

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 1370\***

Short Title: Shellfish Enhancement Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Redwine, Chapin, Grady, James, Smith, and Thompson.

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Referred to: Appropriations

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May 28, 1992

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A SHELLFISH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.**

Whereas, the quality and quantity of naturally-grown oysters, bay scallops, and clams have steadily declined due to disease, pollution, and overfishing; and

Whereas, marine resources play a crucial role in this State's economic growth; and

Whereas, it is important for the State to invest in research based on aquaculture technology and scientific evaluation of fisheries management practices in order to reverse the demise of the shellfish industry; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two hundred thirty-one thousand eight hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$231,889) for the Cooperative Institute for Fisheries Oceanography to operate a shellfish enhancement program for the 1992-93 fiscal year. Funds appropriated under this section may be used for personnel and administrative costs.

(b) In the event across-the-board cuts are requested in the budget of The University of North Carolina, funds appropriated for the shellfish enhancement program shall not be reduced or otherwise effected.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992.