

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 885

Short Title: Protect Oyster Sanctuaries. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Vaughan.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

March 26, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL FISHING WITHIN ONE HUNDRED YARDS OF
3 AN OYSTER SANCTUARY.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 **SECTION 1.** Article 16 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:
7 **"§ 113-211. Protection of oyster sanctuaries.**
8 **It is unlawful to engage in a commercial fishing operation, as defined in G.S. 113-168, with**
9 **the use of commercial fishing equipment or gear within 100 yards of an area designated as an**
10 **oyster sanctuary by the Marine Fisheries Commission.**
11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to
12 offenses committed on or after that date.

