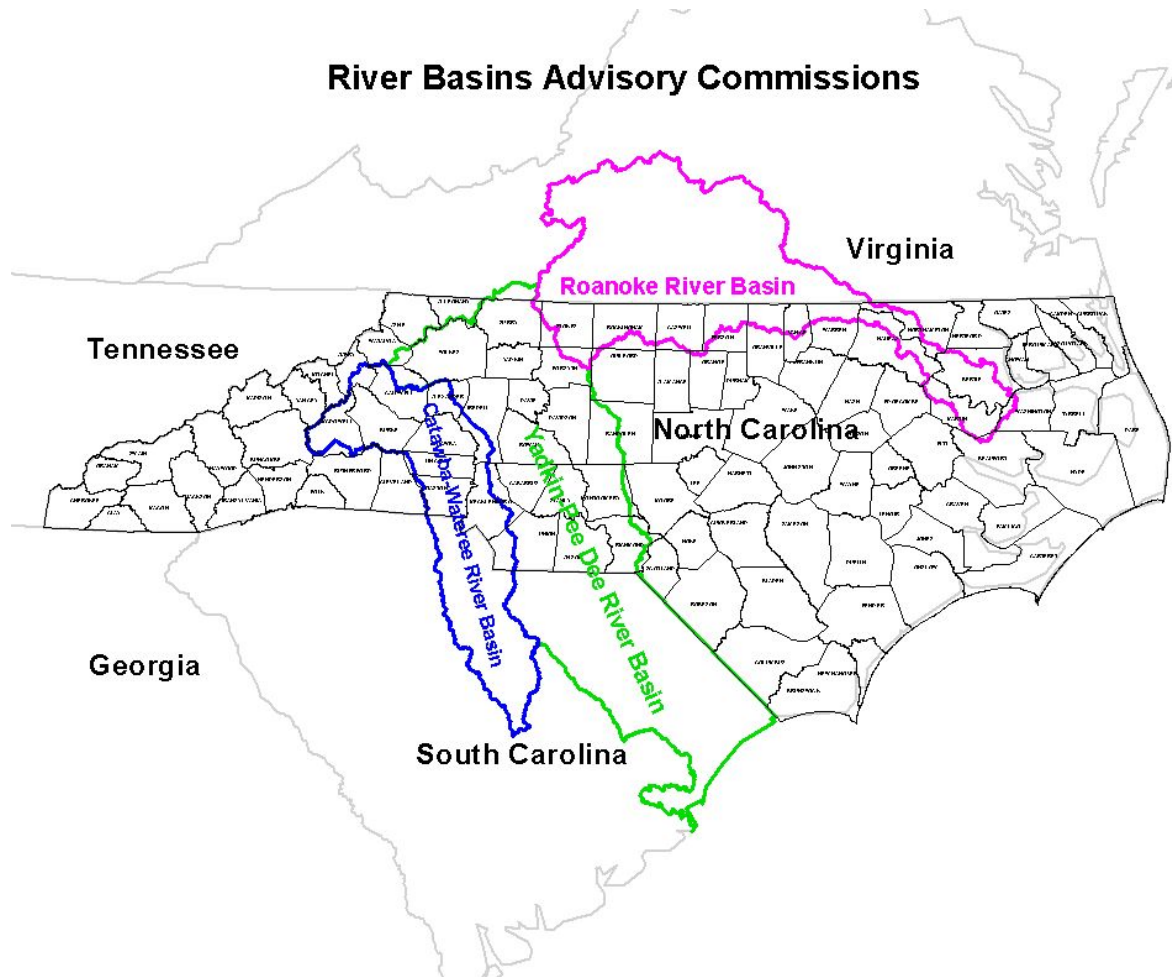
**ANNUAL AUDIT AND STATUS REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON RIVER BASIN ADVISORY COMMISSIONS
AUG. 1, 2017 THROUGH JULY 31, 2018**

Executive Summary

The N.C. General Assembly established three river basin advisory commissions by statute: the Catawba/Wataree River Basin Advisory Commission, the Roanoke River Basin Advisory Commission and the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission.

The Roanoke River Basin Commission was created in 2002, with the passage of Session Law 2002-117. The Catawba/Wataree River Basin Commission and Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Commission were created two years later in 2004, with the passage of Session Law 2004-83.

The following figure highlights the three river basins.



The commissions were established for two primary reasons:

1. To provide a forum for discussion of issues related to water and other natural resources in the basin and;
2. To provide guidance and recommendations regarding the use, stewardship and enhancement of the natural resources in the basin for the purposes of integrated river basin management.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources maintains a website of relevant information about the three commissions. To see this information, go to <https://deq.nc.gov/node/82101>.

Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission

The Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission is comprised of 15 members and includes eight legislative representatives from North and South Carolina. The remaining members include representatives from Duke Energy, a South Carolina water/sewer utility, South Carolina's lake homeowners' association, a nonprofit land conservation trust from North Carolina, Charlotte Regional Partnership, lake marine commissions, and advisory members.

Since August 1, 2017, the Catawba/Wateree Commission has met twice:

- October 6, 2017: During the October 2017 meeting, the Catawba/Wateree Commission had presentations related to recreational use on the Catawba River, lake level modifications per the Comprehensive Relicensing Agreement (CRA), history and update on the development of a total daily maximum load (TMDL) in South Carolina to address nutrients, and requirements for fishing licenses.
- December 11, 2017: During the December 2017 meeting, the Catawba/Wateree Commission discussed membership and the value, or potential value, of allowing alternates to attend the commission meetings, heard an update on four stakeholder meetings held throughout the basin by the Catawba-Wateree Relicensing Coalition and Duke Energy, were presented information about excavation permits, discussed fishing licenses, and voted on a new chair and vice-chair.

No future meetings have been scheduled.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources provides staffing and assistance to the commission. There were no expenses paid for the period of August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018.

The division maintains a website for the Catawba/Wateree River Basin Commission where meeting agendas, meeting summaries, speaker presentations and other relevant information are available to interested parties. To see this information, go to <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/planning/basin-planning/water-resource-plans/catawba-river-basin/catawba-wateree-basin-advisory-commission>.

Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission

The Roanoke River Bi-State Commission is comprised of 18 members and includes 12 legislative representatives from North Carolina and Virginia, as well as three non-legislative members from each state.

The Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission did not meet between August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018. There is no meeting yet scheduled for 2019, but it is slated to be hosted by Virginia.

The Roanoke Bi-State Commission was mentioned as a party in an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Michael Regan, Secretary of the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, D. Reid Wilson, Chief Deputy Secretary for the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and Russ Baxter, Virginia's Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources for the Chesapeake Bay. The MOU was formally signed on November 1, 2017 and serves to renew both states' commitment to enhancing the protection of the region's ecosystem and community health through interstate collaboration.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources provides staffing and assistance to the commission and the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission. There were no expenses for the period of August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018.

The division maintains a website for the commission where meeting agendas, meeting summaries, speaker presentations and other relevant information are available to interested parties, at <https://deq.nc.gov/roanoke>.

Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission

The Yadkin/Pee Dee Commission was established to be comprised of 15 members and includes eight legislative representatives from North Carolina and South Carolina. The remaining seven members include a representative from Progress Energy (now Duke Energy Progress), Alcoa Power Generating Inc., Weyerhaeuser Inc., a North Carolina and a South Carolina water or sewer utility, a South Carolina agricultural entity, and a land development industry that does business within the basin.

Since its establishment, the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission has never met, and neither state has appointed members to the commission. If this commission meets in the future, the N.C. Division of Water Resources would provide staffing and assistance.

There were no expenses paid for the period of August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018.

The division maintains a website for the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission. For more information, visit <https://deq.nc.gov/node/82102>.