

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE BILL 955**

Short Title: Brunswick/New Hanover Menhaden Restrictions. (Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Stiller, Hill, McComas, LaRoque (Primary Sponsors);  
Folwell, Gulley, and McGee.

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Referred to: Environment and Natural Resources.

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March 29, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE MENHADEN OR ATLANTIC  
3 THREAD HERRING WITH A PURSE SEINE NET WITHIN THREE NAUTICAL  
4 MILES OF THE SHORELINE OF BRUNSWICK AND NEW HANOVER  
5 COUNTIES FROM MAY 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7       **SECTION 1.** It is unlawful to take menhaden or Atlantic thread herring by  
8 the use of a purse seine from May 1 through October 31 of each year within three  
9 nautical miles of the Atlantic Ocean shoreline in that area east of a line beginning at a  
10 point onshore at the border between North Carolina and South Carolina at 33°  
11 51.0667'N – 78° 32.5833'W; running southeasterly three nautical miles to a point  
12 offshore at 33° 48.8342'N – 78° 29.8494'W; and south and west of a line beginning at a  
13 point onshore at the border between Pender County and New Hanover County at 34°  
14 17.6479'N – 77° 42.8356'W; then running southeasterly three nautical miles to a point  
15 offshore at 34° 15.6547'N – 77° 40.0220'W.

16       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective May 1, 2005, and applies to  
17 offenses committed on or after that date.