

PROCLAMATION**RE: BLACK SEA BASS**

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., Monday, October 12, 2009** the following restrictions will apply to **black sea bass**:

I. SEASON AND SIZE LIMIT EXEMPTION

- A. Possession and sale of black sea bass by a hatchery or black sea bass aquaculture operation and purchase and possession of black sea bass from a hatchery or black sea bass aquaculture operation shall be exempt from season and size limit restrictions.
- B. It is unlawful to possess, sell, purchase or transport such black sea bass unless they are in compliance with all conditions of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Aquaculture Operation Permit.
- C. It is unlawful to possess black sea bass from a hatchery or aquaculture operation without receipts or bills of lading documenting the origin of the fish.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52; and N.C. Marine Fisheries Rules 15A NCAC 3H .0103 and 3M.0512.
- B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Fisheries Rule 15A NCAC 3H .0103.
- C. The intent of this proclamation is to allow black sea bass hatcheries and aquaculture operations to possess and sell undersize fish from those facilities.

BY: _____

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

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