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INTRODUCTION

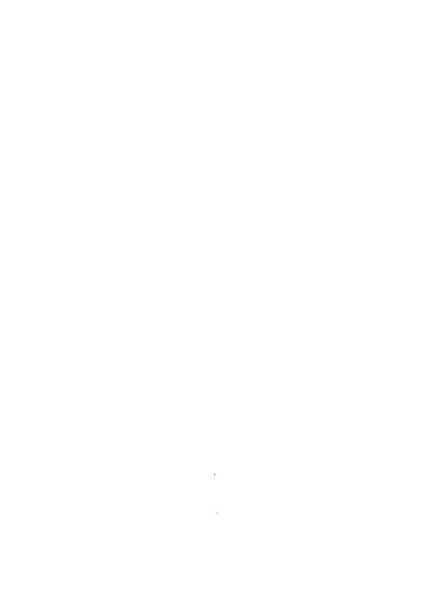
Chapter 930 (Senate Bill 629) of the 1981 Session Laws established a study commission to study commercial fishing licenses and shellfish leases. This bill is a result of three principle concerns, enumerated below, and voiced by members of the 1981 General Assembly.

- The laws concerning licensing of commercial fishing activities have not been materially changed since 1965;
- (2) Many provisions of the laws concerning leasing of State-owned submerged lands for shellfish production have not been changed since 1893;
- (3) Greater numbers of people now utilize the State's marine resources and conflicts arise more frequently due to incompatible uses of these resources.

As a result of these three principle concerns, the Marine Fisheries Study Commission was charged to study:

- the existing statutes concerning licensing of commercial fishing activities;
- (2) the existing statutes concerning the leasing of State-owned submerged lands for the purposes of shellfish production;
- (3) the need for additional laws to address problems arising out of conflicting uses of the State's marine resources; and
- (4) such other matters relating to marine fisheries as it deems important.

The Commission was directed to make a report to the General Assembly no later than April 1, 1982, containing recommendations of the Commission as to the need for changes in existing statutes or administrative regulations or the need for new statutes or regulations. A sum of \$8,000 for 1981-82 was appropriated to the Study Commission to cover all expenses other than those paid by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.



Membership of the Marine Fisheries Study Commission

Appointments by the Speaker of the N. C. House of Representatives

Representative Alexander Duke Guy, Co-chairman Jacksonville, N. C.

Representative Charles D. Evans Manteo, N. C.

Representative G. Malcolm Fulcher, Jr. Atlantic Beach, N. C.

Appointments by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Senator Joseph E. Thomas, Co-chairman Vanceboro, N. C.

Senator Melvin R. Daniels, Jr. Elizabeth City, N. C.

Senator Harold W. Hardison Deep Run, N. C.

Appointments by the Governor of the State of North Carolina

Mr. Thomas Baum Wanchese, N. C.

Mr. Rodney Cahoon Beaufort, N. C.

Mr. James B. Moore Southport, N. C.

- * Mr. Jerry Gaskill Cedar Island, N. C.
- * The chairman of the Marine Fisheries Commission served in an ex officio capacity.

Commission Proceedings

The Commission held its first meeting (an organizational meeting) in Room 1124 of the Legislative Building in Raleigh, N. C. on January 13, 1982. Due to inclement weather, an overview of the N. C. Division of Marine Fisheries by Mr. Connell Purvis, Director, was rescheduled for a subsequent meeting. However, Mr. W. A. Raney, Jr., Special Deputy Attorney General for the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and community Development, presented a list of statutes the Commission might consider for possible changes.

Prior to the close of the first meeting, the Chairmen directed that a copy of Raney's list of statutes to consider changing and recommendations from the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development on the Marine Fisheries licensing package be mailed to Commission members and Fisheries Associations for review well in advance of the second meeting. The licensing package recommendations and Raney's comments were mailed on February 2, 1982. Attachment 2 is a copy of the packet and a list of Fisheries Associations to which the packet was mailed. The purpose of mailing the licensing package to Fisheries Associations in advance was to provide them the opportunity for input at all subsequent meetings.

The Commission's second, third, and fourth meetings were held in the coastal communities of Wilmington, New Bern, and Manteo on March 3, 4, and 10, 1982 respectively. Two sessions were held at each location from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to provide the public an opportunity to address the Study Commission on the proposed license fee increase or any matter under the Study Commission's purview. Advertisement of the Study Commission's coastal meetings was accomplished by mailing press releases to 120 newspapers, television, or radio stations in eastern North Carolina.

The format of the meetings permitted Mr. Connell Purvis, Director of the N. C. Division of Marine Fisheries, to present an overview of his Division's activities and a brief review of the proposed licensing package at each session. This assured public understanding of the proposed licensing package and the activities carried out by the Division of Marine Fisheries. In addition, the audience was asked to address the Study Commission by commenting on the licensing package and any other issue that was within the purview of the Study Commission.

With the exception of the New Bern sessions, the audience in attendance at all other meetings was overwhelmingly in opposition to the proposed licensing package and shellfish bottom lease recommendations. Approximately 75 people attended the meeting in Wilmington. The audience, though, was not keenly familiar with the licensing package or the shellfish bottom lease recommendations and, consequently, were strongly opposed to any type of fee increase. The turnout in New Bern was much lighter, 25 to 30 people, all very familiar with the proposals submitted by the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. Fisheries Associations were well represented in New Bern. For the Manteo meeting, the Division of Marine Fisheries assisted the Marine Fisheries Study Commission by distributing notices of the meeting to all fish houses along the North Carolina coast. Consequently, the turnout was the heaviest of all meetings. Approximately 300 people attended the sessions in Manteo. Again, opposition to the proposals was overwhelming.

Upon completion of all coastal meetings, the Study Commission returned to Raleigh for a meeting on March 16, 1982, for what was to have been a workshop meeting in which final recommendations would be made to the 1982 General Assembly. Since numerous residents of coastal communities attended this meeting and asked to address the Study Commission, they were afforded an opportunity to do so. Because of the length of this meeting, nearly 5 hours, the Study Commission scheduled a final meeting for March 31, 1982, again with the intention of finalizing recommendations to the 1982 General Assembly. On March 31, 1982, after four hours of continuous debate on the proposals submitted by the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, and other alternatives, the Commission failed to agree on any proposal recommended to the General Assembly.

Recommendations

The Study Commission held a total of six meetings, three in Raleigh and three in coastal communities. After much testimony from State officials, private citizens, and fisheries association representatives, the Commission could not agree on specific recommendations to make to the 1982 General Assembly. As indicated earlier, the Commission faced a very difficult dilemma. Most individuals addressing the Commission and in the audience were adamantly opposed to a fee increase. And yet, representatives of fisheries associations were very supportive of the efforts being undertaken by the Division of Marine Fisheries. However, no accurate figures on the number of fishermen represented by association representatives were available.

After meeting a sixth time on March 31 for four hours, the Commission simply ran out of time. It is felt, and hereby recommended, however, that more time is needed to study the issues specified in chapter 930 of the 1981 Sessions Laws and that this Study Commission be extended by the 1982 General Assembly with a reporting date to the 1983 General Assembly of January 10, 1983.



State of North Carolina Department of Instice

P. O. Box 629
RALEIGH

January 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM

TO: F1

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Fred Aikens Sarah Fuerst

FROM: W. A. Raney, Jr.

RE: Marine Fisheries Study Commission

Pursuant to the request of the Commission at its initial meeting on January 12, 1982, 1 am providing the following list of statutes which, in my view, the Commission might want to look at for possible changes. As indicated at that meeting, the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and the Marine Fisheries Commission will be submitting extensive recommendations on licensing and leasing; therefore, I will not include in this memo any suggestions on the statutes which deal with these topics.

- 1. G.S. 113-136(d) The provision which allows inspectors and protectors to arrest for "offenses evincing a flouting of their authority..." or "constituting a threat to public peace and order..." are somewhat subjective. Under such standards, inspectors and protectors may be unsure of their authority in any given situation. On the other hand these standards do provide inspectors and protectors arguable authority to engage in necessary law enforcement functions and probably would not cause problems if restraint and discretion are used by the officers. Serious trattic oftenses, minor duag and alcohol offenses and the like would seem to arise most often.
- 2. G.S. $113-151.1 \lambda$ question has arisen as to whether a license agent can charge a licensee a fee for issuing a license. This could be clarified.
- 3. G.S. 113-152(a) (f) and G.S. 113-154(b) These statutes together provide for a license for taking systems and clams and provide an exception for taking small quantities. The exception

needs clarification. Also, it is my understanding that the no license exception of G.S.113-152(a) and (i), as it relates to oysters and claim. (especially claim.), may not realistically be related to non-commercial activity.

- 4. G.S. 113-163(e) This is a recent amendment which was necessary for the State to enter into a cooperative statistics program with the U.S. Mational Marine Pisheries Service. It is probably broader than intended and raises questions about the confidentiality of basic license information such as boat ownership, length, license fees paid, etc. Most of the problems could probably be remedied by saying that information required on vessel license applications is not confidential.
- 5. G.S. 113-181 Nowhere in the statutes is there a clear standard setting forth the legitimate scope of regulation by the Marine Fisheries Commission. It is clear that conservation and recreational and navigational safety are legitimate bases for regulation. There is an implication in G.S. 113-133 that regulations are justified to "reconcile competing interest" in fishery resources. In addition, most fishermen and managers of the resources have traditionally considered economic factors in regulating fishing. An example of this is the limitation of oystering to cold weather when the oysters are considered to be better tasting and bring a better price in the marketplace. There is currently no clear indication that regulation on the basis of economic factors is desirable or even legitimate.
- 6. G.S. 113-202 As indicated, the Department and the MFC will be submitting extensive recommendations in this area. There is a very fundamental problem with the current statute in that it seems to be based on the philosophy that all areas should be leased if they do not currently have natural oyster or clam needs on them. This philosophy does not recognize the other competing interest in public waters and submerged lands which now exist due to a more intensive use of these areas. The procedures for oyster and clam leasing are also largely outdated and could be substantially streamlined.
- 7. G.S. 133-221(a) A very technical problem has arisen in a couple of instances in which defense attorneys have argued that the copies of regulations filed with the Clerks of Superior Court must be certified by the method specified in G.S. 113-221(h). I personally don't believe the argument has any merit but it has caused problems. This could be remedied by a rentence in subsection (a) which states that copies need not be certified, or by deleting the filing requirement altogether.



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8. G.S. 133-133 and G.S. 133-221(3) - 1 mentioned these two provisions in my remarks to the Committee as being highly desirable. They are the envy of other coastal states and provide the professional fisheries managers with the flexibility necessary to effectively manage the highly complex and rapidly changing situations involved in marine fisheries.

I trust that you will distribute this to the members of the Study Commission if you feel that they would benefit from it. Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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cc: Connell Purvis
Anne Griffith

February 2, 1982

At the last meeting of the Marine Fisheries Study Commission, the Chairmen directed that a copy of Bill Raney's comments and recommendations from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development on the Marine Fisheries Licensing package be mailed to Commission members and Fisheries Associations for review well in advance of the next meeting. That package of information is attached for your review. If you have questions please call either Chairman or myself at 733-4910.

Sincerely,

Fred Aikens

Attachment

Fisheries Trade Associations

Ed Cross, President - 745-3688 Pamlico Packing Co., P.O. Box 328 Vandemere, N. C. 28587

Ned Delamar, Executive Director - 745-4985 N. C. Fisheries Association P.O. Box 490 Bayboro, N. C. 28515

Commercial Fishermen of N. C. President, James B. Moore - 278-5964 27 Oak Island Drive Southport, N. C. 28461

Brunswick County Commercial Fisherman's Association President, Miss Mary DeBoy - 579-3331 P.O. Box 879 Shallotte, N. C. 28459

Small Fishermen of Roanoke Island Spokesman, Randy O'Neal - 473-4551 Postmaster Wanchese, N. C. 27981

Hyde County Fishermen's Association Carl Doerter, Secretary-Treasurer - 926-1641 P.O. Box 25 Scranton, N. C. 27875

American Farmers of the Sea Earl D. Barlow, Promident - 376 7031 Swansboro, N. C. 28584, P.O. Box 1127

East Carolina Waterman's Association Howard A. Lupton, President - 249-0961 Rowland, N. C. 28552

Raleigh Saltwater Sportfishing Club Robert G. Strykes, President - 787-2836 4818 North Hills Drive Raleigh, N. C. 27612



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Fishermen are willing to pay higher license been to get these improved services. And they are smart enough to know they are not paint to get 1960 services with a 1950 funding base.

The proposal is obviously a resemble generating packing. But it is definitely not a tax, it is a most pay concept. The is a most would consist from those who use the resource and those who are Jemandier adequate services from Marine Fisheries.

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Low Option - Proposes a best license fee of \$1.00 per foot for construit, and recreational fishermen, \$50.00 license to sell for at least one \$1.50 and violating in a commercial operation, and a \$5.00 sportman license for at least one individual in a non-commercial operation. A shellfish (oyster, classed seallop) license of \$10.50 per person is also proposed. With an expected significant initial decrease in total best license rales, total new roceipts a would be about \$800,249. (See attached information for breakdown.)

Medium Option - Same as low option except a heat license fee of \$2.00 per box for commercial and recreational fishermen, a \$100.00 rommercial license to sell, and a \$9.00 sportsman license. lotal new receipts with 20 percent shifted loss would be about \$1,799,000. (See attacked information for

High Option - Same as low option except a bast license fee of \$3.00 per foot for Commercial and recreational fishermen, a \$150.00 license to sell, and a \$25.00 sportsman license. Total new receipts with 20 percent initial loss would be about \$2,716,769.00. (See attached information for breakdown.)

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES LICENSE FEES - PROPOSED OPTION



EXPECTED PEVINDES GENERATED BY OPTIONS

ASSUMPTION - 40% of 0-18" Unats will be exemercial, 60% of 18-26" boats will be commercial, and 90% of boats over 26" will be commercial. Boats without motors, that do not now need a license, have been divided between the 18" and 18-26" groups. Non-resident and menhaden vessels are not included in this assumption.

Number boats - based on best estimate of 1980 data.

	Length	Commercial	Recreational	Total
	0 - 18' (15' average) 18-26' (21' average) 26' + (41' average)	8,200 2,040 1,080	12,300 1,360 120	20,500 3,400 1,200
	Totals	11,320 (210,120 ft)	13,780 (217,980 ft)	25,100 (428,100 ft)
	Commercial License	Low Option (\$1.00/ft) (\$50.00/sell)	Medium Option (\$2.00/ft) (\$100.00/sell)	High Option (\$3.00/ft) (\$150.00/sell)
	Resident boats Resident license to sell Non-resident boats (x3) Non-resident license to sell (x Resident menhaden, \$2.00/ton Non-resident menhaden, \$2.50/to Shellfish license, \$10.50/perso Ocean piers, \$0.50/fit. Charter and head boats Dealers license	566,000 4,050 3) 2,250 7,046 on 28,028	\$ 420,240 1,132,000 8,100 4,500 7,046 28,028 135,293 16,300 18,000 69,650	\$ 630,360 1,698,000 12,150 6,750 7,046 28,028 135,293 16,300 27,000 69,650
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	Total new receipts no initial loss	1,101,561	2,248,761	3,395,961
	Total new receipts- 10% initial loss	991,405	2,023,835	3,056,365
	Total new receipts - 20% initial loss	881,249	1,799,009	2,716,769
	<pre>\$ contributed by recreational boats which have 55% of total number (based on anticipated re</pre>	21% eceipts)	26%	281

T-Present receipts" include: Seafood tax, vessel license, dealer license, oyster and clam license. License agents costs have not been deducted from anticipated revenue. Shellfish lease receipts

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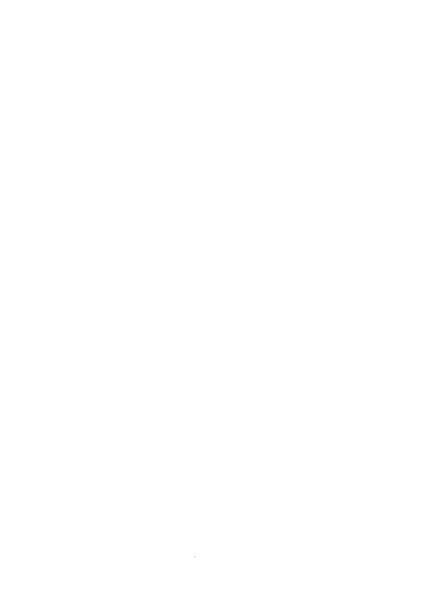
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N. C. MARINE FISHERIES

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NCTE: All figures include duplicate licenses.

Anticipated Uses of Revenues Generated by a Revised License Package

These programs, as proposed by the Law Enforcement, Fisheries Management, Fisheries Services and Administrative Sections are bound by one single concept; that is, to support and upgrade all ongoing programs before attempting new initiatives. The accomplishment of the proposed programs will solidify the position of the Division of Marine Fisheries as one of the most innovative marine resource management agencies in the country.

Law Enforcement

Efforts will be directed to upgrading and improving the capabilities of the Law Enforcement Section. Two larger boats will be replaced, one airplane will be replaced, and four new officers will be added to assist in increasing response capabilities. Much old equipment will be replaced or upgraded.

1983-1984 - TOTAL: \$464,992

Continued efforts to increase capabilities of the Section to enforce new package. Two more large boats will be replaced, the second airplane will be replaced, five new officers will assume duties in the field and on new vessels, continued upgrading of equipment and funds will be utilized to operate all new equipment from previous year.

1984-1985 - TOTAL: \$631,804

Fisheries Management

Emphasis will be placed on strengthening support for field level work on finfish stock assessment, shellfish management and statistics. An estuarine research vessel will be acquired for use in the large, open sounds and near shore ocean waters. An additional shelfish relocator will be constructed to increase utilization of polluter shellfish stocks. Computer capability will be upgraded to better shellfish stocks. Computer capability will be upgraded to better shellfish stocks. lease and assessment data. Gathering of data on the miltimillion dollar recreational fishery will begin. Planning will begin for a shellfish hatchery, and discussions will begin to acquire telenton National Fish Natchery in cooperation with the Wildlife Resources Commission.

1983-1984 - TOTAL: \$1,014,200

An automated satinity-temperature monitoring system will be acquired in order to collect vital environmental data influencing abundance of important species, such as chrimp. A shellfish hatche, will be constructed and begin operation to enhance stocks of clams

and bay scallops. A finish hatchery will produce striped bass for stocking in coastal and inland waters in cooperation with the Wildlife Resources Commission. Additional staff upgrading will improve the quality of data analysis and management decisions.

1984-1985 - TOTAL: \$1,484,100

Administration Section

All funds will be directed to improving productivity in the Morehead City Office and maintenance facility. Information and education program will broaden efforts in schools and to commercial and recreational fishing public.

1983-1984 - TOTAL: \$177,900

Continued upgrading of maintenance facility and staff support in Morehead City. ILE group prepares more intensive programs for fishing public.

- 1984-1985 - TOTAL: \$173,600

Recreational Fisheries Program

All funds will be used to maintain two tire unit fabrication sites in Craven and New Hanover counties, to develop recreational statistics program, and to properly monitor fish populations and catch on inshore and offshore reefs. These programs will be essentially the same each year.

1983-1984 - TOTAL: \$311,780 1984-1985 - TOTAL: \$285,260

Seafood Marketing Program

The basic function of a seafood marketing program will be of linking supply with demand. Initial emphasis will be put within the state. The program will also consider inspection programs to improve the quality of seafood and the certificatio of seafood for export. Most past efforts have failed because there was not adequatinput from the industry on what the needs were in marketing.

1983-1984 - TOTAL: \$100,000 1984-1985 - TOTAL: \$100,000

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NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION

STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27611

June 3, 1982

Lieutenant Governor James C. Green President of the North Carolina State Senate

The Honorable Liston B. Ramsey Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Lt. Governor Green and Speaker Ramsey:

I am pleased to attach an interim report of the North Carolina Courts Commission consisting of four legislative proposals for consideration during the June 2, 1982 Session. The proposals include the following:

- An Act to amend the procedure for granting exemptions from money judgments.
- 2. An Act to provide for annual jury lists.
- 3. An Act to make technical corrections to G.S. Chapter 7A.
- An Act to increase the civil jurisdiction of the District Court.

These bills represent a great deal of effort on the part of Commission members over the last six months and we believe that they are for the most part important but non-controversial measures that should be handled during this short session.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Courts Commission and the Courts Commission staff for the hard work that has gone into this report. A complete report representing the results of our continuing studies will be presented for consideration during the 1983 Session.

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Attachments