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Aug. 28 public hearing scheduled on proposed streamside vegetated buffer regulations *Public has until Sept. 12 to comment on rule*

RALEIGH – State environmental officials are seeking public comments and have scheduled a public hearing on a proposed temporary rule concerning practices to mitigate impacts to stream-side vegetative buffers.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources, on behalf of the state Environmental Management Commission, has scheduled a public hearing for 7 p.m. Aug. 28 in Raleigh on the proposed rule. People have until 5 p.m. Sept. 12 to comment on the proposed rule.

Legislation passed by the General Assembly required the state's Environmental Management Commission to incorporate the legislators' changes into the temporary rule, and then begin a permanent rule-making process. The new law states that the Environmental Management Commission shall adopt a buffer mitigation rule no later than Oct. 1.

The proposed draft of the temporary rule, a power point presentation with details of the rule's history and contents, and supporting documents can be found at the following web page:
<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/proposed-consolidated-buffer-mitigation-rules>.

Registration for the public hearing starts at 6:30 p.m., just before the hearing in the Archdale Building's Ground Floor Hearing Room, 512 North Salisbury St., Raleigh. Those who wish to comment on the proposed rule can send comments to: Eric Kulz, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C.; or can send comments by email to: eric.kulz@ncdenr.gov.

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