

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2153

Short Title: Protect Brunswick County Artificial Reefs.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Stiller.

Referred to: Environment and Natural Resources, if favorable, Judiciary II.

May 19, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL FISHING NEAR ARTIFICIAL REEFS
3 WITHIN THREE NAUTICAL MILES OF THE SHORELINE OF BRUNSWICK
4 COUNTY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** As used in this section, the term "commercial fishing
7 operation" has the same meaning as in G.S. 113-168.

8 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Division of Marine Fisheries shall mark all artificial
9 reefs within three nautical miles of the Atlantic Ocean shoreline in that area east of a
10 line beginning at a point onshore at the border between North Carolina and South
11 Carolina at 33° 51.0667'N – 78° 32.5833'W; running southeasterly three nautical miles
12 to a point offshore at 33° 48.8342'N – 78° 29.8494'W; and south of a line beginning at a
13 point onshore at the border between Brunswick County and New Hanover County at
14 33° 55.8833'N – 77° 56.2000'W; then running southeasterly three nautical miles to a
15 point offshore at 33° 54.5735'N – 77° 52.7184'W with a readily identifiable artificial
16 reef marking device. The Division shall place the artificial reef marking device as near
17 the center of the artificial reef as feasible.

18 **SECTION 1.(c)** It shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to engage
19 in a commercial fishing operation within 1,000 yards of an artificial reef marking device
20 placed by the Division of Marine Fisheries as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2008, and applies to
22 all offenses committed on or after that date.