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SENATE BILL 460

Short Title: Striped Bass Proclamations.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Speed; Basnight, Martin of Pitt, and Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Agriculture, Marine Resources and Wildlife.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO  
ISSUE PROCLAMATIONS SUSPENDING OR EXTENDING THE HOOK-AND-  
LINE SEASON FOR STRIPED BASS FISHING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 113-292 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(c1) The Wildlife Resources Commission is authorized to issue proclamations suspending or extending the hook-and-line season for striped bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries, and the Commission may delegate this authority to the Executive Director. Each proclamation must state the hour and date upon which it becomes effective, and must be issued at least 48 hours prior to the effective date and time. A permanent file of the text of all proclamations shall be maintained in the office of the Executive Director. Certified copies of proclamations are entitled to judicial notice in any civil or criminal proceeding.

The Executive Director must make reasonable effort to give notice of the terms of any proclamation to persons who may be affected by it. This effort shall include press releases to communications media, posting of notices at boating access areas and other places where persons affected may gather, personal communication by agents of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and other measures designed to reach persons who may be affected. Proclamations under this subsection shall remain in force until rescinded following the same procedure established for enactment."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.