

April 9, 2009

**H 1344. PROHIBIT TAKING OF MENHADEN FOR REDUCTION.** Filed 4/8/09. *TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING OF MENHADEN IN STATE COASTAL FISHING WATERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCTION.*

Amends Article 14A of GS Chapter 113 by creating new GS 113-169.6 making it a Class 1 misdemeanor to take menhaden in any waters in the jurisdiction of the state for the purpose of reduction, including conversion to fish meal, oil and other components. Allows menhaden to be used as bait for commercial and recreational purposes. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Jackson.**

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