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# Consolidation of Protection of Existing Buffer Rules

NCAEP Meeting

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# Purpose of Consolidation

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- Consistency
- Ease of Use
- Housekeeping

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# Rules that are being Consolidated

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- Neuse (2B .0233)
- Tar-Pamlico (2B .0259)
- Randleman (2B .0250)
- Jordan (2B .0267)

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# Rules that are NOT being Consolidated

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- Catawba (2B .0243) and
- Goose Creek (2B .0607)

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# Consolidated Rules

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- 2B .0290 Purpose, Applicability, Jurisdiction and Exemptions
- 2B .0291 Definitions
- 2B .0292 Management Strategy
- 2B .0293 Requirements Specific to Forest Harvesting
- 2B. 0294 Rule Implementation in Water Supply Watersheds

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# Designated Local Governments

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- Only those municipalities in the Jordan and Randleman Watersheds are designated
- Local governments do not review State, Local or Federal government projects

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# Delegated Local Governments

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- A local government can request delegation of the Rule if they choose.
- Orange County is delegated the Neuse Buffer Rule
- Pitt County is delegated the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico Buffer Rule
- Morrisville is delegated the Neuse Buffer Rule

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# Activities of a Designated/Delegated Local Government

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- Must make stream/buffer calls. Appeal are sent to the Director of DWQ
- Issue Buffer Authorizations
- Issue Minor Variances
- Compile a Findings of Fact of Major Variances to be sent to DWQ
- Compliance/Enforcement
- Review diffuse flow

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# Timeline

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- July EMC (with draft fiscal analysis)
- Public Hearings to coincide with Mitigation Rule

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# Questions/Comments

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