

<p style="text-align: center;">Transportation/Natural and Economic Resources Governmental Operations Subcommittee Report – November 4, 2003</p>
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The Transportation/NER Subcommittee heard six agenda items.

Reports

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

In accordance with G.S. 113-44.15, the Division of Parks and Recreation presented the annual Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Report. The Parks and Recreation Authority approved \$5.4 Million in land acquisition projects and \$12.6 Million in capital improvement projects for the state parks system. Also, the Authority approved \$1.4 Million for a public beach and coastal waterfront access program. Finally, the Authority approved \$8.4 Million for the local governments matching grants program. The Subcommittee accepted the report without objection.

In accordance with G.S. 143B-289.44, the Division of Aquariums presented the annual North Carolina Aquariums Special Fund Report. The Subcommittee accepted the report without objection.

The Committee also heard a presentation from the Director of the NC Aquariums on the proposed Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium expansion. By consensus, the Subcommittee agreed this item should be passed on to the full Governmental Operations Commission in order to hear more detail on policy issues and proposed alternative financing.

Department of Commerce

In accordance with S.L. 2003-284.12.4(c), the Department of Commerce presented the quarterly report on the One North Carolina Fund. The Subcommittee accepted the report without objection.

General Assembly Oversight of Agency Fees (G.S. 12-3.1)

The Subcommittee heard details of multiple fee increases by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The authority to increase these fees was included in previous legislation.

New Receipt-Supported Positions/Consultation Requirement (G.S. 143-34.1)

The departments reported on their proposed receipt-supported positions in the following divisions:

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Total of 12
 Emergency Programs Division – 9
 Agricultural Finance Authority – 1
 NC State Fair Division – 1
 Marketing Division – 1

Department of Commerce – Total of 6

Fiscal Research Division

Banking Commission – 6

Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Total of 20

Division of Administration – 1

Division of Environmental Health – 3

Division of Forest Resources – 2

Division of Land Resources – 3

Division of Marine Fisheries – 4

Office of Conservation and Community Affairs – 3

Office of Public Affairs – 1

Wildlife Resources Commission – 3

The Subcommittee recommended a favorable report on these receipt-supported positions to the Full Commission.