

**15A NCAC 02B .0110 CONSIDERATIONS FOR FEDERALLY-LISTED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED AQUATIC SPECIES**

Certain waters provide habitat for federally-listed aquatic animal species that are listed as threatened or endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and subsequent modifications. Maintenance and recovery of the water quality conditions required to sustain and recover federally-listed threatened and endangered aquatic animal species contributes to the support and maintenance of a balanced and indigenous community of aquatic organisms and thereby protects the biological integrity of the waters. Rules .0225 and .0227 of this Subchapter shall apply to the development of site-specific strategies to maintain or recover the water quality conditions required to sustain and recover federally-listed threatened or endangered aquatic animal species. Nothing in this Rule shall prevent the Division or Commission from taking other actions within its authority to maintain and restore the quality of these waters.

*History Note: Authority G. S. 143-214.1; 143-215.3(a)(1); 143-215.8A;  
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