

PROCLAMATION

RE: BLACK DRUM - RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective **12:01 A.M., Wednesday, January 1, 2014**, the following will apply to black drum in the recreational and commercial fisheries:

I. MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT

It is unlawful to possess black drum less than **14 inches** total length or greater than 25 inches total length, **except** that one (1) black drum over 25 inches total length may be retained .

II. HARVEST LIMITS

- A. It is unlawful to possess more than ten (10) black drum per person per day by hook and line or for recreational purposes.
- B. It is unlawful for any commercial fishing operation, regardless of the number of persons, license holders or vessels involved, to possess more than 500 pounds of black drum per trip.

III. 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. Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103 and 03M .0512.
- B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
- C. This action was taken by the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission in order to comply with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Black Drum Fishery Management Plan.

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