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**FF-23-2021**

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **RE: SPOT – HOOK AND LINE OR FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES – CREEL LIMITS**

**This proclamation establishes the creel limits for the hook and line and recreational spot fishery. The intent of this proclamation is to allow North Carolina to comply with the requirements of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission/Sciaenid Management Board Addendum III to the Omnibus Amendment to the Interstate Fishery Management Plans for Spanish Mackerel, Spot, and Spotted Seatrout.**

John G. Batherson, Acting Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., Thursday, April 15, 2021**, the following restrictions will apply to the spot hook and line and recreational fishery:

I. **HOOK AND LINE AND RECREATIONAL POSSESSION LIMIT:**

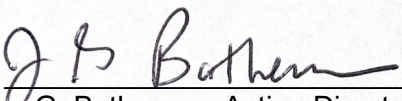
- A. It is unlawful to possess more than fifty (50) spot per person per day by hook and line or for recreational purposes.

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 Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103 and 03M .0512.
- B. It is unlawful to violate 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 spot over the daily harvest limit shall be immediately returned to the waters where taken, regardless of the condition of the fish.
- D. Spot are subject to 15A NCAC 03M. 0101 that states it is unlawful to possess aboard a vessel or while engaged in fishing to have this species without having head and tail attached.
- E. The intent of this proclamation is to allow North Carolina to comply with the requirements of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission/Sciaenid Management Board Addendum III to the Omnibus Amendment to the Interstate Fishery Management Plans for Spanish Mackerel, Spot, and Spotted Seatrout. Refer to Addendum III for more information: [http://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file/5e5d82e7SpotAddendumIII\\_Feb2020.pdf](http://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file/5e5d82e7SpotAddendumIII_Feb2020.pdf)
- F. In accordance with N.C. General Statute 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.

- G. Contact the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557 or 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632 for more information or visit the division website at [www.ncmarinefisheries.net](http://www.ncmarinefisheries.net).
- H. **This proclamation establishes the creel limit for the hook and line and recreational spot fishery at fifty (50) spot per person per day.**

By:

  
John G. Batherson, Acting Director  
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

March 30, 2021  
2:19 P.M.