GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

H HOUSE DRH30167-SB-9 (02/27)

Short Title: Brunswick Menhaden Restrictions. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Stiller.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE MENHADEN OR ATLANTIC THREAD HERRING WITH A PURSE SEINE NET WITHIN THREE NAUTICAL MILES OF THE SHORELINE OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY FROM MAY 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) It is unlawful to take menhaden or Atlantic thread herring by the use of a purse seine from May 1 through October 31 of each year within three nautical miles of the Atlantic Ocean shoreline in that area east of a line beginning at a point onshore at the border between North Carolina and South Carolina at 33° 51.0667'N $- 78^{\circ}$ 32.5833'W; running southeasterly three nautical miles to a point offshore at 33° 48.8342'N $- 78^{\circ}$ 29.8494'W; and south of a line beginning at a point onshore at the border between Brunswick County and New Hanover County at 33° 55.8833'N $- 77^{\circ}$ 56.2000'W; then running southeasterly three nautical miles to a point offshore at 33° 54.5735'N $- 77^{\circ}$ 52.7184'W.

SECTION 1.(b) Violation of subsection (a) of this section is a Class A1 misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act is effective 30 days after it becomes law and applies to offenses committed on or after the date it becomes effective.