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moves to amend the bill on page 206, line 42 through page 207, line 6, by rewriting those lines to read:

"COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE BUYBACK

SECTION 12.16.(a)  Notwithstanding G.S. 143-215.73F or any other provision of law to the contrary, the Division of Marine Fisheries of the Department of Environmental Quality may use up to one million dollars ($1,000,000) in each year of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium from the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Aquatic Weed Fund (Fund Code 24300-2182) to implement a voluntary fisheries license buyback program for holders of underutilized commercial fishing licenses. The program shall provide that any Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses repurchased with funds provided by this Section shall revert to the pool of available commercial fishing licenses established by Section 5.2 of S.L. 1997-400, as amended by Section 4.24 of S.L. 1998-225.

SECTION 12.16.(b)  The Division of Marine Fisheries shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division as follows:

(1) No later than December 1, 2019, on its plan for the voluntary license buyback program, with consideration of a reverse auction model.

(2) No later than April 15, 2020, on interim progress in implementing the buyback program, including any required legislative changes.

(3) No later than September 1, 2020, and September 1, 2021, on activities and results of the buyback program during the prior fiscal year.";

and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.
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