

**15A NCAC 18A .0420 TRANSPORTING SHELLFISH**

- (a) All shellfish storage areas in trucks, vessels, trailers, and other conveyances used for transporting shellfish shall be enclosed, tightly constructed to eliminate the entrance of pests, kept clean, and shall be subject to inspection by the Division of Marine Fisheries.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to transport shellstock and in-shell product unless shipped under mechanical refrigeration and the shipping conveyance is pre-chilled and maintained at an ambient temperature of 45°F or below. The storage area of the shipping conveyance shall be equipped with an accurate, operating thermometer.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to transport shucked shellfish unless maintained under temperature control of 45°F or below.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221.2; 143B-289.52;  
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