



SENATE BILL 401: NC Farm Act of 2025-2026, Sec. 20: Modernize Shellfish and Aquaculture Statutes.

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Section 20 of S.L. 2026-11 (Senate Bill 401) defines the term "shellfish" and adds shellfish to the list of aquatic species that can be considered part of "aquaculture" for the purposes of the Aquaculture Development Act, which authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to regulate the production and sale of commercially raised freshwater fish and freshwater crustacean species.

This section became effective June 22, 2026.

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