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SUBJECT: River Basin Advisory Commissions Annual Report

Pursuant to G.S. 77-117, the commissions shall submit annual reports, including any recommendations, on or before 1 October of each year to the Governor of North Carolina, the Environmental Review Commission of the General Assembly of North Carolina, the Governor of South Carolina, and the General Assembly of South Carolina, as the Governor, the General Assembly of South Carolina, or the Commissioner of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control shall provide.

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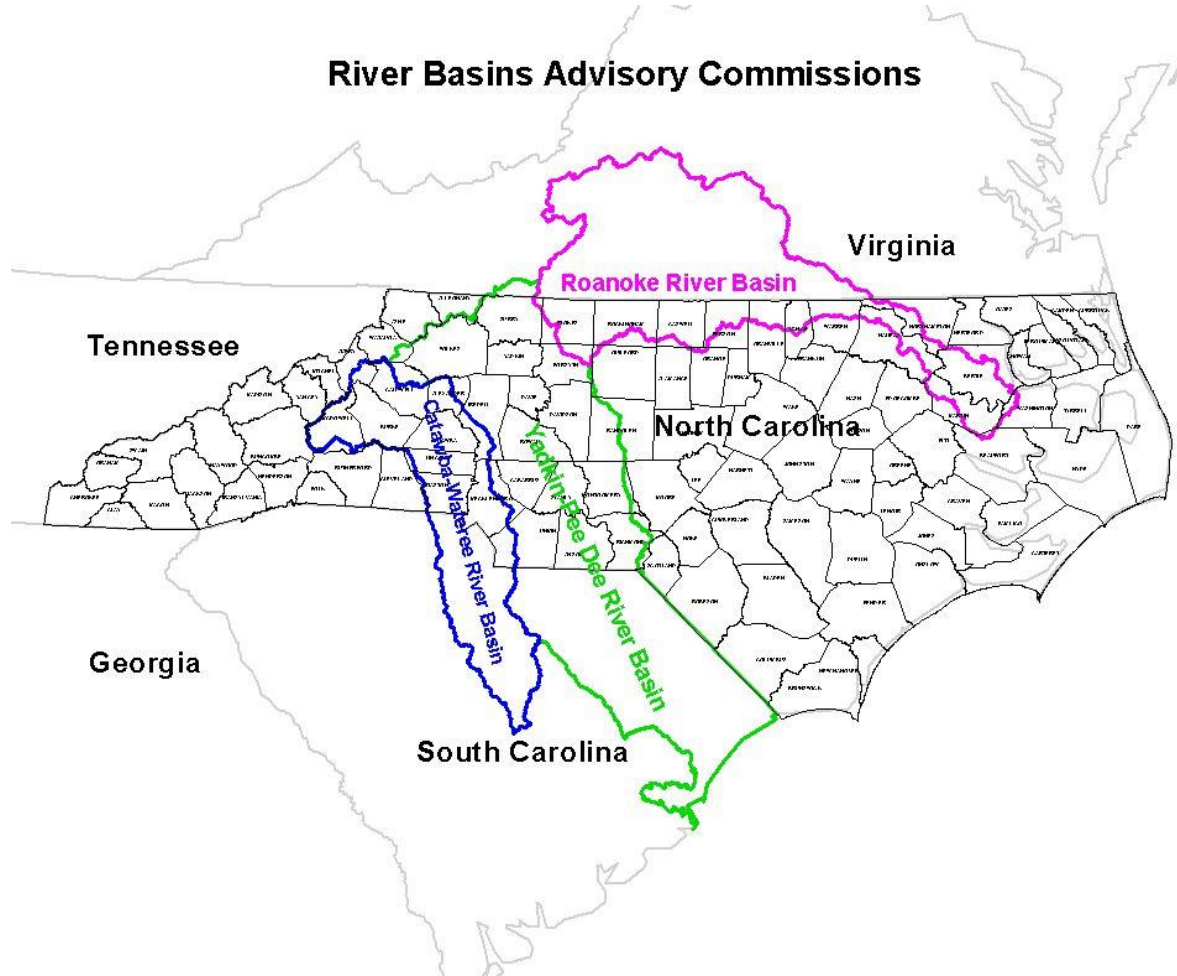
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Resources

Status Report to the N.C. General Assembly
on River Basin Advisory Commissions
Aug. 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016

Executive Summary

The North Carolina General Assembly established three river basin advisory commissions by statute, including the Catawba/Wataree River Basin Advisory Commission, Roanoke River Basin Advisory Commission and 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/Wataree River Basin Commission and Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Commission were created in 2004 with the passage of Session Law 2004-83.



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 each basin.
2. To provide guidance and recommendations regarding the use, stewardship and enhancement of the natural resources in each basin for the purposes of integrated river basin management.

Information about the commissions can be found online at the Division of Water Resources website: <https://deq.nc.gov/node/82101>.

Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission

This commission has 15 members, which includes eight legislative representatives from the North Carolina and South Carolina General Assemblies. The remaining seven members include a representative of Duke Energy Carolinas, a representative from a South Carolina water or sewer utility, a member from the bi-state Catawba River task force, a representative from the North Carolina marine commissions in the basin, a member of a South Carolina lake homeowners' association on the river, a member from the Carolina's Partnership Inc. and a member of a North Carolina nonprofit land conservation trust.

For the time period covered by this report, the Catawba/Wateree Commission met one time.

- Oct. 30, 2015 in Rock Hill, S.C.
The agenda included a presentation on drought status given by David Baize of the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, as well as a presentation about the South Carolina surface water modeling project. The EPA approved Duke Energy Progress Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license and the impacts to the basin were reviewed by Jeff Lineberger and Mark Oakley from Duke Energy Progress.

The next meeting has not been scheduled.

The Division of Water Resources provides staffing and assistance to the commission. There were no meeting expenses or member per diem expenses incurred Aug. 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016. Division staff maintains a website for the commission where meeting agendas, meeting summaries, speaker presentations and other relevant information are available to interested parties: <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, which 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 met once for the period covered by this report.

- October 14, 2015, at the New College Institute, in Martinsville, Virginia.
Agenda items included the Kerr Lake Regional Water System Interbasin Transfer request by Harold Brady of the Division of Water Resources and the Duke Energy Dan River Coal Ash Incident Enforcement Update by Curt Thomas of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. There was also a discussion on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 216 study of Kerr Lake.

The next meeting of the full Bi-State Commission is scheduled for Nov. 17, 2016.

During the time period covered by this report, there were also two separate meetings of the North Carolina delegation of the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission. The first was held Sept. 8, 2015 at the North Carolina Legislative Office Building in Raleigh. This meeting was held primarily to discuss the Kerr Lake Regional Water System Interbasin Transfer request, which was in public comment period and was expected to go before the state Environmental Management Commission at their November 2015 meeting for a final determination.

The second meeting of the North Carolina delegation of the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission was held on June 29, 2016 also at the North Carolina Legislative Office Building in Raleigh. This meeting was primarily focused on discussing coal ash issues, both legal and technical, as well as implementation of the Quasi Run-Of-River management strategy for Kerr Lake and the Kerr Lake Water Supply Plan. These subjects will be discussed further at the meeting of the full Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission in November 2016.

The Division of Water Resources provides staffing and assistance to the commission and the committee. There were no expenses incurred Aug. 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015. Division staff maintains a website for the commission where meeting agendas, meeting summaries, speaker presentations and other relevant information are available to interested parties:

<https://deq.nc.gov/roanoke>.

Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission

The Yadkin/Pee Dee Commission has 15 members, which includes eight legislative representatives from North Carolina and South Carolina. Statute requires the remaining seven members include a representative from Duke 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 Division of Water Resources would provide staffing and assistance. There were no expenses incurred Aug. 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016. Division staff maintains a website for the commission: <http://www.ncwater.org/?page=187>.