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H 1877. SHELLFISH RESTORATION FUNDS. Filed 4/25/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE UNC INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCES' SHELLFISH RESTORATION PROJECT.*

Appropriates \$300,000 for 2007-08 and \$300,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors to be allocated to UNC-Chapel Hill's Institute of Marine Science in Morehead City to fund a shellfish restoration project. Allows the funds to be used to (1) restore the North Carolina bay scallop, (2) conduct a pilot project to protect oyster sanctuaries from the cownose ray and skate, and (3) evaluate and combat the damage done by cownose rays and skates to seagrass nursery habitat. Requires the Institute of Marine Sciences to report on the use of the funds to the Joint Legislative Commission on Seafood and Aquaculture by December 1 of each year. Effective July 1, 2007.

Intro. by Harrison.

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