

March 23, 1999

H 541. BUOY FISHING/SPECIAL FISHING DEVICE. TO PROVIDE THAT TROT LINES, BUOY SETS, AND SET HOOKS ARE SPECIAL FISHING DEVICES. Enacts new GS 113-272.3(a1) to provide that trotlines, buoy sets, and set hooks as defined are special fishing devices. The use of any of these devices requires the special device fishing license as provided by GS 113-272.2. A licensed individual fishing any set hook in inland public water shall be within 100 yards of the set hook at all times. Buoy sets, trotlines, gill nets, fish traps, and any other special device that the Wildlife Resources Comm'n determines should be marked for the convenience and safety of the public shall be marked with yellow buoys made of solid foam or other solid buoyant material no less than five inches in their smallest dimension. Double buoys shall be used to mark each end of anchored, fixed, or drift gill nets and trotlines. Buoys shall be marked with the owner's name and address, special device fishing license number, or vessel registration number, either by engraving the buoys or by attaching engraved metal or plastic tags to the buoys. A buoy set is defined as a hook and line affixed to an approved buoy as provided in GS 113-272.3(a1). A set hook is defined as a hook and line affixed to a stationary object or anchor and not under the immediate control of a licensed individual. A trotline is defined as a line having multiple hooks that is attached to a stationary object or anchor at either or both ends. Effective July 1, 1999.

Intro. by Mitchell.

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June 9, 1999

H 541. BUOY FISHING/SPECIAL FISHING DEVICE. Intro. 3/23/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes effective date from July 1, 1999 to October 1, 1999.

July 15, 1999

H 541. BUOY FISHING/SPECIAL FISHING DEVICE. Intro. 3/23/99. Senate amendment makes the following change to 2nd edition. Provides that act does not apply to any body of water in Mecklenburg and Lincoln County.

June 13, 2000

H 541. PWC AMENDMENTS. Intro. 3/23/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Replaces original bill with AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES REGULATING THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT. Amends GS 75A-13.3 to specify that no person is to operate a personal watercraft on waters of the State at greater than no-wake speed within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, a dock, pier, swim float, marked swimming area, swimmers, surfers, persons engaged in angling, or any manually operated propelled vessel, unless the watercraft is operating in a narrow channel; limit there is 50 feet. Narrow channel means a segment of the waters of the State 300 feet or less in width. Deletes similar provision in GS 75A-13(e)(4) that made such operation in the specified areas or within 100 feet of the shoreline constitute reckless operation of a vessel as provided in GS 75A-10. Corrects typographical error in GS 75A-13.3(h).