

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 502

Short Title: Topsail Island No-Wake Zone.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Murphy.

Referred to: Agriculture, Marine Resources and Wildlife.

April 8, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A "NO-WAKE" SPEED ZONE FOR MOTORBOATS AT
TOPSAIL ISLAND IN PENDER COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful to operate a motorboat at greater than no-wake speed upon any of the waters of Banks Channel, at Topsail Island in Pender County, between Navigation Markers Number 16 and Number 18, provided that the restricted area is marked in accordance with the Uniform Waterway Marking System by the county or its designee.

Sec. 2. "No-wake speed" means idle speed or a slow speed creating no appreciable wake.

Sec. 3. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, by the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of Pender County, and by peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.

Sec. 4. Violation of this act is a misdemeanor, punishable for a first conviction by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, and punishable for a second or subsequent conviction within three years by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 5. This act applies only to Banks Channel, in Pender County.

Sec. 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991, and applies to offenses occurring on or after that date.