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**From:** Ascher, Seth M  
**Sent:** Monday, February 9, 2026 4:48 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth Pope  
**Cc:** Catherine E. Lee (clee@hedrickgardner.com); Ryan Mitiguy; Burgos, Alexander N  
**Subject:** Re: [External] RE: Periodic Review 21 NCAC 63  
**Attachments:** Staff Opinion-February 2026-Readoptions.docx

Thanks.

I will recommend that readoption date at the RRC meeting on February 26, 2026, at 10:00 AM. Attached is a staff opinion memorializing that recommendation. Let us know if anyone from your office needs an invite to the meeting.

### Seth Ascher

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Good morning Seth,

I hope this email finds you doing well.

The recommended readoption date of Feb 1, 2029 works for our Board. Please see below for the Board's planned timeline for readoption, as required by G.S. 150B-21.2.

- Date on which the Board will prepare or obtain a fiscal note, if required (**October 2027**)
- Date on which a notice of text for the rule will be published in the North Carolina Register (**December 2027**)
- Date on which the Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule after publication of the proposed text of the rule. (**January/February 2028**)

- Dates through which the rule will be open for public comment (**December 2027 – February 2028**)
- written documentation of any of the agency's rulemaking priorities that the agency determines to be relevant to the timeline for re adoption. **We do not anticipate any.**

Please let me know if anything else is required at this time.

*Best regards,*

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**Subject:** Fw: Periodic Review 21 NCAC 63

Catherine,

Thanks for reaching out. It looks like the below email may have gotten bounced.

Note that the deadlines for consultation in 26 NCAC 05 .0212 may be later based on when your agency's regularly scheduled meetings are held. We can also build in a couple more weeks due to the email issue if you need it.

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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**Subject:** Re: Periodic Review 21 NCAC 63

Good afternoon,

The attached periodic review reports have been finalized. The next step is to set a deadline for the readoption of these rules. Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A and 26 NCAC 05 .0212, the RRC sets this deadline after consultation with the agency, and this email serves as the RRC's request for that consultation. Please review 26 NCAC 05 .0212 for the information required to be submitted to the RRC, and the deadlines for doing so.

It appears that the deadline for your agency to provide this information is March 3, 2026. As a starting point, I would recommend a February 1, 2029 readoption deadline, but I am open to considering a different recommendation based on the needs of your agency.

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**Subject:** Periodic Review 21 NCAC 63

Good afternoon,

The determinations in the attached periodic review report for 21 NCAC 63 were effective September 30, 2025. Commission Counsel Seth Ascher will reach out to you to discuss setting the readoption date.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Julie

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