GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 98*

Short Title: Continue Shellfish Enhancement Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perdue, Conder, and Shaw.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 9, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE SHELLFISH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

Whereas, the quality and quantity of naturally-grown oysters, bay scallops, and clams have steadily declined due to disease, pollution, and overfishing; and

Whereas, marine resources play a crucial role in this State's economic growth; and

Whereas, this shellfish enhancement program is a continuation of a crucial three-year research project designed to provide technological and scientific evaluation of fisheries management practices in order to reverse the demise of the shellfish industry; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two hundred forty thousand one hundred forty-nine dollars ($240,149) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred twenty-seven thousand nine hundred sixty-two dollars ($127,962) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the Cooperative Institute for Fisheries Oceanography to operate a shellfish enhancement program. Funds appropriated under this section may be used for personnel and administrative costs.

(b) In the event across-the-board cuts are requested in the budget of The University of North Carolina, funds appropriated for the shellfish enhancement program shall not be reduced or otherwise effected.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.