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STEPHEN W. MURPHEY
Director

FF-23-2018

PROCLAMATION


RE: SPOTTED SEATROUT – RECREATIONAL- SEASON OPEN

This proclamation supersedes proclamation FF-1-2018, dated January 3, 2018. This proclamation opens the recreational spotted seatrout fishery as outlined in the N.C. Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan Supplement A, following a closure implemented due to a cold stun event in January 2018.

Stephen W. Murphey, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective **at 12:01 A.M., Friday, June 15, 2018**, the following restrictions will apply to the spotted seatrout recreational fishery:

- I. **MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT**
It is unlawful to possess spotted seatrout (speckled trout) less than **14 inches** total length.
- II. **RECREATIONAL BAG LIMIT**
It is unlawful to possess more than four (4) spotted seatrout (speckled trout) per person per day taken by hook and line or for recreational purposes.
- III. **GENERAL INFORMATION**
 - A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of North Carolina G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103, 03M .0522.
 - 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. All undersized or over the daily harvest limit spotted seatrout shall be immediately returned to the waters where taken, regardless of the condition of the fish.
 - D. The intent of this proclamation is to manage the Spotted Seatrout fishery in accordance with the Supplement A to the N.C. Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan.
 - E. Contact the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632 for more information or visit the division website at www.ncmarinefisheries.net.

- F. In accordance with N.C.G.S. 113-221.1(c) all persons who may be affected by proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director are under a duty to keep themselves informed of current proclamations.
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By: 
Stephen W. Murphey, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

June 11, 2018
12:14 P.M.