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Subj: SUPPLEMENTAL AQUATIC SURVEY FOR WALLACE CREEK AND BEARHEAD
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Ref: (a) NCDEHNR ltr of 29 Jul 94

1. Per the reference, the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources requested specific details concerning our data for this report. According to discussions with an angler, a local marina, and various seafood distributors, fish taken from Wallace Creek do not appear to be consumed by any one person for more than 24 days in a year. This data, compiled by Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, was utilized in the "Supplemental Aquatic Survey for Wallace Creek and Bearhead Creek."

2. Mr. Peter Black has been a member of the Piney Green Bass Masters Club for 7 years and has engaged in angling throughout the Onslow County area for 10 years. During a 4 March 1994, interview, in addition to a follow up discussion of 9 August 1994, Mr. Black indicated that although he has caught fish in Wallace Creek, he has never consumed them. When asked if he knew of anyone harvesting striped mullet or other fish in Wallace Creek, he indicated that he did not.

3. Marston Pavilion is a recreational facility with a small pier located along Wallace Creek. Based on a 4 March 1994, conversation between the Installation Restoration Division (IRD) and a pavilion representative, the majority of the patrons utilize the dock for crabbing as opposed to fishing. This individual stated that based on his observations, "very few fish are caught from the dock."

4. Gottschalk Marina is a facility located along Wallace Creek, opposite Marston Pavilion. According to a 4 March 1994, conversation between the IRD and a marina representative, occasional fishing does occur. When asked specifically about the netting of striped mullet in the creek, this individual responded, "mullet is not commercially harvested out of Wallace Creek."

5. Personnel from Leonard's Seafood Market, Piney Green Seafood Restaurant, Seafood Center, and Bruinton's Seafood Market were interviewed from 3-4 March 1994. According to these local

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seafood distributors, it is illegal to commercially sell large mouth bass.

6. In addition, the vast majority of striped mullet available to consumers are caught either offshore, at the shoreline, or in the saltwater estuaries adjacent to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

7. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Neal Paul, Director, Installation Restoration Division, Environmental Management Department, at telephone (910) 451-5068.



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