



**Fiscal Note Review of
Proposed Wildlife Resources Commission No-Wake Zone Rule
15A NCAC 10F .0320 – Onslow County**

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Impact: State Government: No
Local Government: Yes
Private Impact: Minimal
Substantial Impact: No

Authority: G.S. 75A-3: 75A-15

Onslow County applied for rulemaking to establish a no-wake zone within 50 yards of the Boating Access Area (BAA) in Hubert on Queens Creek, to mitigate hazards to boater safety. There is a sharp bend in the narrow channel with diminished sight lines and heavy boat traffic especially during trout fishing season. Moreover, there are multiple docks surrounding the ramp at the BAA with current plans to add an additional dock.

Onslow County will purchase two buoys and anchors and will mark the no-wake zone at an estimated cost of \$1100.00. Two no-wake buoys and anchors cost \$300.00 per buoy and anchor, for a total of \$600.00. In addition, Onslow County will spend no more than \$400.00 for the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) permit required under G.S. 113A-118 before placing structures in waters of a coastal county. Two technicians will spend two hours each placing and marking the no-wake zone (4 hours x \$25.00/hr * = \$100.00).

State Impact Analysis: None.

Local Impact Analysis: Onslow County will incur the expense of no more than \$1100.00 for the CAMA permit and purchase and placement of the markers for the Queens Creek BAA in Hubert.

Private Impact: The rule has minimal private fiscal impact. The regulated community will not incur any direct financial cost because of this rule change, but their behavior will be restricted in the waters at the BAA and swim area. However, the benefit of that restriction in this part of Queens Creek is increased boater safety.

Substantial Economic Impact: There will be no substantial economic impact to the public.

*total compensation

APPENDIX 1

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(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the following waters ~~and portions of waters:~~ in Onslow County:

- (1) ~~Old Settler's Beach: those waters of Onslow County contained within the canals located in the Old Settler's Settlers Beach subdivision in the Town of Surf City, extended from east of the Pender Onslow-Pender County line northwardly or northeasterly to the canal adjacent to or near the property of Topsail Island Developers, Inc., and more specifically those canals extending along the cul-de-sac lots from the Pender County line northwardly or northeasterly to the most northwardly of said canals above referred to, said canals extended from First Street to the canal lying northwardly or northeasterly of Ninth Street, to include those waters of the approach canal at Old Settler's Beach from marker number 53 in the Intracoastal Waterway south to Broadway Street; line, and the waters of the approach canal from the Intracoastal Waterway between markers 53 and 57, extending south-southwest to the Onslow-Pender County line;~~
- (2) ~~New River: those the waters of New River, near River in the City of Jacksonville shore to shore, between a point 100 yards upstream, and 300 yards downstream, of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad trestle; north from a line at a point on the east shore at 34.74356 N, 77.43775 W to a point on the west shore at 34.74358 N, 77.43924 W; and south from a line at a point on the east shore at 34.74695 N, 77.43719 W, to a point on the west shore at 34.74562 N, 77.44114 W; and those the waters of the New River shore to shore between north of the SR 1402 bridge otherwise known as the Old Bridge Street bridge and south of the U.S. Highway 17 Business bridge otherwise known as Marine Boulevard bridge; and US 17 (Riverview Street) bridges and upstream from the US 17 bridge along the south shore to a point 50 yards beyond the Jacksonville Marina; and within 50 yards of the shoreline at the Marina Café and Marina, from the U.S. Highway 17 Business bridge otherwise known as Marine Boulevard bridge to a point on the west shore at 34.75461 N, 77.43819 W;~~
- (3) ~~Wheeler's Point: those waters in the creek from Wheeler's Point northerly to SR 1558 near the town of Sneads Ferry; the waters of a cove on New River south of the east end of SR 1558 otherwise known as Davis Lane in Sneads Ferry, shore to shore north of the mouth of the cove at 34.57165 N, 77.39471 W; and~~
- (4) ~~Swansboro Harbor: those waters of White Oak River and Swansboro Bay between the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the NC Highway 24 bridge, Swansboro.~~
- (4) ~~the waters of Queens Creek near the boating access area at the north end of SR 1688 otherwise known as Sussex Lane in Hubert, shore to shore west of a line from a point on the south shore at 34.69881 N, 77.18884 W to a point on the north shore at 34.69949 N, 77.18880 W and south-southeast of a line from a point on the west shore at 34.70103 N, 77.19287 W to a point on the east shore at 34.70101 N, 77.19216 W.~~

(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate any motorboat ~~or vessel~~ at greater than no-wake speed within the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Placement ~~and Maintenance~~ of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Onslow County is the designated ~~a suitable~~ agency for placement ~~and maintenance~~ of the markers implementing this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;
Eff. May 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1993; June 1, 1989; October 1, 1984; May 1, 1982.*