

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NUMBER: SB 249 (Proposed House Finance Committee Substitute) Extend Core Sound Moratorium

SHORT TITLE: Extend Core Sound Moratorium

SPONSOR(S): Senator Albertson

FISCAL IMPACT

	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>
REVENUES					
Agency Receipts	\$20,540				
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) – Division of Marine Fisheries					
EFFECTIVE DATE: The act becomes effective July 1, 1999. Section 4 (interim crab license) of the bill expires October 1, 2000.					

BILL SUMMARY:

The bill extends the moratorium on issuing shellfish cultivation leases in Core Sound, requires the Division of Marine Fisheries to report the results of shellfish mapping and human use mapping of Core Sound, authorizes the Secretary of DENR to require fisheries license agents to post bonds, and establishes an interim crab license.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Section 4 of SB 249 has a fiscal impact of \$20,540 in FY 99-00 by creating an interim crab license for the period July 1, 1999 to October 1, 2000. To be eligible for the interim crab license, a person has to have both a crab license issued between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1999 and an endorsement to sell fish issued as of June 30, 1999. The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that there are 2,712 individuals qualified for the \$7.50 resident license and 2 persons qualified for the non-resident license. Since crab licenses were set to expire on July 1, 1999, this interim license is considered new revenue.

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