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HOUSE BILL 32*

Short Title: Modify Marine Fisheries Commission.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Redwine, Grady, James, Smith, R. Thompson; J. Preston, Edwards, and Nichols.

Referred to: State Government.

February 3, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A SPOUSE OF A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN TO SERVE ON THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION IN THE PLACE OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143B-289.5(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Members, Selection. – The Marine Fisheries Commission shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall select the members so that all the following interests are represented:

- (1) Four who shall at the time of appointment be actively connected with and have experience in commercial fishing, as demonstrated by deriving at least fifty percent (50%) of earned income from taking and selling food resources living in coastal fishing ~~waters;~~waters. The spouse of a commercial fisherman may be appointed under this subdivision provided that either spouse meets the criteria set forth herein;
- (2) Four who shall at the time of appointment be actively connected with and have experience in sport fishing;
- (3) Three who shall at the time of appointment have special training and expertise in marine or estuarine sciences or the environment affecting the marine and estuarine resources;

1 (4) Two who shall at the time of appointment be actively connected with
2 and have experience in seafood processing and distribution as
3 demonstrated by deriving at least fifty percent (50%) of earned income
4 from activities involving processing and distributing seafood;

5 (5) Two at large who shall at the time of appointment have knowledge of
6 and experience related to the subjects and persons regulated by the
7 Commission.

8 In making appointments to and filling vacancies upon the Commission, the
9 Governor shall give due consideration to securing appropriate representation of women
10 and minorities."

11 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.