

SECTION .1000 - POLICIES ON WATER AND WETLAND BASED TARGET AREAS FOR MILITARY TRAINING ACTIVITIES

15A NCAC 07M .1001 DECLARATION OF GENERAL POLICY

The use of water and wetland-based target areas for military training purposes may result in adverse impacts on coastal resources and on the exercise of public trust rights. The public interest requires that, to the maximum extent practicable, use of such targets not infringe on public trust rights, cause damage to public trust resources, violate existing water quality standards or result in public safety hazards.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113A-102(b); 113A-107;
Eff. March 1, 1990.*

15A NCAC 07M .1002 POLICY STATEMENTS

(a) It is the policy of the State of North Carolina that all public trust waters subject to surface water restrictions pursuant to 33 USCS 3 for use in military training shall be opened to commercial fishing at established times appropriate for harvest of the fisheries resources within those areas.

(b) Where laser weaponry is used, the area of restricted surface waters shall be at least as large as the recommended laser safety zone.

(c) Water quality shall be tested periodically in the surface water restricted areas surrounding such targets and results of such testing shall be reported to the Department.

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