

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 8
SENATE BILL 97

AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A SPOUSE OF A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN TO SERVE ON THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION IN THE PLACE OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143B-289.5(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Members, Selection. – The Marine Fisheries Commission shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall select the members so that all the following interests are represented:

- (1) Four who shall at the time of appointment be actively connected with and have experience in commercial fishing, as demonstrated by deriving at least fifty percent (50%) of earned income from taking and selling food resources living in coastal fishing ~~waters;~~ waters. The spouse of a commercial fisherman may be appointed under this subdivision provided that either spouse meets the criteria set forth herein;
- (2) Four who shall at the time of appointment be actively connected with and have experience in sport fishing;
- (3) Three who shall at the time of appointment have special training and expertise in marine or estuarine sciences or the environment affecting the marine and estuarine resources;
- (4) Two who shall at the time of appointment be actively connected with and have experience in seafood processing and distribution as demonstrated by deriving at least fifty percent (50%) of earned income from activities involving processing and distributing seafood;
- (5) Two at large who shall at the time of appointment have knowledge of and experience related to the subjects and persons regulated by the Commission.

In making appointments to and filling vacancies upon the Commission, the Governor shall give due consideration to securing appropriate representation of women and minorities."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of March, 1993.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives