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HOUSE BILL 215*

Short Title: Extend Core Sound Moratorium.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Preston.

Referred to: Environment and Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON ISSUING SHELLFISH
3 CULTIVATION LEASES IN CORE SOUND, TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF
4 MARINE FISHERIES AND THE PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR TO REPORT THE
5 RESULTS OF THE SHELLFISH MAPPING AND HUMAN USE MAPPING OF
6 CORE SOUND TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON SEAFOOD
7 AND AQUACULTURE AND THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION, AND
8 TO REQUIRE THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION TO REVIEW THESE
9 RESULTS AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
10 JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON SEAFOOD AND AQUACULTURE, AS
11 RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON SEAFOOD
12 AND AQUACULTURE.

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 Section 1. Section 3 of Chapter 547 of the 1995 Session Laws, Regular
15 Session 1996, as amended by subsection (b) of Section 1 of Chapter 633 of the 1995
16 Session Laws, Regular Session 1996; Section 27.33 of Chapter 18 of the 1996 Session
17 Laws, Second Extra Session; Section 12 of S.L. 1997-256; Section 8 of S.L. 1997-347;
18 Section 6.14 of S.L. 1997-400; Section 15 of S.L. 1998-23; and Section 1 of S.L. 1998-
19 56, reads as rewritten:

1 "Sec. 3. Notwithstanding G.S. 113-202, a moratorium on new shellfish cultivation
2 leases shall be imposed in the remaining area of Core Sound not described in Section 1 of
3 this act. During the moratorium, a comprehensive study of the shellfish lease program
4 shall be conducted. The moratorium established under this section covers that part of
5 Core Sound bounded by a line beginning at a point on Cedar Island at 35°00'39"N -
6 76°17'48"W, thence 109°(M) to a point in Core Sound 35°00'00"N - 76°12'42"W,
7 thence 229°(M) to Marker No. 37 located 0.9 miles off Bells Point at 34°43'30"N -
8 76°29'00"W, thence 207°(M) to the Cape Lookout Lighthouse at 34°37'24"N -
9 76°31'30"W, thence 12°(M) to a point at Marshallberg at 34°43'07"N - 76°31'12"W,
10 thence following the shoreline in a northerly direction to the point of beginning except
11 that the highway bridges at Salters Creek, Thorofare Bay, and the Rumley Bay ditch shall
12 be considered shoreline. The moratorium shall expire ~~July 1, 1999.~~ July 1, 2000."

13 Section 2. The Division of Marine Fisheries and the Primary Investigator for
14 the Human Use Mapping Project in Core Sound shall report the results of the shellfish
15 mapping and human use mapping of Core Sound to the Joint Legislative Commission on
16 Seafood and Aquaculture and the Marine Fisheries Commission no later than October 1,
17 1999.

18 Section 3. The Marine Fisheries Commission shall review the results of the
19 shellfish mapping and human use mapping of Core Sound and shall report its findings,
20 including any recommendations, to the Joint Legislative Commission on Seafood and
21 Aquaculture no later than February 1, 2000.

22 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.