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**HOUSE BILL 788**

Short Title: Core Sound Shellfish Leases.

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Sponsors: Representative Smith.

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Referred to: Environment.

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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF NEW SHELLFISH CULTIVATION  
LEASES IN PARTS OF CORE SOUND.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding G.S. 113-202, the Marine Fisheries Commission shall not grant shellfish cultivation leases for areas in Core Sound. However, the Marine Fisheries Commission may grant any shellfish cultivation lease for which a formal application is pending on the date of ratification of this act and which covers an area lying within one statute mile of the western shore of Core Sound.

(b) For purposes of this act, Core Sound is the body of water lying between Core Banks and the Carteret County mainland bounded on the northern end by a line from a point near Swash Inlet at 34° 58' 50"N-76° 09' 13"W and running 292° M to a point on Hog Island Reef at 35° 00' 06"N-76° 14' 52"W and on the southern end by a line from a point north of Bardens Inlet at 34° 38' 16"N-76° 31' 05"W running 6° M to a point at Marshallberg at 34° 43' 07"N-76° 31' 12"W.

Section 2. This act does not prohibit the renewal or transfer of shellfish cultivation leases in Core Sound in accordance with G.S. 113-202 if the lease being renewed or transferred existed prior to or on the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires July 1, 1999.