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S 833. DELINEATE RIVER BASINS. Filed 3/24/09. *TO DELINEATE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RIVER BASINS OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALIGNING THE RIVER BASIN PLANNING PROGRAMS OF THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE 2008 REPORT OF THE WATER ALLOCATION STUDY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.*

Repeals GS 143-215.22G(1), defining river basin, and amends GS 143-213 to define each of the state's river basins as an area in the state denoted by the specified eight-digit cataloging unit or series of eight-digit cataloging units organized by the US Geologic Survey. Makes conforming changes to GS 77-90, GS 77-110, GS 143-214.14, and GS 143-215.8B. Provides that interbasin transfer certificates issued by the Environmental Management Commission under GS 143-215.22I, GS 143-215.22L, or GS 153A-285 before July 1, 2009, remain in effect. Allows a person who has a certificate issued before July 1, 2009, to request a modification consistent with the act and provides that the request is subject to notice and hearing requirements. Provides that the act is not to be interpreted to change the water quality classification of a water and provides that any classification that was applied to all waters within a river basin as it was defined before July 1, 2009, applies only to waters located within the river basin before that date. Requires rulemaking to reclassify waters. Effective July 1, 2009.

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