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To the Rules Review Commission,

On November 22, 2021, the Marine Fisheries Commission submitted the 9 rules in 15A NCAC 03Q to the Rules Review Commission for consideration. These rules are currently on the RRC's agenda for its December 16, 2021 meeting. On December 10, 2021, the staff attorney for RRC provided an updated staff opinion on the joint rules that recommended objection to 15A NCAC 03Q .0103, .0107, and .0109 because, in her opinion, substantial changes had been made to the rules after they were published.

Because the staff recommendation is to object to the amended rules and not the existing language, the Marine Fisheries Commission is withdrawing the 9 joint rules pursuant to 26 NCAC 05 .0107(2). Withdrawing the rules from consideration will provide the MFC and DMF staff with additional time to consult with the RRC's attorney and determine the most appropriate course of action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Robert Bizzell".

W. Robert Bizzell, Chairman
N.C Marine Fisheries Commission