

**15A NCAC 02B .0302 HIWASSEE RIVER BASIN**

(a) Classifications assigned to the waters within the Hiwassee River Basin are set forth in the Hiwassee River Basin Classification Schedule, which may be inspected at the following places:

- (1) the Internet at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-planning/classification-standards/river-basin-classification>; and
- (2) the following offices of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality:
  - (A) Asheville Regional Office  
2090 US 70  
Swannanoa, North Carolina; and
  - (B) Division of Water Resources  
Central Office  
512 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina.

(b) Unnamed streams entering Georgia or Tennessee shall be classified "C Tr."

(c) The Hiwassee River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective:

- (1) August 9, 1981;
- (2) February 1, 1986;
- (3) March 1, 1989;
- (4) August 1, 1990;
- (5) August 3, 1992;
- (6) July 1, 1995;
- (7) August 1, 2002.

(d) The Hiwassee River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective March 1, 1989 as follows:

- (1) Fires Creek (Index No. 1-27) and all tributary waters were reclassified from Class C-trout and Class C to Class C-trout ORW and Class C ORW.
- (2) Gipp Creek (Index No. 1-52-23) and all tributary waters were reclassified from Class C-trout and Class C to Class C-trout ORW and Class C ORW.

(e) The Hiwassee River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective August 3, 1992 with the reclassification of all water supply waters (with a primary classification of WS-I, WS-II or WS-III). These waters were reclassified to WS-I, WS-II, WS-III, WS-IV or WS-V as defined in the revised water supply protection rules (15A NCAC 02B .0100, .0200 and .0300), which became effective on August 3, 1992. In some cases, streams with primary classifications other than WS were reclassified to a WS classification due to their proximity and linkage to water supply waters. In other cases, waters were reclassified from a WS classification to an alternate appropriate primary classification after being identified as downstream of a water supply intake or identified as not being used for water supply purposes.

(f) The Hiwassee River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective July 1, 1995 with the reclassification of the Hiwassee River [Index Nos. 1-(42.7) and 1-(48.5)] from McComb Branch to the Town of Murphy water supply intake including tributaries from Classes WS-IV and WS-IV CA to Classes WS-IV, WS-IV CA, WS-V and C.

(g) The Hiwassee River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective August 1, 2002 with the reclassification of the Hiwassee River [portion of Index No. 1-(16.5)] from a point 1.2 mile upstream of mouth of McComb Branch to a point 0.6 mile upstream of McComb Branch (Town of Murphy proposed water supply intake) from Class WS-IV to Class WS-IV CA.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-215.1; 143-215.3(a)(1);  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2002; July 1, 1995; August 3, 1992; August 1, 1990; March 1, 1989;  
Readopted Eff. November 1, 2019.*