

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-111
HOUSE BILL 1134**

**AN ACT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE BY WHICH COASTAL HABITAT
PROTECTION PLANS MUST BE ADOPTED.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 6.9 of S.L. 1997-400 reads as rewritten:

"Section 6.9. All of the Coastal Habitat Protection Plans required by G.S. 143B-279.8, as enacted by Section 3.1 of this act, shall be adopted no later than ~~1 July 2003~~December 31, 2004. The Coastal Resources Commission, the Environmental Management Commission, and the Marine Fisheries Commission shall make the first report on progress in developing and implementing Coastal Habitat Protection Plans, as required by G.S. 143B-279.8(e), as enacted by Section 3.1 of this act, on or before 1 September 1999. The Secretary of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources shall make the first report on progress in developing and implementing Fishery Management Plans, as required by G.S. 113-182.1(f), as enacted by Section 3.4 of this act, on or before 1 September 1999."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of May, 2003.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 11:26 a.m. this 31st day of May, 2003