

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 97\*

Short Title: Modify Marine Fisheries Commission.

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Sponsors: Senators Perdue, Conder, and Shaw.

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Referred to: Agriculture, Marine Resources, and Wildlife.

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February 9, 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;
- (4) Two who shall at the time of appointment be actively connected with and have experience in seafood processing and distribution as

1                   demonstrated by deriving at least fifty percent (50%) of earned income  
2                   from activities involving processing and distributing seafood;  
3           (5)     Two at large who shall at the time of appointment have knowledge of  
4                   and experience related to the subjects and persons regulated by the  
5                   Commission.

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

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