



**Fiscal Note Review of
Proposed Wildlife Resources Commission No-Wake Zone Rule
15A NCAC 10F .0378 – Halifax County**

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Impact: State Government: Yes
Local Government: No
Private Impact: Yes
Substantial Impact: No

Authority: G.S. 75A-3: 75A-15

The proposed rule, 15A NCAC 10F .0378 - Halifax County (APPENDIX 1) will create a no-wake zone 50 yards north and south of the abandoned railroad trestle at the location where Deep Creek meets Roanoke Rapids Lake, northwest of Windsong Drive in Roanoke Rapids.

Halifax County applied for rulemaking to mitigate hazards to boater safety. The location of the abandoned trestle is in a narrow channel between the creek and the lake. Trestle supports in the water create a hazard to boaters. There are danger buoys in the water north of the railroad trestle.

State Impact Analysis: The WRC is responsible for purchase, placement, and maintenance of the markers for the Halifax County no-wake zone. In addition to the \$716 total cost of technician time (4 hours x \$29¹/hr = \$116) and purchase and installation of buoys (\$300/buoy x 2 = \$600), it is anticipated that the total annual cost to maintain the markers will be no more than \$200.00 (assuming the chain and anchor are not needed) and only if a marker is destroyed and must be replaced.

Local Impact Analysis: No local impact anticipated.

Private Impact: The rule has minimal private fiscal impact. The regulated community will not incur any direct financial cost because of this rule, but their behavior will be restricted in the waters in the portion of Roanoke Rapids Lake where Deep Creek enters the lake at the abandoned railroad trestle bridge.

Substantial Economic Impact: There will be no substantial economic impact to the public.

¹ Calculated using average salary and benefits of current technicians.

APPENDIX 1

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(a) Regulated Area. This Rule shall apply to the waters of Roanoke Rapids Lake, within 50 yards north and south of the abandoned railroad trestle at the location where Deep Creek meets Roanoke Rapids Lake in Roanoke Rapids, northwest of Windsong Drive.

(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within the area described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall be the designated agency for placement and maintenance of markers implementing this Rule.

History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15