

**Agenda Item:** 15-14 **Request Adoption of Amendments to 15A NCAC 02B .0269 and 15A NCAC 02B .0274 and Approval to Transfer to 15A NCAC Subchapter 02R per 26 NCAC 02C.0408 and “30-day waiver”**

**Explanation:** As part of the Periodic Rules Review Process, staff propose to transfer 15A NCAC 02B .0269 RIPARIAN BUFFER MITIGATION FEES TO THE NC ECOSYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM and 15A NCAC 02B .0274 NUTRIENT OFFSET PAYMENT RATES FOR THE NC ECOSYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM to Subchapter 02R- ECOSYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM under a new Section .0600. This transfer would facilitate the use of the Administrative Code such that the fee schedules for funds administered by the NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP) are in the Subchapter that establishes the NCEEP and its funds, fee schedules and processes. The proposed amendments in 15A NCAC 02B .0269 serve solely to correctly reference the rules' citations to maintain accuracy after they are transferred pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.5 (a)(3).