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SUBCHAPTER 18A - SANITATION	SECTION .0100 – HANDLING, PACKING, AND SHIPPING OF CRUSTACEA MEAT	15A NCAC 18A .0134	DEFINITIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0135	PERMITS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0136	APPLICABILITY OF RULES	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0137	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0138	SUPERVISION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0139	FACILITY FLOODING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0140	FLOORS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0141	WALLS AND CEILINGS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0142	LIGHTING	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0143	VENTILATION	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0144	INSECT CONTROL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0145	RODENT AND ANIMAL CONTROL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0146	PREMISES	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0147	WATER SUPPLY	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0148	ICE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0149	PLUMBING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0150	SEWAGE DISPOSAL	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0151	TOILETS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
15A NCAC 18A .0152	SOLID WASTE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No			
15A NCAC 18A .0153	PERSONAL HYGIENE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No			
15A NCAC 18A .0154	EMPLOYEES' PERSONAL ARTICLES	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No			
15A NCAC 18A .0155	SUPPLY STORAGE	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No			
15A NCAC 18A .0156	EQUIPMENT AND UTENSIL CONSTRUCTION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No			
15A NCAC 18A .0157	FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT SANITATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No			
15A NCAC 18A .0158	EQUIPMENT STORAGE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No			

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		15A NCAC 18A .0159	SEPARATION OF OPERATIONS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0160	RAW CRUSTACEA RECEIVING AND REFRIGERATION	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0161	CRUSTACEA COOKING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0162	COOKED CRUSTACEA AIR-COOL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0163	COOKED CRUSTACEA REFRIGERATION	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0164	COOKED CRUSTACEA PICKING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0165	PACKING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0166	PICKED CRUSTACEA MEAT REFRIGERATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0167	DELIVERY WINDOW OR SHELF	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0168	SINGLE-SERVICE CONTAINERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0169	FREEZING	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0170	SHIPPING	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0171	WHOLE CRUSTACEA OR CRUSTACEA PRODUCTS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0172	COOKED CLAW SHIPPING CONDITIONS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0173	REPACKING	Readopted Eff. August 23, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0174	PASTEURIZATION PROCESS CONTROLS - THERMOMETERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0175	PREPARATION OF CRUSTACEA MEAT FOR PASTEURIZATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0176	PASTEURIZATION OF CRUSTACEA MEAT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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		15A NCAC 18A .0177	LABELING OF PASTEURIZED CRUSTACEA MEAT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0178	INTERFACILITY PASTEURIZATION PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0179	RECALL PROCEDURE	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0180	SAMPLING AND TESTING	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0181	EMBARGO OR DISPOSAL OF COOKED CRUSTACEA OR CRUSTACEA MEAT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0182	BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CONTAMINATION STANDARDS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0183	ALTERNATIVE LABELING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0184	THERMAL PROCESSING CONTROLS - THERMOMETERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0185	THERMAL PROCESSING OF CRUSTACEA AND CRUSTACEA MEAT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0186	LABELING OF THERMALLY PROCESSED CRUSTACEA OR CRUSTACEA MEAT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0187	INTERFACILITY THERMAL PROCESSING PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0188	HAZARD ANALYSIS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0189	HACCP PLAN	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0190	SANITATION MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0191	MONITORING RECORDS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2022	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .0300 – SANITATION OF SHELLFISH - GENERAL	15A NCAC 18A .0301	DEFINITIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0302	PERMITS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .0400 - SANITATION OF SHELLFISH - GENERAL OPERATION STANDARDS	15A NCAC 18A .0401	APPLICABILITY OF RULES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0402	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0403	SUPERVISION AND TRAINING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0404	CONSTRUCTION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0405	FACILITY FLOODING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0406	FLOORS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0407	WALLS AND CEILINGS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0408	LIGHTING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0409	VENTILATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0410	PEST CONTROL	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0412	PLUMBING AND HAND WASHING FACILITIES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0413	WATER SUPPLY	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0414	TOILET FACILITIES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0415	PREMISES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0416	PERSONAL HYGIENE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0417	EMPLOYEES' PERSONAL ARTICLES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0418	SUPPLY STORAGE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0419	HARVEST VESSELS AND VEHICLES	Readopted Eff. June 17, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0420	TRANSPORTING SHELLFISH	Readopted Eff. June 17, 2024	Necessary	No	

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		15A NCAC 18A .0421	RECORDS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0422	SHELLSTOCK CLEANING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0423	SALE OF LIVE SHELLSTOCK	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0424	SHELLFISH RECEIVING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0425	DEALER TAGS	Readopted Eff. March 15, 2023	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0426	BULK SHIPMENTS BETWEEN SHELLFISH DEALERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0427	SHELLSTOCK STORAGE	Readopted Eff. June 17, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0428	SAMPLING AND TESTING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0429	EMBARGO OR DISPOSAL OF SHELLFISH	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0430	BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CONTAMINATION STANDARDS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0432	PUBLIC DISPLAY OF CONSUMER ADVISORY	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0433	HAZARD ANALYSIS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0434	HACCP PLAN	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0435	SANITATION MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .0500 - OPERATION OF SHELLSTOCK PLANTS AND RESHIPERS	15A NCAC 18A .0501	REQUIREMENTS FOR SHELLSTOCK PLANTS AND RESHIPERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0502	GRADING SHELLSTOCK AND COMMINGLING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0504	RESHIPERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .0600 - OPERATION OF SHELLFISH SHUCKING AND PACKING PLANTS AND REPACKING PLANTS	15A NCAC 18A .0601	REQUIREMENTS FOR SHUCKING AND PACKING PLANTS AND REPACKING PLANTS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0602	SEPARATION OF OPERATIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0603	HOT WATER SYSTEM	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0605	DELIVERY WINDOW OR SHELF	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0606	NON-FOOD CONTACT SURFACES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0607	SHUCKING BENCHES	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0608	EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0609	SANITIZING EQUIPMENT	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0610	EQUIPMENT SANITATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0611	EQUIPMENT STORAGE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0612	ICE	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0613	SHELLFISH SHUCKING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0614	CONTAINERS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0615	SHELLFISH COOLING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0616	SHELLFISH FREEZING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0618	HEAT SHOCK METHOD OF PREPARATION OF SHELLFISH	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0619	REPACKING OF SHELLFISH	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0620	SHELLFISH THAWING AND REPACKING	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .0700 - OPERATION OF DEPURATION (MECHANICAL PURIFICATION) FACILITIES	15A NCAC 18A .0701	REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPURATION	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .0800 - WET STORAGE OF SHELLSTOCK	15A NCAC 18A .0801	REQUIREMENTS FOR WET STORAGE OF SHELLSTOCK	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2024	Necessary	No	
	SECTION .0900 - CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH GROWING WATERS	15A NCAC 18A .0901	DEFINITIONS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0902	CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH GROWING WATERS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0903	SANITARY SURVEY	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0904	APPROVED WATERS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0905	CONDITIONALLY APPROVED WATERS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0906	RESTRICTED AREAS	Amended Eff. March 24, 2025	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0907	PROHIBITED WATERS	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0909	BUFFER ZONES	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0911	MARINAS, DOCKING FACILITIES, AND OTHER MOORING AREAS	Readopted Eff. June 1, 2023	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0913	PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .0914	LABORATORY PROCEDURES	Readopted Eff. May 1, 2021	Necessary	No	

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	SECTION .3400 - COASTAL RECREATIONAL WATERS MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND NOTIFICATION	15A NCAC 18A .3401	DEFINITIONS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .3402	BACTERIOLOGICAL LIMITS FOR SWIMMING AREAS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .3403	PUBLIC NOTICE OF INCREASED HEALTH RISKS IN SWIMMING AREAS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .3404	SWIMMING ADVISORIES FOR POINT SOURCE DISCHARGES INTO SWIMMING AREAS	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2021	Necessary	No	
		15A NCAC 18A .3405	RESCINDING A PENDING SWIMMING ADVISORY OR SWIMMING ADVISORY	Readopted Eff. April 1, 2021	Necessary	No	