

1 **15A NCAC 02B .0304 FRENCH BROAD RIVER BASIN**

2 (a) Effective February 1, 1976, the adopted classifications assigned to the waters within the French
3 Broad River Basin are set forth in the French Broad River Basin Schedule of Classifications and
4 Water Quality Standards, which may be inspected at the following places:

- 5 (1) the Internet at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/csu/>; and
6 (2) the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources:
7 (A) Asheville Regional Office
8 2090 US Highway 70
9 Swannanoa, North Carolina
10 (B) Division of Water Quality
11 Central Office
12 512 North Salisbury Street
13 Raleigh, North Carolina.

14 (b) Unnamed Streams. Such streams entering Tennessee are classified "B."

15 (c) The French Broad River Basin Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards was
16 amended effective:

- 17 (1) September 22, 1976;
18 (2) March 1, 1977;
19 (3) August 12, 1979;
20 (4) April 1, 1983;
21 (5) August 1, 1984;
22 (6) August 1, 1985;
23 (7) February 1, 1986;
24 (8) May 1, 1987;
25 (9) August 1, 1990.

26 (d) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
27 was amended effective March 1, 1989 as follows:

- 28 (1) Cataloochee Creek (Index No. 5-41) and all tributary waters were reclassified from
29 Class C-trout and Class C to Class C-trout ORW and Class C ORW.
30 (2) South Fork Mills River (Index No. 6-54-3) down to Queen Creek and all tributaries
31 were reclassified from Class WS-I and Class WS-III-trout to Class WS-I ORW and
32 Class WS-III-trout ORW.

33 (e) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
34 was amended effective October 1, 1989 as follows: Cane River (Index No. 7-3) from source to
35 Bowlens Creek and all tributaries were reclassified from Class C trout and Class C to Class WS-III
36 trout and Class WS-III.

37 (f) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
38 was amended effective January 1, 1990 as follows: North Toe River (Index No. 7-2) from source to
39 Cathis Creek (Christ Branch) and all tributaries were reclassified from Class C trout and Class C to
40 Class WS-III trout and Class WS-III.

41 (g) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
42 was amended effective August 3, 1992 with the reclassification of all water supply waters (waters
43 with a primary classification of WS-I, WS-II or WS-III). These waters were reclassified to WS-I,
44 WS-II, WS-III, WS-IV or WS-V as defined in the revised water supply protection rules, (15A NCAC
45 02B .0100, .0200 and .0300) which became effective on August 3, 1992. In some cases, streams

1 with primary classifications other than WS were reclassified to a WS classification due to their
2 proximity and linkage to water supply waters. In other cases, waters were reclassified from a WS
3 classification to an alternate appropriate primary classification after being identified as downstream
4 of a water supply intake or identified as not being used for water supply purposes.

5 (h) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
6 was amended effective October 1, 1993 as follows: Reasonover Creek [Index No. 6-38-14-(1)] from
7 source to Reasonover Lake Dam and all tributaries were reclassified from Class B Trout to Class
8 WS-V and B Trout, and Reasonover Creek [Index No. 6-38-14-(4)] from Reasonover Lake Dam to
9 Lake Julia Dam and all tributaries were reclassified from Class C Trout to Class WS-V Trout.

10 (i) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
11 was amended effective July 1, 1995 with the reclassification of Cane Creek [Index Nos. 6-57-(1) and
12 6-57-(9)] from its source to the French Broad River from Classes WS-IV and WS-IV Tr to Classes
13 WS-V, WS-V Tr and WS-IV.

14 (j) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
15 was amended effective November 1, 1995 as follows: North Toe River [Index Numbers 7-2-(0.5)
16 and 7-2-(37.5)] from source to a point 0.2 miles downstream of Banjo Branch, including tributaries,
17 has been reclassified from Class WS-III, WS-III Trout and WS-III Trout CA (critical area) to Class
18 WS-IV Trout, WS-IV, WS-IV Trout CA, and C Trout.

19 (k) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
20 was amended effective January 1, 1996 as follows: Stokely Hollow [Index Numbers 6-121.5-(1) and
21 6-121.5-(2)] from source to mouth of French Broad River has been reclassified from Class WS-II
22 and Class WS-II CA to Class C.

23 (l) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
24 was amended April 1, 1996 with the reclassification of the French Broad River [Index No. 6-(1)]
25 from a point 0.5 miles downstream of Little River to Mill Pond Creek to Class WS-IV; French Broad
26 River [Index No. 6-(51.5)] from a point 0.6 miles upstream of Mills River to Mills River to Class
27 WS-IV CA (Critical Area), from Mills River to a point 0.1 miles upstream of Boring Mill Branch to
28 Class C; and the Mills River [Index No. 6-54-(5)] was reclassified from City of Hendersonville water
29 supply intake to a point 0.7 miles upstream of mouth of Mills River to Class WS-III, and from a
30 point 0.7 miles upstream of mouth of Mills River to French Broad River to Class WS-III CA
31 (Critical Area).

32 (m) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
33 was amended August 1, 1998 with the revision to the primary classification for portions of the
34 French Broad River [Index No. 6-(38.5)] and the North Toe River 7-2-(10.5) from Class IV to Class
35 C.

36 (n) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
37 was amended August 1, 1998 with the reclassification of Clear Creek [Index No. 6-55-(1)] from its
38 source to Lewis Creek from Class C Tr to Class B Tr.

39 (o) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
40 was amended August 1, 2000 with the reclassification of Rough Creek [Index No. 5-8-4-(1)],
41 including all tributaries, from its source to the Canton Reservoir from Class WS-I to Class WS-I Tr
42 ORW.

43 (p) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
44 was amended August 1, 2002 with the revision to the primary classification for the French Broad
45 River [Index No. 6-(1), 6-(27), 6-(47.5), 6-(52.5), and 6-(54.5)] including its four headwater forks'

1 mainstems, watershed of tributary Davidson River, and watershed of tributary Bent Creek below
 2 Powhatan Dam, and the Nolichucky River [Index No. 7] including a lower portion of the North Toe
 3 River from Class C and Class WS-IV to Class B.

4 (q) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
 5 was amended August 1, 2002 with the reclassification of the North Toe River [Index No. 7-2-(0.5)],
 6 including all tributaries, from source to a point 0.2 mile upstream of Pyatt Creek, from Class C Tr to
 7 Class WS-V Tr.

8 (r) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
 9 was amended September 1, 2004 with the reclassification of a portion of Richland Creek [Index No.
 10 5-16(1)], from source to a point approximately 11.2 miles from source (Boyd Avenue), from Class B
 11 to Class B Tr, and all tributaries to the portion of the creek referenced in this Paragraph from C, C
 12 HQW, and WS-I HQW, and WS-I HQW to C Tr, C HQW Tr, and WS-I HQW Tr, respectively,
 13 except Hyatt Creek [Index No. 5-16-6], Farmer Branch [Index No. 5-16-11], and tributaries already
 14 classified as Tr.

15 (s) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
 16 was amended effective November 1, 2007 with the reclassification of McClure's Bog near Gash
 17 Creek [Index No. 6-47] to Class WL UWL as defined in 15A NCAC 02B .0101. The North Carolina
 18 Division of Water Quality maintains a Geographic Information Systems data layer of the UWL.

19 (t) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
 20 was amended effective September 1, 2009 with the reclassification of the entire watershed of Big
 21 Laurel Creek (Index No. 6-112) from source to the French Broad River from Class C Tr to Class C
 22 ORW Tr.

23 (u) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
 24 was amended effective September 1, 2009 with the reclassification of the entire watershed of Spring
 25 Creek [Index No. 6-118-(1) and 6-118-(27)] from source to the French Broad River from Class C Tr
 26 and Class C to Class C ORW Tr and Class C ORW.

27 (v) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
 28 is amended December 1, 2011 with the reclassification of a portion of the French Broad River [Index
 29 No. 6-(54.5)] from the confluence of the Mills River to a point 0.2 miles downstream of the
 30 confluence of the Mills River from Class B to Class WS-IV&B CA.

31 (w) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the French Broad River Basin
 32 was amended effective March 8, 2019 with the reclassification of the Sandy Bottom Wetlands
 33 adjacent to the French Broad River [Index No. 6-(54.5)] and Orton Branch [Index no. 6-(66)] from
 34 Class WL to Class WL UWL as defined in 15A NCAC 02B .0101. The North Carolina Division of
 35 Water Quality maintains a Geographic Information Systems data lawyer of this UWL.

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 37 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-215.1; 143-215.3(a)(1);*

38 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

39 *Amended Eff. March 8, 2019, December 1, 2011; September 1, 2009; November 1,*
 40 *2007; September 1, 2004; August 1, 2002; August 1, 2000; August 1, 1998; April 1,*
 41 *1996; January 1, 1996; November 1, 1995; July 1, 1995.*