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Division of Water Resources

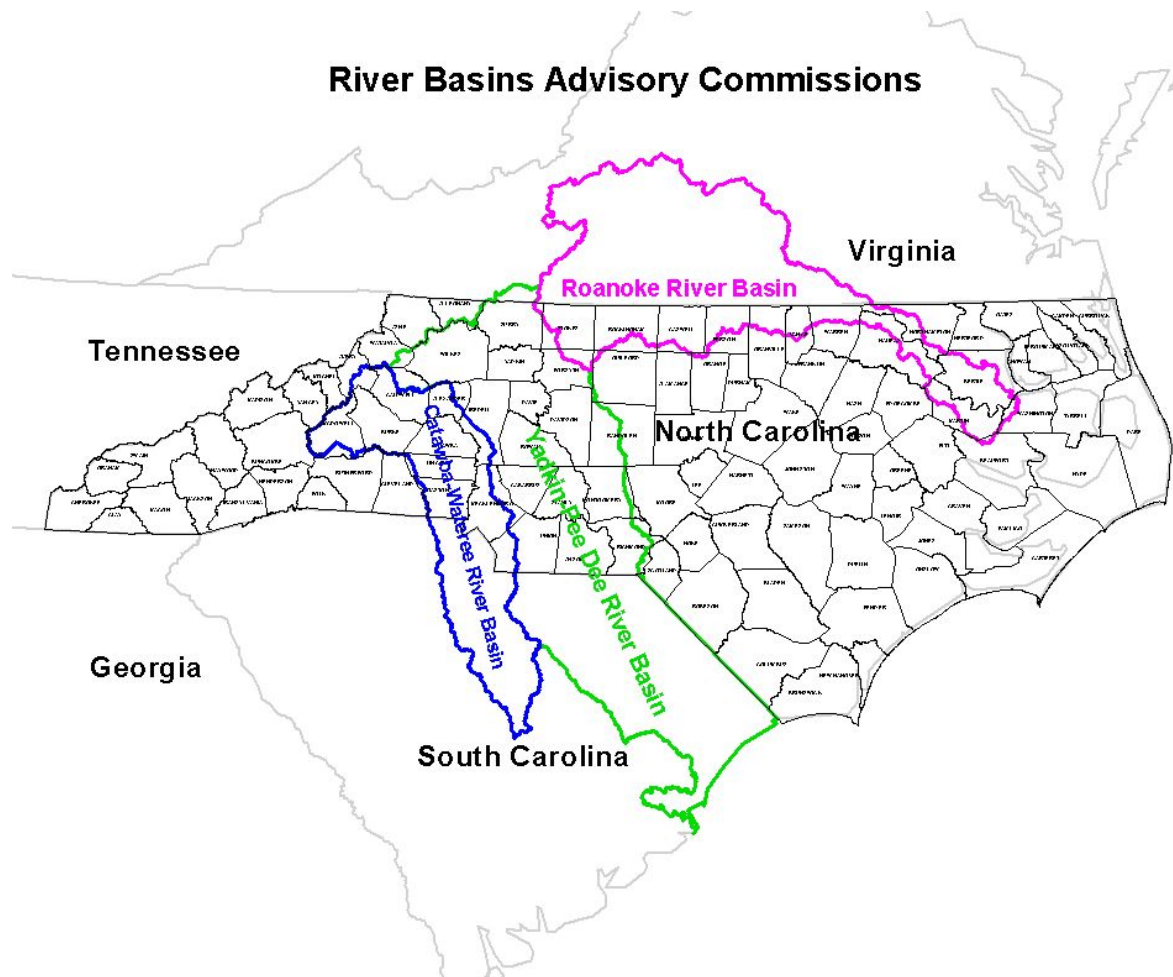
**ANNUAL AUDIT AND STATUS REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON RIVER BASIN ADVISORY COMMISSIONS
AUG. 1, 2018 THROUGH JULY 31, 2019**

Executive Summary

The N.C. General Assembly established three river basin advisory commissions by statute: the Catawba/Watah River Basin Advisory Commission, the Roanoke River Basin Advisory Commission, and the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission.

The Roanoke River Basin Commission was created in 2002, with the passage of Session Law 2002-117. The Catawba/Watah River Basin Commission and Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Commission were created two years later in 2004, with the passage of Session Law 2004-83.

The following figure highlights the three river basins.



The commissions were established for two primary reasons:

1. To provide a forum for discussion of issues related to water and other natural resources in the basin, and
2. To provide guidance and recommendations regarding the use, stewardship and enhancement of the natural resources in the basin for the purposes of integrated river basin management.

This report satisfies the annual reporting requirements set forth in NCGS §77-117 associated with the River Basins Advisory Commissions and §77-98 associated with the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission. In addition, this report satisfies the requirements for funding reporting set forth in NCGS §77-115(b) associated with the River Basins Advisory Commissions and §77-96(c) associated with the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources maintains a website of relevant information about the three commissions. To see this information, go to <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/river-basin-advisory-commissions>.

Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission

The Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission is comprised of 15 members and includes eight legislative representatives from North and South Carolina. The remaining members include representatives from Duke Energy, a South Carolina water/sewer utility, South Carolina's lake homeowners' association, a nonprofit land conservation trust from North Carolina, Charlotte Regional Partnership, lake marine commissions, and advisory members.

The Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission did not meet between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019. There are currently no meetings scheduled for 2019.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources provides staffing and assistance to the commission. There were no expenses for the period of August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019.

The division maintains a website for the commission where meeting agendas, meeting summaries, speaker presentations and other relevant information are available to interested parties. To see this information, go to <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/planning/basin-planning/water-resource-plans/catawba-river-basin/catawba-wateree-basin-advisory-commission>.

Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission

The Roanoke River Bi-State Commission is comprised of 18 members and includes 12 legislative representatives from North Carolina and Virginia, as well as three non-legislative members from each state.

The Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission did not meet between August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019. There are currently no meetings scheduled for 2019, but the next meeting is slated to be hosted by Virginia.

The NC delegation of the Roanoke Bi-State Commission had some significant membership turnover in 2019, but is currently fully represented.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources provides staffing and assistance to the commission and the committee. There were no expenses for the period of August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019. The division maintains a website for the commission where meeting agendas, meeting summaries, speaker presentations and other relevant information are available to interested parties, at <https://deq.nc.gov/roanoke>.

Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission

The Yadkin/Pee Dee Commission was established to be comprised of 15 members and includes eight legislative representatives from North Carolina and South Carolina. The remaining seven members include a representative from Progress Energy, Alcoa Power Generating Inc., Weyerhaeuser Inc., a North Carolina and South Carolina water or sewer utility, a South Carolina agricultural entity, and a land development industry that does business within the basin.

Since its establishment, the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission has never met, and neither state has appointed members to the commission. If this commission meets in the future, the N.C. Division of Water Resources would provide staffing and assistance. There were no expenses for the period of August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019. The division maintains a website for the commission. To see this information, go to <http://www.ncwater.org/?page=187>.