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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 513

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Amends Title [NO]
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Senator Brown

1 moves to amend the bill on page 15, lines 2 through 31,
2 by rewriting the lines to read:

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4 **"DIRECT DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES**
5 **COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A PILOT AMERICAN EEL AQUACULTURE PLAN**

6 **SECTION 17.(a)** The Division of Marine Fisheries of the Department of
7 Environment and Natural Resources and the Wildlife Resources Commission shall jointly
8 develop a pilot American Eel Aquaculture Plan for the harvest and aquaculture of American
9 eels (*Anguilla rostrata*). The pilot American Eel Aquaculture Plan shall include all of the
10 following conditions:

- 11 (1) The pilot project shall allow for a minimum harvest of 200 pounds of the
12 glass eel stage of the American eel annually for use in domestic aquaculture
13 facilities.
14 (2) The harvest may only occur in watersheds that minimally contribute to the
15 spawning stock of the American eel.
16 (3) The Division shall submit the pilot American Eel Aquaculture Plan to the
17 Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission for its approval. The requested
18 pilot Plan shall include the pounds requested; the location, method, and dates
19 of harvest; the duration of requested harvest; prior approval of any
20 applicable permits; descriptions of each facility, including the capacity of
21 each facility in which the glass eels will be held, and husbandry methods;
22 descriptions of the markets the eels will be distributed to; a monitoring
23 program to ensure harvest is not exceeded; and adequate enforcement
24 capabilities.
25 (4) American eels harvested under the pilot American Eel Aquaculture Plan may
26 not be sold until they reach the legal size in the jurisdiction of operations,
27 unless otherwise specified in the Plan.

28 **SECTION 17.(b)** The Division and the Wildlife Resources Commission shall
29 make every effort to have the pilot American Eel Aquaculture Plan approved by the Atlantic
30 States Marine Fisheries Commission to be implemented during 2016. Persons interested in
31 participating in the pilot American Eel Aquaculture Plan shall submit all information required



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1 by the Division and the Wildlife Resources Commission, in a form acceptable to the Division
2 and the Wildlife Resources Commission, no later than September 1, 2015.
3 **SECTION 17.(c)** If the pilot American Eel Aquaculture Plan described in Sections
4 17.(a) and (b) of this act has not been approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
5 Commission by January 1, 2016, the Division and the Marine Fisheries Commission shall make
6 available a permit pursuant to their authority under G.S. 113-169.1 for the harvest and
7 aquaculture of American eels in the State. Each permit shall allow for the harvest of at least
8 200 pounds of American eels and shall allow for the harvest of a greater amount if the impact
9 to other species is minimized and the greater amount is supported by scientific evidence. The
10 Commission shall adopt rules to implement this section."

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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