

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1124*

Short Title: Coastal River Herring Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives E. Warren; and Spear.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO NORTH CAROLINA STATE
3 UNIVERSITY TO ASSESS THE CURRENT STATUS OF RIVER HERRING
4 POPULATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL RIVERS AND IDENTIFY
5 FURTHER RESEARCH NEEDS.

6 Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly recognizes the economic,
7 social, and ecological importance of river herring stocks to the citizens of North
8 Carolina; and

9 Whereas, North Carolina State University is uniquely qualified to provide an
10 assessment of the current status of river herring stocks in North Carolina and identify
11 research needs necessary to reestablish these important fisheries; Now, therefore,
12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

13 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
14 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one hundred fifty thousand
15 dollars (\$150,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to be allocated to North Carolina State
16 University to prepare an assessment of the current status of coastal river herring stocks
17 and identify data deficiencies and research needs necessary to facilitate the recovery of
18 this fishery. This assessment shall include a review of historical information relative to
19 the fishery, consultation with the Division of Marine Fisheries and the Wildlife
20 Resources Commission concerning present research and survey work being conducted
21 on river herring, and analysis of biological and ecological options designed to enhance
22 river herring stocks for the future. The report of findings from this study shall be made
23 to the General Assembly on May 1, 2008.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.