

Agenda Item: 14-19 **Request Approval to Proceed to Public Comment with Rules Review of 15A NCAC 02R in accordance with SL 2013-413 (HB74)**

Explanation:

The Water Quality Committee, at its May 2014 meeting, approved the Ecosystem Enhancement Program's recommendation to proceed with the rules review of 15A NCAC 02R (10 rules), in accordance with SL 2013-413. An initial determination of "necessary with substantive public interest" is proposed for these ten rules which cover EEP's fee schedule and other compensatory mitigation activities. If approved to proceed, the EEP will conduct a public comment period for these rules and return to the WQC in November with a status report. EEP will present a final recommendation to the EMC in January with a final recommendation for the EMC's action.

Recommendation:

That the EMC approve the 15A NCAC 02R rules to proceed to the public comment step of rules review as required by SL 2013-413.