

Report to the North Carolina Chapter
of the American Fisheries Society

Activities of the Environmental Affairs Committee

February 1992

During 1991, the Environmental Affairs Committee accomplished the following:

1. On August 6, 1991, Chapter President Cloutman signed a letter drafted by Pete Kornegay and Scott Van Horn to Colonel Thomas Suermann of the Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concerning a proposed new water intake structure on the Roanoke River at Weldon. The water intake was to be located directly within the spawning area of Roanoke River striped bass. Our letter expressed reservations about locating such an intake pipe in an area where entrainment and impingement of striped bass eggs would be likely to occur. We further recommended alternative siting of the intake and the use of best available technology to avoid fisheries impacts.
 2. On October 11, 1991, Chapter President Cloutman signed a letter drafted by Stephanie Goudreau to Mr. Gregory Peck of the Environmental Protection Agency's Wetlands Regulatory Branch concerning the proposed 1991 Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands. Stephanie's comprehensive review of this subject pointed out serious deficiencies in the proposed manual as related to the future loss in protection of important wetlands and other aquatic habitats.
 3. A report by the Committee entitled "Current Status of Environmental Permitting Processes in North Carolina as Related to Protection of Fisheries Habitat" was finalized. The report had been in preparation for 2 years and its completion was delayed due to several changes in laws of concern in the document and by lack of time available to the Committee Co-chairmen. Although the document does not totally encompass all of the problems known to threaten fisheries habitat, it does provide an overview of major issues.
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Pete Kornegay, Chairman

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