

**15A NCAC 02B .0312 WHITE OAK RIVER BASIN**

(a) Classifications assigned to the waters within the White Oak River Basin are set forth in the White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule, which may be inspected in 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) Washington Regional Office  
943 Washington Square Mall  
Washington, North Carolina;
  - (B) Wilmington Regional Office  
127 Cardinal Drive Extension  
Wilmington, North Carolina; and
  - (C) Division of Water Resources  
Central Office  
512 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina.

(b) The White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective:

- (1) December 13, 1979 see Paragraph (c);
- (2) June 1, 1988 see Paragraph (d);
- (3) January 1, 1990 see Paragraph (e);
- (4) August 1, 1990 see Paragraph (f);
- (5) August 1, 1991 see Paragraph (g);
- (6) June 1, 1992 see Paragraph (h);
- (7) December 1, 1992 see Paragraph (i);
- (8) November 1, 2007 see Paragraph (j);
- (9) July 1, 2011 see Paragraph (k).

(c) The White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective December 13, 1979 with the reclassification of a portion of the White Oak River Restricted Area (Index No. 20-32) and a portion of the Newport River (Morehead City and Beaufort Harbors Restricted Area) [Index No. 21-(31)] from Class SC to Class SA.

(d) The White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective June 1, 1988 with the reclassification of unnamed waters as follows:

- (1) a portion of the Roosevelt Natural Area Swamp, which drains to Bogue Sound (20-36), from Class SA to Class C Sw ORW.
- (2) another portion of the Roosevelt Natural Area Swamp, which drains to Bogue Sound (20-36), from Class SA to Class SA Sw ORW.

(e) The White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective January 1, 1990 as follows:

- (1) Intracoastal Waterway (Index No. 19-39) from northeastern boundary of Cape Fear River Basin to Daybeacon No. 17 including all unnamed bays, guts, and channels, except Rogers Bay and Mill Creek and Intracoastal Waterway (Index No. 19-41) from the northeast mouth of Goose Creek to the southwest mouth of Queen Creek were reclassified from Class SA to Class SA ORW.
- (2) Bear Island ORW Area, which includes all waters within an area north of Bear Island defined by a line from the western most point on Bear Island to the northeast mouth of Goose Creek on the mainland, east to the southwest mouth of Queen Creek, then south to green marker No. 49, then northeast to the northern most point on Huggins Island, then southeast along the shoreline of Huggins Island to the southeastern most point of Huggins Island, then south to the northeastern most point on Dudley Island, then southwest along the shoreline of Dudley Island to the eastern tip of Bear Island to the western mouth of Foster Creek including Cow Channel were reclassified from Class SA to Class SA ORW.
- (3) Bogue Sound (including Intracoastal Waterway from White Oak River Basin to Beaufort Inlet)(Index No. 20-36) from Bogue Inlet to a line across Bogue Sound from the southwest side of mouth of Gales Creek to Rock Point and all tributaries except Hunting Island Creek, Goose Creek, and Broad Creek were reclassified from Class SA to Class SA ORW.
- (4) Core Sound (Index No. 21-35-7) from northern boundary of White Oak River Basin (a line from Hall Point to Drum Inlet) to Back Sound and all tributaries except Atlantic Harbor Restricted Area, Nelson Bay, Jarrett Bay, Williston Creek, Wade Creek and Middens Creek were reclassified from Class SA to Class SA ORW.

- (5) Back Sound (Index No. 21-35) from a point on Shackleford Banks at lat. 34 degrees 40' 57" and long 76 degrees 37' 30" north to the western most point of Middle Marshes and along the northwest shoreline of Middle Marshes (to include all of Middle Marshes) to Rush Point on Harkers Island and along the southern shore of Harkers Island back to Core Sound and all tributaries were reclassified from Class SA to Class SA ORW.
- (f) The White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective August 1, 1990 with the reclassification of a portion of the White Oak River [Index No. 20-(1)] from Spring Branch to Hunters Creek from Class C to Class C HQW.
- (g) The White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective August 1, 1991 by adding the supplemental classification NSW (Nutrient Sensitive Waters) to all waters in the New River Drainage Area above a line running across the New River from Grey Point to a point of land approximately 2,200 yards downstream of the mouth of Duck Creek.
- (h) The White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective June 1, 1992 with the reclassification of Peletier Creek (Index No. 20-36-11) from its source to Bogue Sound from Class SA to Class SB with the requirement that no discharges be allowed.
- (i) The White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective December 1, 1992 with the reclassification of the Atlantic Harbor Restricted Area (Index No. 21-35-7-2) from Class SC to Class SA ORW.
- (j) The White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective November 1, 2007 with the reclassifications listed below, and the North Carolina Division of Water Resources maintains a Geographic Information Systems data layer of these UWLs:
- (1) Theodore Roosevelt Maritime Swamp Forest near Roosevelt Natural Area Swamp [Index No. 20-36-9.5-(1)] was reclassified to Class WL UWL.
  - (2) Bear Island Maritime Wet Grassland near the Atlantic Ocean [Index No. 99-(4)] was reclassified to Class WL UWL.
- (k) The White Oak River Basin Classification Schedule was amended effective July 1, 2011 with the reclassification of a portion of Southwest Creek [Index No. 19-17-(0.5)] from a point approximately 0.5 mile upstream of Mill Run to Mill Run from Class C NSW to Class SC NSW, and another portion of Southwest Creek [Index No. 19-17-(6.5)] from Mill Run to New River from Class C HQW NSW to Class SC HQW NSW.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-215.1; 143-215.3(a)(1);  
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August 1, 1990;  
Readopted Eff. November 1, 2019.*