

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 254

Short Title: Shellfish Rehabilitation Fund.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Preston, Redwine; Clary, Smith, Watson, and Culp.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 17, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 **AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE OYSTER REHABILITATION**
3 **PROGRAM TO THE SHELLFISH REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND TO**
4 **PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE USE OF SHELLFISH REHABILITATION**
5 **PROGRAM FUNDS.**

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. The Oyster Rehabilitation Program in the Division of Marine
8 Fisheries in the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources shall be
9 renamed the Shellfish Rehabilitation Program. Funds appropriated for the Oyster
10 Rehabilitation Program or the Shellfish Rehabilitation Program may be used for the
11 Shellfish Rehabilitation Program. The Oyster, Clam, and Scallop Subcommittee of the
12 Marine Fisheries Commission shall advise the Division of Marine Fisheries on the
13 expenditure of Shellfish Rehabilitation Program funds. The Division of Marine Fisheries
14 shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Seafood and Aquaculture on the
15 expenditure of Shellfish Rehabilitation Program funds annually, beginning January 1,
16 1998.

17 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.