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SUBCHAPTER 07H - STATE GUIDELINES FOR AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN	SECTION .0100 - INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL COMMENTS	15A NCAC 07H .0105	EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE AMENDMENTS	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0106	GENERAL DEFINITIONS	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .0200 – THE ESTUARINE AND OCEAN SYSTEMS	15A NCAC 07H .0201	ESTUARINE AND OCEAN SYSTEM CATEGORIES	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0203	MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE OF THE ESTUARINE AND OCEAN SYSTEM	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0205	COASTAL WETLANDS	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0206	ESTUARINE WATERS	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0207	PUBLIC TRUST AREAS	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0208	USE STANDARDS	Amended Eff. June 17, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0209	COASTAL SHORELINES	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .0300 - OCEAN HAZARD AREAS	15A NCAC 07H .0301	OCEAN HAZARD CATEGORIES	Readopted Eff. December 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0302	SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCEAN HAZARD CATEGORY	Readopted Eff. December 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0303	MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE OF OCEAN HAZARD AREAS	Readopted Eff. December 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0304	AECS WITHIN OCEAN HAZARD AREAS	Amended Eff. August 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0305	DEFINITION AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDFORMS	Amended Eff. August 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0306	GENERAL USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS	Amended Eff. April 1, 2025	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0308	SPECIFIC USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS	Amended Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0309	USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS: EXCEPTIONS	Amended Eff. August 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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		15A NCAC 07H .0310	USE STANDARDS FOR INLET HAZARD AREAS	Amended Eff. August 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0311	INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SAND FENCING	Readopted Eff. December 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0312	TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR BEACH FILL PROJECTS	Amended Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0313	USE STANDARDS FOR STATE PORTS INLET MANAGEMENT AREAS	Eff. April 1, 2020	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .0400 - PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES	15A NCAC 07H .0401	PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY CATEGORIES	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0402	SIGNIFICANCE	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 6, 2018	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0403	MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 6, 2018	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0405	SMALL SURFACE WATER SUPPLY WATERSHEDS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0406	PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELL FIELDS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .0500 - NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE AREAS	15A NCAC 07H .0501	GENERAL	Returned to Code pursuant to order of Wake County Superior Court, currently under appeal, Eff. March 3, 2025	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0502	SIGNIFICANCE	Returned to Code pursuant to order of Wake County Superior Court, currently under appeal, Eff. March 3, 2025	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0503	NOMINATION AND DESIGNATION PROCEDURES	Returned to Code pursuant to order of Wake County Superior Court, currently under appeal, Eff. March 3, 2025	Necessary	No	

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		15A NCAC 07H .0505	COASTAL AREAS THAT SUSTAIN REMNANT SPECIES	Returned to Code pursuant to order of Wake County Superior Court, currently under appeal, Eff. March 3, 2025	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0506	COASTAL COMPLEX NATURAL AREAS	Returned to Code pursuant to order of Wake County Superior Court, currently under appeal, Eff. March 3, 2025	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0507	UNIQUE COASTAL GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS	Returned to Code pursuant to order of Wake County Superior Court, currently under appeal, Eff. March 3, 2025	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0508	USE STANDARDS	Returned to Code pursuant to order of Wake County Superior Court, currently under appeal, Eff. March 3, 2025	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0509	SIGNIFICANT COASTAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES	Returned to Code pursuant to order of Wake County Superior Court, currently under appeal, Eff. March 3, 2025	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .0510	SIGNIFICANT COASTAL HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES	Returned to Code pursuant to order of Wake County Superior Court, currently under appeal, Eff. March 3, 2025	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .0600 - DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO ALL AECs	15A NCAC 07H .0602	POLLUTION OF WATERS	Amended Eff. July 1, 1987	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .1100 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BULKHEADS AND RIPRAP REVETMENTS FOR SHORELINE PROTECTION IN ESTUARINE AND PUBLIC TRUST WATERS AND OCEAN HAZARD AREAS	15A NCAC 07H .1101	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1102	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1103	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1104	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1105	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .1200 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PIERS AND DOCKING FACILITIES: IN ESTUARINE AND PUBLIC TRUST WATERS AND OCEAN HAZARD AREAS	15A NCAC 07H .1201	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. December 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1202	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. December 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1203	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1204	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1205	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Amended Eff. August 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .1300 – GENERAL PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT BOAT RAMPS ALONG ESTUARINE AND PUBLIC TRUST SHORELINES AND INTO ESTUARINE AND PUBLIC TRUST	15A NCAC 07H .1301	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1302	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1303	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1304	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1305	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .1400 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GROINS IN ESTUARINE AND PUBLIC TRUST WATERS AND OCEAN HAZARD AREAS	15A NCAC 07H .1401	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1402	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1403	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1404	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1405	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .1500 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR EXCAVATION WITHIN OR CONNECTING TO EXISTING CANALS, CHANNELS, BASINS, OR DITCHES IN ESTUARINE WATERS, PUBLIC TRUST WATERS, AND COASTAL SHORELINE AECS	15A NCAC 07H .1501	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1502	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1503	APPLICATION FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1504	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1505	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .1600 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AERIAL AND SUBAQUEOUS UTILITY LINES WITH ATTENDANT STRUCTURES IN COASTAL WETLANDS: ESTUARINE WATERS: PUBLIC TRUST WATERS AND ESTUARINE	15A NCAC 07H .1601	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1602	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1603	PERMIT FEE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1604	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1605	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .1700 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR EMERGENCY WORK REQUIRING A CAMA AND/OR A DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT	15A NCAC 07H .1701	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1702	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1703	PERMIT FEE	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1704	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1705	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .1800 - GENERAL PERMIT TO ALLOW BEACH BULLDOZING IN THE OCEAN HAZARD AEC	15A NCAC 07H .1801	PURPOSE	Amended Eff. August 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1802	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1803	PERMIT FEE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1804	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1805	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .1900 – GENERAL PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WITHIN THE ESTUARINE AND OCEAN SYSTEMS	15A NCAC 07H .1901	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1902	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1903	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1904	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .1905	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .2000 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR AUTHORIZING MINOR MODIFICATIONS AND REPAIR TO EXISTING PIER/MOORING FACILITIES IN ESTUARINE AND PUBLIC TRUST WATERS AND OCEAN HAZARD	15A NCAC 07H .2001	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2002	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2003	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2004	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2005	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .2100 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SHEETPILE SILL FOR SHORELINE PROTECTION IN ESTUARINE AND PUBLIC TRUST WATERS AND OCEAN HAZARD AREAS	15A NCAC 07H .2101	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2102	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2103	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2104	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2105	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .2200 – GENERAL PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FREESTANDING MOORINGS AND BIRD NESTING POLES IN ESTUARINE WATERS AND PUBLIC TRUST AREAS AND OCEAN HAZARD AREAS	15A NCAC 07H .2201	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2202	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2203	PERMIT FEE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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		15A NCAC 07H .2204	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2205	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .2300 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING BRIDGES AND CULVERTS IN ESTUARINE WATERS, ESTUARINE AND PUBLIC TRUST SHORELINES, PUBLIC TRUST AREAS, AND COASTAL WETLANDS	15A NCAC 07H .2301	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2302	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2303	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2304	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2305	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Returned to Code pursuant to order of Wake County Superior Court, currently under appeal, Eff. March 3, 2025	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .2400 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR PLACEMENT OF RIPRAP REVETMENTS FOR WETLAND PROTECTION IN ESTUARINE AND PUBLIC TRUST	15A NCAC 07H .2401	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2402	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2403	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2404	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2405	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .2500 - EMERGENCY GENERAL PERMIT, TO BE INITIATED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR REPLACEMENT OF STRUCTURES, THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY OR FRONTAL DUNE SYSTEMS, AND THE MAINTENANCE EXCAVATION OF EXISTING CANALS, BASINS, CHANNELS, OR DITCHES, DAMAGED, DESTROYED, OR FILLED IN BY HURRICANES OR TROPICAL STORMS, PROVIDED ALL REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE	15A NCAC 07H .2501	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2502	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2503	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2504	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. July 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
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	SECTION .2600 – GENERAL PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MITIGATION BANKS AND IN-LIEU FEE MITIGATION PROJECTS	15A NCAC 07H .2601	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2602	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2603	PERMIT FEE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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		15A NCAC 07H .2605	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .2700 – GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MARSH SILLS	15A NCAC 07H .2701	PURPOSE	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2702	APPROVAL PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2703	PERMIT FEE	Amended Eff. January 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2704	GENERAL CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 07H .2705	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022	Necessary	No	