



CHAPTER 121
ARTICLE 3 - SALVAGE OF ABANDONED SHIPWRECKS AND OTHER UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

N.C.G.S. § 121-22.

Title to bottoms of certain waters and shipwrecks, etc., thereon declared to be in State.

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Subject to Chapter 82 of the General Statutes, entitled "Wrecks" and to the provisions of Chapter 210, Session Laws of 1963, and to any statute of the United States, the title to all bottoms of navigable waters within one marine league seaward from the Atlantic seashore measured from the extreme low watermark; and the title to all shipwrecks, vessels, cargoes, tackle, and underwater archaeological artifacts which have remained unclaimed for more than 10 years lying on the said bottoms, or on the bottoms of any other navigable waters of the State, is hereby declared to be in the State of North Carolina, and such bottoms, shipwrecks, vessels, cargoes, tackle, and underwater archaeological artifacts shall be subject to the exclusive dominion and control of the State.

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