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## Reef balls

A 'Reef Ball,' a concrete structure used to build artificial reefs, sits on a pallet at the State Port in Wilmington on Monday while representatives outline plans to use about 400 of the devices in 1998 to expand existing artificial reefs off Brunswick County. The port will provide support and equipment for the project, which will help attract fish. The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries is coordinating the project. It is sponsored by the Long Bay Artificial Reef Association, which was formed by members of the Brunswick, Oak Island and Ocean Isle fishing clubs.