

HOUSE BILL 2:Bottlenose Dolphin as State Marine Mammal.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee: House Marine Resources and Aqua Culture. If **Date:** March 30, 2021

favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and

Operations of the House

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 2 would adopt the bottlenose dolphin as the official marine mammal of the State of North Carolina.

CURRENT LAW: State symbols and other official adoptions of the State are found in Chapter 145 of the General Statutes. The official State mammal of North Carolina is the gray squirrel. Currently, North Carolina does not have an official marine mammal.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 2 would adopt the bottlenose dolphin as the State marine mammal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

