

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 1410\***

Short Title: Extend Core Sound Moratorium.

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Sponsors: Representatives Preston; Smith, Hurley, and Mitchell.

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Referred to: Environment.

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May 21, 1998

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON ISSUING SHELLFISH  
CULTIVATION LEASES IN CORE SOUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON SEAFOOD AND AQUACULTURE.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 3 of Chapter 547 of the 1995 Session Laws, Regular Session 1996, as amended by subsection (b) of Section 1 of Chapter 633 of the 1995 Session Laws, Regular Session 1996; Section 27.33 of Chapter 18 of the 1996 Session Laws, Second Extra Session; Section 12 of S.L. 1997-256; Section 8 of S.L. 1997-347; and Section 6.14 of S.L. 1997-400, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 3. Notwithstanding G.S. 113-202, a moratorium on new shellfish cultivation leases shall be imposed in the remaining area of Core Sound not described in Section 1 of this act. During the moratorium, a comprehensive study of the shellfish lease program shall be conducted. The moratorium established under this section covers that part of Core Sound bounded by a line beginning at a point on Cedar Island at 35°00'39"N - 76°17'48"W, thence 109°(M) to a point in Core Sound 35°00'00"N - 76°12'42"W, thence 229°(M) to Marker No. 37 located 0.9 miles off Bells Point at 34°43'30"N - 76°29'00"W, thence 207°(M) to the Cape Lookout Lighthouse at 34°37'24"N - 76°31'30"W, thence 12°(M) to a point at Marshallberg at 34°43'07"N - 76°31'12"W, thence following the shoreline in a northerly direction to the point of beginning except

- 1 that the highway bridges at Salters Creek, Thorofare Bay, and the Rumley Bay ditch shall  
2 be considered shoreline. The moratorium shall expire ~~1 July 1998.~~ July 1, 1999."  
3 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.