

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1345

Short Title: Protect Oyster Sanctuaries. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jackson; Current and Jones.

Referred to: Marine Resources and Aquaculture, if favorable, Judiciary II.

April 9, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL FISHING WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED YARDS OF
3 AN OYSTER SANCTUARY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 16 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 113-211. Protection of oyster sanctuaries.**

8 It is unlawful to engage in a commercial fishing operation, as defined in G.S. 113-168, with
9 the use of commercial fishing equipment or gear within 500 yards of an area designated as an
10 oyster sanctuary by the Marine Fisheries Commission. Any person who violates this section
11 shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to
13 offenses committed on or after that date.

