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Subject: Draft Falls Lake 5-Year Status Report - Request for Public Comment

Falls Lake Stakeholders,

Attached for your review and comment is a DRAFT copy of the Falls Lake 2021 Status Report, which the Division is required by rule to develop and submit to the EMC every five years. The content of this report follows the same general format and organizational structure of the initial 5-year report submitted to the Commission in 2016. There are a few new additions this time around in order to summarize and reference the ongoing efforts in the watershed by the Upper Neuse Basin Association and UNC Collaboratory Falls Lake study that will help inform the reexamination of the management strategy and future rules readoption process, which scheduled to begin in 2024.

This 2021 Status Report provides an update on the implementation of the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy rules that have been in effect since 2011. In addition to an implementation update, the 2021 report evaluates changes in nutrient loading to the lake, summarizes ongoing watershed activities and characterizes advances in science for the various nutrient sources and treatment technologies. This report is an important part of the adaptive management component of the Falls Lake management strategy. Many of you have already provided information that has been incorporated into this report, but we welcome any additional feedback or input you may have on the attached draft. We are currently planning to bring the report to the May 2021 meeting of the EMC. In order to do so I am requesting you submit any comments you have on the draft by COB **Tuesday, April 13th**. This is an informal comment period so you can email your comments directly to me at john.huisman@ncdenr.gov.

I realize that two weeks to review the report is limited amount of time, so if you have any questions or concerns as you look over the document I am happy to speak with you or meetup individually through MS Teams to discuss any concerns you may have. I look forward to your input and extend my thanks in advance for your assistance! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns using my contact information below.

Thank you!

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