



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
House Bill 442

AMENDMENT NO. A5
(to be filled in by
Principal Clerk)

H442-ABR-45 [v.5]

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Amends Title [YES]
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Senator Hanig

1 moves to amend the bill by rewriting the Short Title to read:

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3 "Restore Flounder/Red Snapper Season & Dolphin";

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5 and on page 1, lines 4-6, by rewriting those lines to read:

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7 "PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ADOPT THE BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN AS THE STATE
8 MARINE MAMMAL.";

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10 and on page 2, line 28, through page 3, line 7, by rewriting those lines to read:

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12 **"ADOPT THE BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN AS THE STATE MARINE MAMMAL**

13 **SECTION 3.(a) Findings. – The General Assembly makes the following findings:**

- 14 (1) Bottlenose dolphins are marine mammals that are abundant along North
15 Carolina's coastline.
16 (2) Bottlenose dolphins have a short, thick beak and a curved mouth, giving the
17 appearance that they are always smiling.
18 (3) Bottlenose dolphins are usually gray in color and can range in length from 6
19 to 13 feet long.
20 (4) Bottlenose dolphins are social animals that travel in groups of 10-15, called
21 "pods".
22 (5) Bottlenose dolphins produce high-pitched clicks, called "echolocation." To
23 help them navigate and find food.
24 (6) Bottlenose dolphins can swim speeds of over 20 miles per hour, dive as deep
25 as 800 feet below the surface, and can launch themselves up to 15 feet out of
26 the water.
27 (7) The State of North Carolina does not have an official State marine mammal.

28 **SECTION 3.(b)** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
29 section to read:

30 **"§ 145-52. State marine mammal.**

31 The bottlenose dolphin is adopted as the official marine mammal of the State of North
32 Carolina."



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