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KATHY B. RAWLS
Director

FF-58-2022

PROCLAMATION

RE: ATLANTIC CROAKER – COMMERCIAL - COASTAL FISHING WATERS – CLOSURE

This proclamation supersedes proclamation FF-65-2021 dated November 29, 2021. It closes the commercial Atlantic croaker fishery in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters on Friday, December 16, 2022. The fishery will re-open on Sunday, January 1, 2023. This action is being taken to comply with the requirements of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Addendum III to Amendment 1 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Croaker.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., Friday, December 16, 2022**, the following restrictions will apply to the Atlantic croaker commercial fishery in Coastal Fishing Waters:

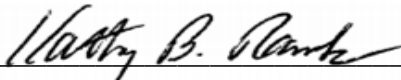
I. HARVEST RESTRICTIONS:

- A. It is unlawful to take Atlantic croaker in a commercial fishing operation after 12:01 A.M., Friday, December 16, 2022 until the season reopens at 12:01 A.M., Sunday, January 1, 2023.
- B. It is unlawful for dealers to purchase Atlantic croaker from commercial fishing operations after 12:01 A.M. Friday, December 16, 2022, until the season reopens at 12:01 A.M., Sunday, January 1, 2023.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-134; 113-134.1; 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-182.1; 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 their delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
- C. The intent of this proclamation is to allow North Carolina to comply with the requirements of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Addendum III to Amendment 1 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Croaker. Refer to Addendum III for more information:
https://www.asmfcr.org/uploads/file/5e5d83c8AtlCroakerAddendumIII_Feb2020.pdf
- D. 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.

- E. 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.
- F. **This proclamation supersedes proclamation FF-65-2021 dated November 29, 2021. It closes the commercial Atlantic croaker fishery in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters on Friday, December 16, 2022. The fishery will re-open on Sunday, January 1, 2023. This action is being taken to comply with the requirements of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Addendum III to Amendment 1 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Croaker.**

By: 
Kathy B. Rawls, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

November 21, 2022
4:00 P.M.