



CHAPTER 143
ARTICLE 21 - WATER AND AIR RESOURCES

N.C.G.S. § 143-215.22G.

Definitions.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2025-77, s. 2(b) — fifth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 07:22 UTC	16ed28b121021a2860a9ca2e - 0f4c193e3965c238464e509c - ca2fe11926b1e7e8

In addition to the definitions set forth in G.S. 143-212 and G.S. 143-213, the following definitions apply to this Part.

"Mainstem" means that portion of a river having the same name as a river basin defined in subdivision (1b) of this section. "Mainstem" does not include named or unnamed tributaries.

"Public water system" means any unit of local government or large community water system subject to the requirements of G.S. 143-355(l).

"River basin" means any of the following river basins designated on the map entitled "Major River Basins and Sub-basins in North Carolina" and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on 16 April 1991. The term "river basin" includes any portion of the river basin that extends into another state. Any area outside North Carolina that is not included in one of the river basins listed in this subdivision comprises a separate river basin.

- a.1-1Broad River.
- b.2-1Repealed by Session Laws 2025-77, s. 2(b), effective July 9, 2025.
- c.2-2Repealed by Session Laws 2025-77, s. 2(b), effective July 9, 2025.
- d.2-3Cape Fear River, which includes Haw River (2-1) and Deep River (2-2).
- e.2-4South River.
- f.2-5Northeast Cape Fear River.
- g.2-6New River.
- h.3-1Catawba River.

i.3-2South Fork Catawba River.

j.4-1Chowan River.

k.4-2Meherrin River.

l.5-1Nolichucky River.

m.5-2French Broad River.

n.5-3Pigeon River.

o.6-1Hiwassee River.

p.7-1Little Tennessee River.

q.7-2Tuskasegee (Tuckasegee) River.

r.8-1Savannah River.

s.9-1Lumber River.

t.9-2Big Shoe Heel Creek.

u.9-3Waccamaw River.

v.9-4Shallotte River.

w.10-1Neuse River, which includes Contentnea Creek (10-2).

x.10-2Repealed by Session Laws 2025-77, s. 2(b), effective July 9, 2025.

y.10-3Trent River.

z.11-1New River.

aa.12-1Albemarle Sound.

bb.13-1Ocoee River.

cc.14-1Roanoke River.

dd.15-1Tar River.

ee.15-2Fishing Creek.

ff.15-3Pamlico River and Sound.

gg.16-1Watauga River.

hh.17-1White Oak River.

G.S. 143-212		<i>"to the definitions set forth in"</i>
G.S. 143-213		<i>"set forth in G.S. 143-212 and"</i>
G.S. 143-355(l)	(null)(1a)	<i>"system subject to the requirements of"</i>
G.S. 143-215.22G(1b)	(null)(3)	<i>"However, notwithstanding the basin definitions in"</i>

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