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H 1479. REGULATE NUTRIENT TRADING AMONG DISCHARGERS. TO REGULATE THE ALLOCATION OF DISCHARGE LIMITS AMONG THE INDIVIDUAL DISCHARGERS OF A COOPERATIVE GROUP OF DISCHARGERS. Amends GS 143.215.1 to authorize

Environmental Management Commission to issue a permit to a group of dischargers if all in the group are located in same river basin, the group is organized under cooperative agreement approved by the Commission, the permit is issued to implement nutrient loading reductions, and the permit allocates to each member a specific discharge limit that is no greater than member would be subject to as an individual permittee. Allows Commission to modify group permit and to enforce violations either when group exceeds its discharge limits or when individual member does so. Requires monetary sanctions against any member to be remitted to Civil Penalty and Forfeiture fund in GS 115C-457.2. Effective when act becomes law and applies retroactively to any cooperative agreement entered into pursuant to GS 143-215.1(c3).

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