ACTIVATION OF CAMA EMERGENCY GENERAL PERMIT 15A NCAC 7H.2500 IN CAMA COUNTIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE DORIAN

I, Michael S. Regan, Secretary of the Department of Environment Quality, hereby find that initial reports of damage from Hurricane Dorian affecting the State from September 5-6, 2019, indicate that it would be appropriate to activate the provisions of CAMA General Permit 15A NCAC 7H.2500. Upon recommendation of the Director of the Division of Coastal Management, CAMA General Permit 15A NCAC 7H.2500 is activated subject to the following conditions:

1. Activation of CAMA Emergency General Permit 15A NCAC 7H.2500 applies only to hurricane recovery activities responding to damage from Hurricane Dorian. This CAMA Emergency General Permit applies to any Hurricane Dorian related damage in the following counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties;

2. CAMA Emergency General Permit 15A NCAC 7H.2500 authorizes the rebuilding of structures on the estuarine shoreline and in estuarine or public trust waters, maintenance dredging of existing boat basins, canals, navigation channels and ditches, and dune reconstruction. To be authorized under CAMA Emergency General Permit 15A NCAC 7H.2500, the activity must comply with the terms and conditions set out in the general permit. All other existing general permits and exemptions continue to be in effect;

3. Under Section .2502(f), all authorizations and work conducted under this General Permit must be completed within twelve (12) months following the activation of the General Permit;

4. Under Section .2503, the two hundred dollar ($200) permit fee is waived for authorizations issued under Emergency General Permit 7H.2500.

5. All remaining provisions of CAMA Emergency General Permit 7H.2500 as set out in 7H.2501, .2504, and .2505 shall be in effect for 365 calendar days from the date of activation indicated below and shall apply to all activities authorized under the General Permit.

This the 17th day of September, 2019

Michael S. Regan, Secretary
NC Department of Environmental Quality