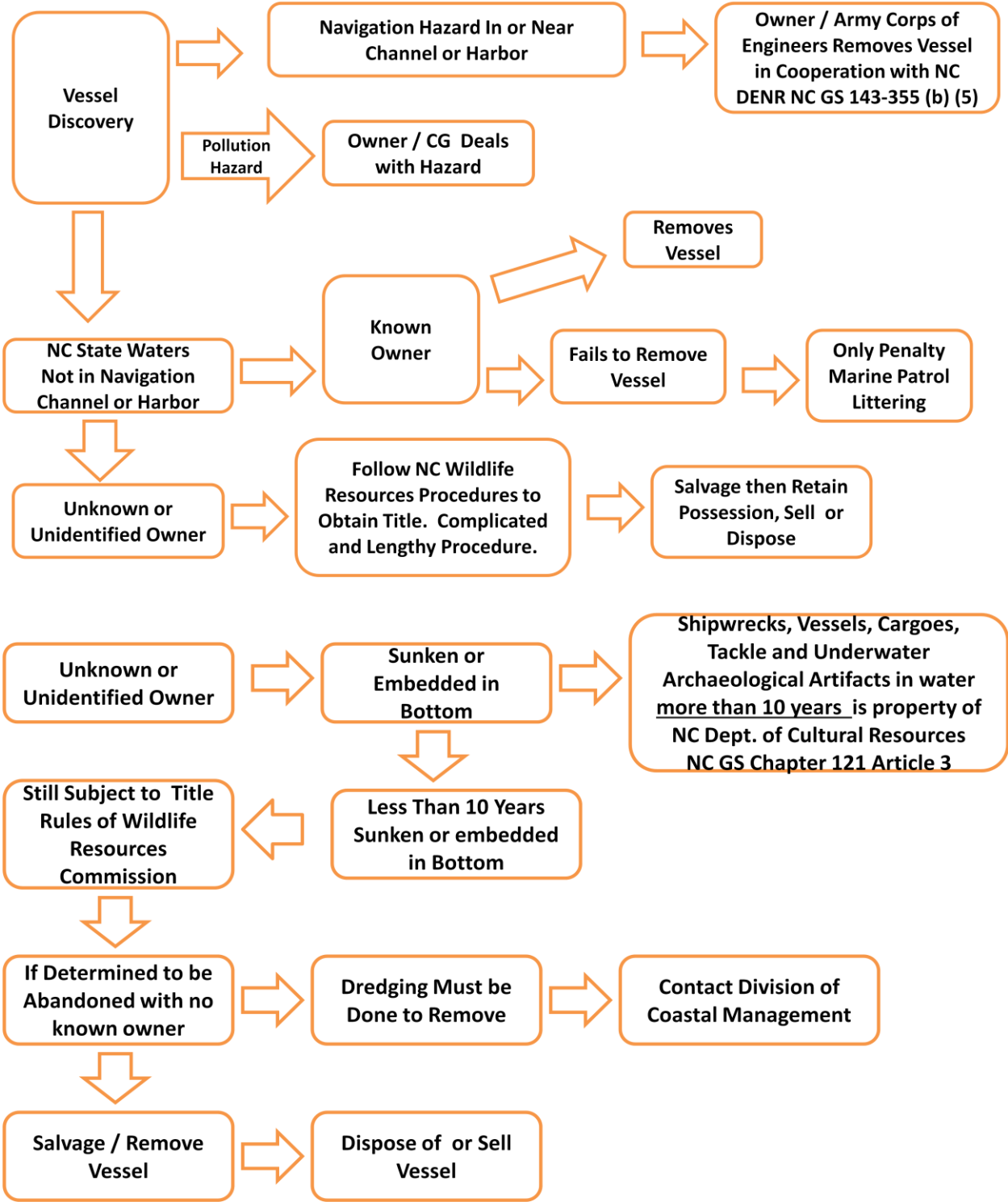


North Carolina Procedures for Dealing with Lost/Abandoned Vessels I



Vessel Discovery

Navigation Hazard In or Near Channel or Harbor

Owner / Army Corps of Engineers Removes Vessel in Cooperation with NC DENR NC GS 143-355 (b) (5)

Pollution Hazard

Owner / CG Deals with Hazard

NC State Waters Not in Navigation Channel or Harbor

Known Owner

Removes Vessel

Fails to Remove Vessel

Only Penalty Marine Patrol Littering

Unknown or Unidentified Owner

Follow NC Wildlife Resources Procedures to Obtain Title. Complicated and Lengthy Procedure.

Salvage then Retain Possession, Sell or Dispose

Unknown or Unidentified Owner

Sunken or Embedded in Bottom

Shipwrecks, Vessels, Cargoes, Tackle and Underwater Archaeological Artifacts in water more than 10 years is property of NC Dept. of Cultural Resources NC GS Chapter 121 Article 3

Still Subject to Title Rules of Wildlife Resources Commission

Less Than 10 Years Sunken or embedded in Bottom

If Determined to be Abandoned with no known owner

Dredging Must be Done to Remove

Contact Division of Coastal Management

Salvage / Remove Vessel

Dispose of or Sell Vessel