15A NCAC 10C .0208 is proposed for amendment as follows:

**15A NCAC 10C .0208  SPAWNING AREAS**

The following waters are designated as spawning areas in which fishing is prohibited or restricted as indicated:

1. No person shall fish by any method from February 15 to April 15, both inclusive, in Linville River from the NC 126 bridge downstream to the mouth of the Linville River.

2. No person shall fish by any method within the bypass channel constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers around Lock and Dam No. 1 on the Cape Fear River at any time.

(a) No person shall fish by any method from March 1 to May 31 in the following restored floodplain sloughs connected to the French Broad River and Mud Creek in Henderson County:

(1) Slough 1 at 35.403687, -82.531970 connected to the French Broad River, located 0.25 miles upstream of Butler Bridge Rd (SR 1345).

(2) Slough 2 at 35.398380, -82.528750 connected to the French Broad River, located 1.0 miles upstream of Butler Bridge Rd.

(3) Slough 3 at 35.396449, -82.525462 connected to Mud Creek, located 0.1 miles upstream from confluence with the French Broad River.

(b) Each slough shall be marked with signs on both banks.

*History Note:  Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; Eff. February 1, 1976; Amended Eff. September 1, 2022; May 1, 2009; August 1, 2004; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1989; July 1, 1985; July 1, 1984.*