

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

RULE CITATION: 07 NCAC 13C .0102

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*Lines 5: strike “,but not limited to,”.*

*Line 9, (2): Is an oar machinery?*

*Line30, (10): Either define or delete “slow”.*

*Line 1, (14): “Permitted under a state lake permit” pursuant which rule?*

*Line 20, (22): Add a comma after “upon”.*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

William W. Peaslee  
Commission Counsel

Date submitted to agency: December 19, 2022

1 07 NCAC 13C .0102 is amended as published in 37:08 NCR 626 as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 13C .0102 DEFINITIONS**

4 The following definitions apply to this Chapter:

- 5 (1) Appliances means any major electrical, gas, heating, or cooling device including, but not limited  
6 to, refrigerators, stoves, heaters, freezers, air conditioners, or any other device designed to be  
7 permanently situated or attached; Appliances shall not be construed to include lights or boats  
8 hoists;
- 9 (2) Boat means any vessel equipped with any propulsion machinery, whether or not any such  
10 machinery is the principal source of propulsion;
- 11 (3) Boat Ramp means any permanent or temporary structure which is placed on the floor of a state  
12 lake for the purpose of allowing boats to enter or be removed from a state lake;
- 13 (4) Boat Slip means any structure adjoining, attached to, or part of a pier which has the capacity to  
14 store one boat;
- 15 (5) Commercial means, when applied to any permit issued or application submitted under this  
16 Subchapter, that a structure or activity shall be used primarily for gain or profit;
- 17 (6) Floor Level means the level of the structure closest to the water;
- 18 (7) Joint Private means, when applied to any permit issued or application submitted under this  
19 Subchapter, that a structure is in joint ownership between two or more waterfront property owners  
20 and constructed on the owner's waterfront property in accordance with Rule .0301(h)(1) of this  
21 Subchapter;
- 22 (8) Major Modification means replacement of 50 percent or more of the existing structure, or a  
23 modification which would change the existing dimensions of the structure;
- 24 (9) Mooring Buoy means a device to which a vessel can be moored consisting of  
25 (1) a closed cell foam buoy with a hard shell,  
26 (2) a screw anchor capable of attaching to the lake floor,  
27 (3) a swivel device affixed into the anchoring, and  
28 (4) chains capable of anchoring the buoy and a vessel;
- 29 (10) No Wake Zone means, an area created in accordance with G.S. 75A-15, within which vessels are  
30 required to travel at a slow speed that creates no appreciable wake;
- 31 (11) Owner means any person or entity owning, leasing, operating, or having the exclusive use of a  
32 structure or any waterfront property;
- 33 (12) Patio means any floor area of a pier, whether covered or uncovered, which directly adjoins the  
34 shoreline without using a walkway, not including walkways;
- 35 (13) Pavilion means any roofed structure erected above the floor level of a pier and which does not  
36 directly adjoin the shoreline other than via a walkway;

- 1           (14) Pier means an entire structure, permitted under a state lake permit, leading out from the shore into  
2           a state lake, which may include walkways, patios, platforms, pavilions, and boat slips;
- 3           (15) Pier Agent means a representative acting on behalf of a homeowner's association, corporation,  
4           street association, or in a multiple-owner situation who is the sole contact and authority regarding  
5           a permitted structure;
- 6           (16) Platform means any floor area of a pier, other than walkways, which does not directly adjoin the  
7           shoreline;
- 8           (17) Private means, when applied to any permit issued or application submitted under this Subchapter,  
9           that such structure shall be used for the primary enjoyment of the owner and his or her personal  
10           guests, invitees, tenants, or lessees;
- 11           (18) Projected Property Lines means a linear projection of the property boundaries at each of the two  
12           property corners touching at the mean high water mark of the shoreline;
- 13           (19) Public means, when applied to any permit issued under this Subchapter, a government-owned  
14           structure or a structure open to the public with no fee;
- 15           (20) Seawall means a wall or embankment erected to prevent the water of a state lake from encroaching  
16           on or eroding an area of land;
- 17           (21) State Lake means all property up to the mean high water mark, whether covered by water or not,  
18           in any body of water identified in Rule .0101 of this Section;
- 19           (22) Structure means any pier, seawall, boat ramp, boat stall, mooring buoy, or other object constructed  
20           over, upon or attached to the floor of a state lake;
- 21           (23) Swim Line means a line or rope with a series of floatation devices used to delineate an area of  
22           surface water for the purpose of swimming;
- 23           (24) Vessel means any watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as  
24           a means of transportation or habitation on the water;
- 25           (25) Walkway means the floored area of a pier, excluding a patio, platform, pavilion, and boat stall,  
26           used for egress and ingress on the pier; and
- 27           (26) Waterfront Property means any real property abutting upon a state lake.  
28           ~~State Lake. The term state lake or state lakes, unless specifically limited shall be deemed to~~  
29           ~~include all property up to the mean high water mark, whether covered by water or not, in White~~  
30           ~~Lake, Singletary Lake, Bay Tree Lake, Jones Lake, Salters Lake, Lake Waccamaw, and Lake~~  
31           ~~Phelps;~~
- 32           ~~(2) Mean High Water Mark. The highest point on the shore of any lake to which water reaches under~~  
33           ~~normal circumstances;~~
- 34           ~~(3) Regulations. Any regulation duly adopted by the Department of Natural Resources and~~  
35           ~~Community Development, and posted as a state lakes regulation;~~

- 1           ~~(4) — Owner. Any person, firm, association, partnership, municipality, county, or corporation owning,~~  
2           ~~leasing, operating or having the exclusive use of a pier, structure or any property under a lease or~~  
3           ~~otherwise;~~
- 4           ~~(5) — Private. The term private when applied to any permit, shall be deemed to mean that such permit~~  
5           ~~shall be used for the primary enjoyment of the owner's family, personal guests, invitees, tenants or~~  
6           ~~lessees. With private permits, the owner may not collect any charge or fee for the use of any pier,~~  
7           ~~boat, ramp or other structure which is the subject matter of the permit;~~
- 8           ~~(6) — Joint Private. The term joint private when applied to any permit means that the permitted structure~~  
9           ~~is in joint ownership. Adjoining property owners who do not have sufficient land to meet the~~  
10           ~~maximum measurement and limitations may apply for this permit. With joint private permits, the~~  
11           ~~owners may not collect any charges or fees for the use of any pier, boat, ramp or other structure~~  
12           ~~which is the subject matter of the permit. This term shall not be construed within the context of~~  
13           ~~these regulations to mean any single family dwelling;~~
- 14           ~~(7) — Commercial. The term commercial when applied to any permit means that the permitted structure~~  
15           ~~and activity shall be used primarily for gain or profit. This term shall not be construed within the~~  
16           ~~context of these regulations to mean any single family dwelling;~~
- 17           ~~(8) — Permittee. Any person to whom a permit is issued;~~
- 18           ~~(9) — Pier. The entire structure, including walkway, patio, platform, pavilion and boat stall;~~
- 19           ~~(10) — Walkway. The floored area of a pier excluding the patio, platform, pavilion and boat stall, used for~~  
20           ~~egress and ingress on the pier;~~
- 21           ~~(11) — Pavilion. Any roofed structure erected above the floor level of a pier;~~
- 22           ~~(12) — Platform. Any floor area of a pier other than walkways, wherever located;~~
- 23           ~~(13) — Patio. Any floor area of a pier, whether covered or uncovered, which adjoins that shoreline of a~~  
24           ~~land area of the owner's real property, not including walkways;~~
- 25           ~~(14) — Boat Stall. Any structure adjoining or attached to a pier which has the capacity to store one boat;~~
- 26           ~~(15) — Appliances. Any major electrical, gas, heating, or cooling device including, but not being limited~~  
27           ~~to, refrigerators, stoves, heaters, freezers, air conditioners, or any other device or devices designed~~  
28           ~~to be permanently situated or attached; Appliances shall not be construed to include lights or boats~~  
29           ~~hoists;~~
- 30           ~~(16) — Transfer. Any devolution of title to or interest in water front property by deed, will, intestate~~  
31           ~~succession, or otherwise by operation of any instrument or law;~~
- 32           ~~(17) — Boat Ramp. Any permanent or temporary structure which is placed on the floor of a state lake for~~  
33           ~~the purpose of allowing boats to enter or be removed from a state lake; Boat ramp shall not be~~  
34           ~~interpreted to mean boat stall;~~
- 35           ~~(18) — Lake Front Property. Any property adjoining or abutting upon a state lake.~~

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37    *History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-135.16;*

1                   *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
2                   *Amended Eff. August 1, 1988; April 4, 1979;*  
3                   *Transferred from 15A NCAC 12C .0102 Eff. April 1, 2017;*  
4                   *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,*  
5                   *2018-2018;*  
6                   *Amended Eff. February 1, 2023.*

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*Line 11: Consider simply “(3) by the rules of this Subchapter.” In the alternative, strike “,but not limited to,”.*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

William W. Peaslee  
Commission Counsel

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1 07 NCAC 13C .0201 is readopted as published in 37:08 NCR 626 as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 13C .0201 COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES AND ACTIVITIES**

4 ~~No person, being without a permit shall, in or upon any state lake or within or upon any structure on the floor of any~~  
5 ~~state lake, sell or offer for sale, hire, lease or let out, any object of merchandise, property, privilege, service or any~~  
6 ~~other thing, or~~ No person shall engage in any business, or erect any building or other structure  
7 whatsoever for commercial purposes in or upon any state lake or within or upon any structure on or attached to the  
8 floor of any state lake, except as authorized:

9 (1) by a permit issued in accordance with 07 NCAC 13B .0104;

10 (2) under a long-term contract with the State; or

11 (3) elsewhere in the rules of this Subchapter, including, but not limited to, Rules .0301 and .0407 of this  
12 Subchapter.

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14 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-135.16;*

15 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

16 *Transferred from 15A NCAC 12C .0201 Eff. April 1, ~~2017~~2017;*

17 *Readopted Eff. February 1, 2023.*

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*No changes requested.*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

William W. Peaslee  
Commission Counsel

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1 07 NCAC 13C .0202 is readopted as published in 37:08 NCR 626 as follows::

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3 **07 NCAC 13C .0202      SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH; ~~EDUCATIONAL;~~ OR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH**  
4 **AND NONCOMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES**

5 No person shall engage in ~~scientific,~~ scientific or educational research, as defined in 07 NCAC 13B .0104(f), or any  
6 ~~other noncommercial activity listed in 07 NCAC 13B .0104(b) and (d) in or upon a state lake without a special use~~  
7 ~~permit issued under 07 NCAC 13B .0104. by the Superintendent of State Parks. No such permit may be issued if~~  
8 ~~the activity for which the permit is applied will have any adverse effect on the state lake or upon those who are~~  
9 ~~engaging in any lawful activities thereon.~~

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11 *History Note:      Authority G.S. 143B-135.16;*

12 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

13 *Transferred from 15A NCAC 12C .0202 Eff. April 1, ~~2017-2017~~;*

14 *Readopted Eff. February 01, 2023.*

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*Lines 6 and 20: "By "application" does the agency mean a form?"*

*Lines 17-23, (g): The standards listed in (1) & (2) are subjective and ambiguous.*

*Line 31, (h): Change "may" to "shall".*

*Line 32: (h)(1): Does the agency want "proof" of a written agreement, or a copy of the agreement?*

*Line 1, (h)(2): Is the rule waived as to all structures extending from the seawall? Or is one additional structure permitted in addition to the seawall?*

*Line 19-20, (i): There does not appear to be a rule prohibiting repairs so this permissive language does not appear to be necessary. Consider re-writing lines 19-21 for clarity.*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Commission Counsel

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1 07 NCAC 13C .0301 is readopted as published in 37:08 NCR 626 as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 13C .0301 STATE LAKE PERMITS**

4 (a) No pier, boat ramp, seawall, boat stall, pavilion, platform, patio, or other structure shall be built or maintained  
5 upon the floor of, erected in, or floating upon any state lake without a state lake permit.

6 (b) Applications for a state lake permit may be made by submitting a completed application to the park office that  
7 manages the state lake which will be the subject of the permit.

8 (c) The following uses of Division property, as defined in 07 NCAC 13B .0101(2), on a state lake shall require a  
9 state lake permit authorized by the Division:

10 (1) initial construction of a structure;

11 (2) major modification of an existing structure; and

12 (3) transfer of ownership rights or interest in an existing structure.

13 (d) State lake permits shall be available only to the following classes of persons and only for the state lake  
14 appurtenant to the applicant's property interest:

15 (1) owners of waterfront property;

16 (2) owners of an exclusive right to use waterfront property; and

17 (3) towns, municipalities, or county governments at a public beach or at the end of a dedicated street  
18 abutting upon the waters of a state lake.

19 (e) Applicants shall obtain an approved state lake permit signed by the Park Superintendent or his or her designee  
20 prior to beginning construction or major modification of a structure. A completed application for a state lake permit  
21 shall include the following information:

22 (1) the name, permanent address, and phone number of the applicant;

23 (2) the address of the waterfront property for which the permit is requested;

24 (3) the name, address, and phone number of a pier agent, if applicable;

25 (4) a written description of the structure for which the permit is desired, or if the structure already  
26 exists, the modification to be made to the structure;

27 (5) a drawing, photograph, diagram, or other illustration depicting the structure for which the permit is  
28 requested. The drawing, photograph, diagram, or other illustration shall locate the structure  
29 relative to the waterfront property which gives rise to the right to apply for the permit and show  
30 compliance with the requirements of Rule .0303 of this Section. If the application is for  
31 modification of an existing structure, the applicant shall also locate in the drawing, photograph,  
32 diagram or other illustration the proposed modification with respect to the existing structure. The  
33 Division may request the applicant to provide professional drawings created by a licensed  
34 engineer or architect if the Division is not able to determine if the structure will comply with the  
35 rules of this Subchapter from the submitted drawing, photograph, diagram or other illustration;  
36 and

1           (6) a copy of the waterfront-property deed to which the structure would be appurtenant, or if the  
2           structure is not to be attached to the waterfront property at the water line, the waterfront property  
3           which gives rise to the right to apply for the permit. If the applicant does not own the property,  
4           applicant shall also provide proof of the applicant's property rights which authorize them to apply  
5           for the permit.

6 (f) Except as prohibited in Rule .0407(h) of this Subchapter, applicants shall obtain an approved state lake permit  
7 transfer signed by the Park Superintendent or his or her designee in order to transfer any permit for a structure  
8 permitted under these Rules. A completed application to transfer a state lake permit shall include the following  
9 information:

10           (1) the name, permanent address, and phone number of the transferee;

11           (2) the address of the waterfront property for which the permit is requested;

12           (3) the permit number of the structure for which the permit transfer is requested;

13           (4) the name, address, and phone number of the transferor;

14           (5) the name, address, and phone number of a pier agent, if applicable; and

15           (6) proof of the conveyance, devise, or other mode of transfer of title to the property giving rise to the  
16           right to the permit.

17 (g) The Park Superintendent or their designee shall issue a state lake permit on receipt of a completed application  
18 unless:

19           (1) the construction, modification, or transfer will threaten the health, safety, and welfare of persons  
20           using the state lake;

21           (2) the construction, modification, or transfer would create conditions that are inconsistent with or are  
22           detrimental to the protection and use of state property or would cause harm to areas of natural,  
23           cultural, or archaeological significance;

24           (3) the construction, modification, or transfer would constitute a violation of applicable law or rule;

25           (4) the applicant has an outstanding balance resulting from unpaid state lake permit fees; or

26           (5) the construction or modification of the structure does not comply with the Rules of this  
27           Subchapter.

28 (h) All structures permitted under this Rule shall be subject to the following additional provisions:

29           (1) No structure or any portion thereof, except boat ramps, shall be located closer than 15 feet from  
30           the corners of the property for which the structure is permitted. Where adjoining waterfront  
31           properties do not conform to the 15-foot requirement, the owners of said property may submit an  
32           application for a joint private state lake permit, including proof of a written agreement between the  
33           property owners to share the structure, and request a waiver of the 15-foot requirement from the  
34           Division. The Division shall waive the 15-foot requirement unless a safety hazard would be  
35           created by permitting the structure or granting the waiver would create noncompliance with the  
36           Rules of this Subchapter;

1 (2) No structure may be located within 25 feet of another structure, except where a structure extends  
2 from a seawall;

3 (3) Permit holders shall not collect any charges or fees for the use of structures that are permitted  
4 under private, joint private, or public state lake permits, except for a homeowner association in  
5 accordance with Rule .0407(e) of this Subchapter;

6 (4) Boats shall not be moored or tethered to a boat ramp;

7 (5) Swim lines shall require a Special Activity Permit issued in accordance with 07 NCAC 13B  
8 .0104(d)(7); and

9 (6) All permitted structures shall prominently display the structure's assigned permit number at all  
10 times.

11 (i) All structures which meet the following requirements shall be considered non-conforming structures:

12 (1) existed on February 1, 1974;

13 (2) are not conforming to permissible structural dimensions, as set forth in Rule .0303 of this Section,  
14 at the time of the adoption of this Rule; and

15 (3) have previously been permitted by the Division.

16 Notwithstanding subsection (k) of this Rule, non-conforming structures shall continue to be permitted as long as the  
17 structure is not the subject of a major modification. If a non-conforming structure is subject to a major modification,  
18 then the entire structure shall be brought into compliance with the dimension requirements set forth in Rule .0303 of  
19 this Section. Repairs to maintain the safety of the structure are allowed; should such structures be destroyed or  
20 substantially damaged (greater than 50 percent or more of the existing structure) from any causes, the structure shall  
21 be brought into compliance with the dimension requirements set forth in Rule .0303 of this Section.

22 (j) All permits issued in accordance with this Rule are valid for one year from the date of issuance. Permit holders  
23 shall renew their state lake permits on an annual basis to remain valid. All permit fees shall be paid at the time of  
24 issuance or renewal in order for the permit to remain valid.

25 (k) Permits issued in accordance with this Rule may be revoked by the Division for one or more of the following  
26 reasons:

27 (1) failure to pay any permit fee within 60 days after the due date thereof; or

28 (2) failure to bring a permitted structure into compliance with Rules of this Subchapter, unless  
29 excepted under subsection (i) of this Rule, or with any term or condition imposed by the permit  
30 within 30 days after receipt of a notice from the Division setting forth the corrective measures, in  
31 accordance with Rule .0315 of this Section.

32 ~~After February 1, 1974, no pier, boat ramp, seawall, boat stall, pavilion, platform, patio or other structure, which~~  
33 ~~requires a permit to be constructed initially, may be modified or enlarged so as to alter the design of the pier or other~~  
34 ~~structure without first obtaining approval of the Division based upon a Permit Amendment Application Form~~  
35 ~~provided by the Division. Such application shall be in accordance with Regulation .0309 of this Section. Such~~  
36 ~~desired modification or enlargement must conform to the requirements of the regulations now in force. All such~~  
37 ~~structures which were in existence on February 1, 1974, shall apply for a permit under these regulations. If the~~

1 ~~structure so existing conforms to the specifications governing size and otherwise, application may be made under the~~  
2 ~~terms of Regulation .0311(1) of this Section. If the existing structure is not within the specifications as prescribed in~~  
3 ~~these rules and regulations, application must be made under the terms of Regulation .0311(2) of this Section.~~  
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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-135.16;*  
6 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
7 *Transferred from 15A NCAC 12C .0301 Eff. April 1, ~~2017~~2017;*  
8 *Readopted Eff. February 1, 2023.*

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*Lines 5-6: strike “;but not limited to,”.*

*Lines 12-16, (7)(b): This subparagraph appears to be unrelated to Paragraph (7). Should it be its own Paragraph? Does it even belong in this Rule which addresses “structural dimensions?”*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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07 NCAC 13C .0303 is readopted as published in 37:08 NCR 626 as follows:

**07 NCAC 13C .0303 PERMISSIBLE STRUCTURAL DIMENSIONS**

~~Permits shall be approved for piers, boat ramps, boat stalls, pavilions, platforms, patios and other structures subject to the following limitations:~~Dimensions of a structure shall include all attachments to the structure, including, but not limited to, lifts and floating docks. In order to be eligible for permit approval, all structures in or on state lakes shall conform to within the following structural dimensions:

(1) Commercial Piers. Maximum measurements for a commercial pier shall be as follows:

- (a) walkways, 16 feet wide;
- (b) length of ~~pier structure, pier,~~ 375 feet;
- (c) platform, pavilion; 32 feet in width;
- (d) platform, pavilion; 50 feet in length;
- (e) patio, 20 feet in length extending towards the water from the mean high water mark.  
~~water mark.~~

~~(2) Private piers shall conform to the maximum requirements:~~Private Piers. Maximum measurements for a private pier shall be as follows:

~~(a) — Single family:~~

- ~~(i)(a)~~ walkways, 8 feet wide;
- ~~(ii)(b)~~ length of ~~pier structure, pier,~~ 225 feet;
- ~~(iii)(c)~~ platform, pavilion; 20 feet in width;
- ~~(iv)(d)~~ platform, pavilion; 32 feet in length;
- ~~(v)(e)~~ patio, 20 feet in length extending towards the water from the mean high water mark;

~~(b)(3) Joint private piers shall be limited to the following maximum measurements:~~Joint Private Piers. Maximum measurements for a joint private pier shall be as follows:

- ~~(i)(a)~~ walkways, 16 feet wide;
- ~~(ii)(b)~~ length of ~~pier structure, pier,~~ 225 feet;
- ~~(iii)(c)~~ platform, pavilion; 32 feet in width;
- ~~(iv)(d)~~ platform, pavilion, 50 feet in length;
- ~~(v)(e)~~ patio, 20 feet in length extending towards the water from the mean high water mark.

~~(3)(4) Public piers shall be subject to the following maximum measurements and limitations:~~Public Piers. Maximum measurements for a public pier shall be as follows:

- (a) walkway, 16 feet wide;
- (b) length of ~~pier structure, pier,~~ 225 feet;
- (c) platform, pavilion; 32 feet in width;
- (d) platform, pavilion; 50 feet in length;
- (e) patio, 20 feet in length extending towards the water from the mean high water mark.



1       ~~(4)(5)~~ Boat Ramps. ~~The maximum limitation for the size of a boat ramp will be 25 feet by 25 feet~~  
2       ~~square; boat ramps shall not be subject to location criteria of Regulation .0303(6)(a) of this~~  
3       ~~Section. No boat ramp shall exceed 25 feet in length nor 25 feet in width.~~

4       ~~(5)(6)~~ Boat Stalls.~~Slips.~~ ~~There shall be a limit of one boat stall per single family pier. Boat stalls will~~  
5       ~~not be permitted on joint private, public, or commercial piers. A private pier shall not exceed one~~  
6       ~~boat slip. The dimension of the boat slip shall not exceed 32 feet in length by 12 feet in width.~~  
7       ~~Boat slips are prohibited on joint private, public, and commercial piers.~~

8       ~~(6)(7)~~ Maximum limits for structures of all types above the floor level shall be as follows:

9       ~~(a)~~ Overall structure height may not exceed 15 feet above the floor level, with the exception  
10       ~~of flag poles, semaphores, and light poles which may extend to a height of 20 feet above~~  
11       ~~the floor level; and~~

12       ~~(b)~~ The following items shall not be stored or installed in storage boxes, lofts, and  
13       ~~compartments on any structure:~~

14       ~~(i) electrical appliances or their components;~~

15       ~~(ii) fireworks or other explosives; or~~

16       ~~(iii) gasoline, oil, or any other petroleum-based or hazardous materials;~~

17       ~~(6)~~ All permitted structures shall be subject to the following additional provisions:

18       ~~(a)~~ No structure or any portion thereof, except boat ramps, shall be located closer than 15  
19       ~~feet from the property owners' corners in the shoreline. Adjoining property owners who~~  
20       ~~own waterfront property may, by special agreement, waive this provision in unusual or~~  
21       ~~hardship cases, and where no hazard is erected by the waiver, may submit an application~~  
22       ~~for a joint private pier permit.~~

23       ~~(b)~~ Piers must be located so as to point to a location fixed by the Division.

24       ~~(c)~~ No pier, patio, platform, pavilion, or boat stall may be located within 25 feet of another  
25       ~~structure.~~

26       ~~(d)~~ Where an applicant fails to comply with these regulations because of the noncompliance  
27       ~~of an adjoining property owner who holds a permit for a structure erected prior to the~~  
28       ~~effective date of these regulations, the applicant shall submit his application for approval~~  
29       ~~to the Division. The Division may approve the application subject to conditions and~~  
30       ~~modifications it imposes in the permit.~~

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32       History Note: *Authority G.S. 143B-135.16;*

33       *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

34       *Transferred from 15A NCAC 12C .0303 Eff. April 1, 2017-2017;*

35       *Readopted Eff. February 1, 2023.*

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

RULE CITATION: 07 NCAC 13C .0307

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*Lines 9-10: This sentence is facially ambiguous.*

*Line 20: Replace "may" with "shall".*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

William W. Peaslee  
Commission Counsel

Date submitted to agency: December 19, 2022

1 07 NCAC 13C .0307 is readopted as published in 37:08 NCR 626 as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 13C .0307      CONDITION OF DOCKS; ETC. STRUCTURES**

4 ~~(a) All piers, boat ramps, seawalls, boathouses, pavilion, platform, patio or other structures on a state lake must~~  
5 ~~without expense to the Department be kept by the owner in a good state of repair and in a clean, sanitary, safe and~~  
6 ~~presentable condition. Owners shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations now existing or hereafter adopted~~  
7 ~~by the state and county departments of health. Owners shall also comply with all zoning regulations of the local~~  
8 ~~town, municipality, or county. The provisions of this Regulation shall be subject to the notice and hearing~~  
9 ~~procedures set forth in Regulation .0315 of this Section.~~ All structures must be kept free of any defects in the  
10 structure which may manifest in a risk of collapse or make the structure unsafe to occupy.

11 ~~(b) At least one inspection of each structure shall be made annually by the Division.~~ Permit holders shall make their  
12 respective structures available for inspection by the Division to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of  
13 their permit and the Rules of this Subchapter. Within 60 days of the date of inspection, a notice of the  
14 results of such inspection shall be sent to the permit holder. This notice shall indicate either that the structure ~~meets~~  
15 ~~with the requirements of these regulations or if it does not~~ is in compliance with the permit and the Rules of this  
16 Subchapter or, if not, shall specify:

- 17           (1)     what ~~problems~~ noncompliance issues are ~~noted,~~ noted;  
18           (2)     the rules or statutes that give rise to the noncompliance; and  
19           (3)     what corrective actions are recommended, required in order to come into compliance.

20 Corrective actions may include providing proof of inspection by a licensed inspector with regard to any structural or  
21 electrical components of the structure within 60 days of the delivery of notice to the permit holder.

22 (c) Permit holders shall provide proof of inspection by a licensed inspector with regard to any structural or electrical  
23 components of their structure to the Division within 60 days of completion of construction or modification of a  
24 structure that is the subject of a permit for initial construction of a structure or major modification of an existing  
25 structure.

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27 *History Note:     Authority G.S. 143B-135.16;*  
28 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
29 *Transferred from 15A NCAC 12C .0307 Eff. April 1, 2017-2017;*  
30 *Readopted Eff. February 1, 2023.*

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

RULE CITATION: 07 NCAC 13C .0315

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*No changes requested.*

ease retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

William W. Peaslee  
Commission Counsel

Date submitted to agency: December 19, 2022

1 07 NCAC 13C .0315 is readopted as published in 37:08 NCR 626 as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 13C .0315 NOTICES: ~~RIGHT TO HEARING: HEARING PROCEDURES:~~**  
4 **APPEAL APPLICATION DENIAL AND PERMIT REVOCATION**  
5 **PROCEDURES**

6 (a) ~~Pier permit revocations and denials of applications for structural permits create opportunities for contested case~~  
7 ~~hearings under G.S. 150B-23. Contested case hearings, including petitions for hearings, are governed by G.S. 150B,~~  
8 ~~Article 3, and rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings at 26 NCAC 3.~~

9 ~~(b) The power of the Department to give notice of permit revocation or structural permit denial under this Rule is~~  
10 ~~vested in the Chief of Operations of the Division of Parks and Recreation. Before revoking any pierstate lake permit~~  
11 ~~under these rules, Rules, the DepartmentDivision shall give written notice of its intent to revoke to the permit~~  
12 ~~holderholder by U.S. mail or electronic mail at the address provided by the permit holder on the permit application.~~  
13 ~~Upon the denial of any application for a structuralstate lake permit under these rules, Rules, the DepartmentDivision~~  
14 ~~shall give written notice of its action to the applicantapplicant by U.S. mail or electronic mail at the address~~  
15 ~~provided by the applicant on the application. The notice required by this Paragraph shall be in writing, and shall be~~  
16 ~~served either personally, or by certified mail with return receipt requested, or in the manner provided at G.S. 1A-1,~~  
17 ~~Rule 4(j1).~~

18 ~~(e)(b)~~ The notice required by Paragraph ~~(b)~~(a) of this Rule shall contain the following:

19 (1) facts:

20 (A) in the case of a state lake permit revocation, the facts relied upon by the  
21 DepartmentDivision to support its intended revocation; and

22 (B) in the case of a structuralstate lake permit application denial, the facts relied upon as the  
23 basis for the ~~denial.denial~~;

24 (2) rules: the ~~rule or rules or statutes in 07 NCAC 13~~ under which the DepartmentDivision acts or  
25 intends to act;

26 (3) corrective action: a statement of the corrective action, if any action is possible, to bring the permit  
27 holder, or applicant's application, into compliance.compliance with the rules at Paragraph (e)(2) of  
28 this Rule. In the case of a permit revocation for failure to pay a fee ~~required under these rules in~~  
29 ~~the time provided, late payment is not payment, including payment of any additional late fees, shall~~  
30 constitute corrective action;

31 (4) final date: the date on which the revocation or denial ~~will~~shall become final if the permit holder or  
32 applicant does not request a hearing ~~as provided in this Rule in accordance with Chapter 150B,~~  
33 Article 3, of the North Carolina General Statutes, and Chapter 03 of Title 26 of the North Carolina  
34 Administrative Code. The final date shall be no sooner than the 61st day after service of notice on  
35 the permit holder or applicant;

36 (5) right to a hearing: a statement ~~that~~informing the permit holder or applicant ~~has a right to a~~  
37 hearing, if the hearing request is made: of the right, the procedure, and the time limit to file a

1 contested case petition made in accordance with Chapter 150B, Article 3 of the North Carolina  
2 General Statutes, and Chapter 03 of Title 26 of the North Carolina Administrative Code; and

3 (A) ~~in the form prescribed by G.S. 150B-23(a);~~

4 (B) ~~accompanied by a certificate of service on the Department showing service has been~~  
5 ~~made as follows:~~

6 Joseph E. Slate Jr., Registered Agent  
7 Room 1225, 12th Floor, Archdale Building  
8 512 North Salisbury Street  
9 P. O. Box 27687  
10 Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

11 (C) ~~in a timely manner, either by postmarking or hand-delivery no later than the 60th day~~  
12 ~~following service of the Department's notice under Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule, to~~  
13 ~~the following address:~~

14 Office of Administrative Hearings  
15 424 North Blount Street  
16 P. O. Drawer 11666  
17 Raleigh, North Carolina 27604

18 (6) failure to exhaust remedies: a statement that the failure to request a hearing in the form, manner,  
19 and time required by ~~this Rule~~Chapter 150B, Article 3 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and  
20 Chapter 03 of Title 26 of the North Carolina Administrative Code constitutes a failure to exhaust  
21 all administrative remedies ~~made available under this Rule,~~ and ~~that this failure will~~shall preclude  
22 judicial review under ~~G.S. Chapter 150B~~ of any denial or revocation by the ~~Department~~Division.

23 ~~(d) The final agency decision power of the Department under G.S. 150B-36 on a recommended decision or order of~~  
24 ~~an administrative law judge made under G.S. 150B-34 shall be made by the Director of the Division of Parks and~~  
25 ~~Recreation.~~

26 ~~(e) The failure of the pier permit holder or a structural pier permit applicant to request a hearing in the form, manner,~~  
27 ~~and time required required by Paragraph (e) of this Rule constitutes a failure to exhaust all administrative remedies~~  
28 ~~made available under this Rule. In a case of a failure of a permit holder to request a hearing in the form, manner,~~  
29 ~~and time required by Paragraph (e) of this Rule, and the director will enter an order to revoke the permit. No none~~  
30 ~~who fails to exhaust this administrative remedy is entitled to judicial review of a permit revocation or denial under~~  
31 ~~G.S. 150B.~~

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33 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-135.16; 150B-23;*  
34 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
35 *Amended Eff. October 1, 1988; April 4, 1979;*  
36 *Transferred from 15A NCAC 12C .0315 Eff. April 1, 2017-2017;*  
37 *Readopted Eff. February 1, 2023.*

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

RULE CITATION: 07 NCAC 13C .0406

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*Line 10: Strike "but not limited to".*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

1 07 NCAC 13C .0406 is amended as published in 37:08 NCR 626 as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 13C .0406 WATER ~~LEVEL~~LEVEL; DISCHARGE**

4 (a) No person shall in any way damage or alter drainage ditches, drainage ~~gates~~gates, or any other ~~inlet or~~outlet  
5 from ~~or inlet to~~ a state lake; nor in any way change the water level of a state lake. ~~Water level for purpose of~~  
6 measuring the depth of water in the lake shall be determined by the Department.

7 (b) No person shall discharge any of the following into a state lake:

8 (1) wastewater, stormwater or anything that causes water pollution, as defined in G.S. 143-213;

9 (2) other unfiltered or untreated drainage; or

10 (3) fill material, including but not limited to, sand, rock, or gravel, except as permitted pursuant to the  
11 Rules of this Subchapter.

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13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-135.16;*

14 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

15 *Transferred from 15A NCAC 12C .0406 Eff. April 1, 2017;*

16 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,*  
17 *~~2018-2018~~;*

18 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2023.*



REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

RULE CITATION: 07 NCAC 13C .0407

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

*Line 6: Permitted by the Division pursuant to what rule or process?*

*Line 9: Replace "may" with "shall".*

*Line 24: Is the agency requiring mooring buoys to be maintained or stating a fact? If it is a requirement, define maintaining. If stating a fact, why is this paragraph necessary?*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

William W. Peaslee  
Commission Counsel

Date submitted to agency: December 19, 2022

1 07 NCAC 13C .0407 is amended as published in 37:08 NCR 626 as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 13C .0407 MOORING BUOYS**

4 ~~(a) No stakes, poles, or posts shall be driven or placed into the floor of any state lake for any purpose, except~~  
5 ~~to anchor a lawfully placed mooring buoy. Mooring buoys may be placed upon the floor of state lakes for the~~  
6 ~~purpose of mooring boats by permits issued by the Division.~~ a structure permitted by the Division. ~~Mooring buoys~~  
7 ~~placed upon state lakes shall meet the requirements of the Wildlife Resources Commission State Boating~~  
8 ~~Regulations.~~

9 ~~(b) No mooring buoy may be placed outside any established safety zone, or posted no wake zone or, where a posted~~  
10 ~~no wake zone does not exist, placed farther than 375 feet from shore where there is no established safety zone the~~  
11 ~~shore of the waterfront property for which the mooring buoy is permitted in accordance with Rule .0301 of this~~  
12 ~~Subchapter. Where the permittee is an owner the buoy may be placed at any point within the safety zone. Where the~~  
13 ~~permittee is not an owner, the buoy may not be placed within 25 feet of any structure or within 100 feet of the shore.~~  
14 ~~However, in no case may a mooring buoy be placed within 25 feet of another legally permitted buoy.~~

15 ~~(c) The Division may authorize the temporary placement of mooring buoys for recreational purposes.~~ purposes, such  
16 as shows, tournaments, and other recreational activities, through the Special Activity Permit process outlined in 07  
17 NCAC 13B .0104. ~~The Division is to cooperate, whenever possible, with clubs, groups and other organizations~~  
18 ~~seeking to promote or offer organized recreational activities or shows or tournaments.~~

19 ~~(d) Except as permitted in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, waterfront property owners may apply for and hold permits~~  
20 ~~for no more than two mooring buoys.~~

21 ~~(e) Commercial waterfront property owners and homeowner associations may apply for and hold permits for more~~  
22 ~~than two mooring buoys, in accordance with Rule .0301. All mooring buoys within the projected property lines of~~  
23 ~~the permit holder must be owned and paid for by the waterfront property owner or homeowner association.~~

24 ~~(f) Mooring buoys are private property that shall be the responsibility of the owner to maintain.~~

25 ~~(g) In addition to the requirements of Rule .0301(h)(6), all permitted mooring buoys shall display the permit~~  
26 ~~holder's full name and phone number at all times or the buoy shall be subject to removal by the Division.~~

27 ~~(h) Transfer of a state lake permit for a mooring buoy shall not be permitted.~~

28 ~~(i) When a state lake permit for a mooring buoy is terminated, the permit holder shall remove the mooring buoy~~  
29 ~~from the state lake.~~

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32 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-135.16;*

33 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

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35 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,*  
36 *2018-2018;*

37 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2023.*