OVERVIEW: The 2015 Appropriations Act (S.L. 2015-241) provided recurring funding to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) for research and development of oyster brood stock for aquaculture in North Carolina waters. Section 13.12 of S.L. 2017-57 directs UNCW and the Division of Marine Fisheries to report annually to the General Assembly no later than March 1 on the uses of the funding.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.