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KATHY B. RAWLS
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FF-13-2022

PROCLAMATION

RE: RED DRUM -COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS -CLOSURE

This proclamation supersedes FF-31-2021 dated April 29, 2021. It closes the commercial red drum fishery in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters.

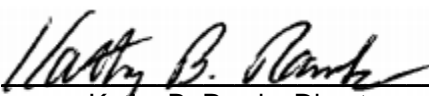
Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., Friday, March 18, 2022**, the following restrictions will apply to the commercial fishery for red drum:

I. HARVEST RESTRICTIONS

- A. It is unlawful to possess, sell or offer for sale red drum taken in a commercial fishing operation, except for dealer provision in I. C.
- B. It is unlawful to purchase red drum taken from a commercial fishing operation.
- C. Dealers will have until noon **March 25, 2022** to sell, offer for sale, transport, or have in possession unfrozen red drum taken prior to this closure.

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 .0501.
- B. It is unlawful to violate the 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 manage the commercial harvest of red drum during the September through April harvest period within the 150,000 pound limit implemented by Amendment 1 of the N.C. Red Drum Fishery Management plan. For red drum, the commercial fishing year is September 1 through August 31. The second harvest period (100,000 pounds) is May through August. The fishery will open by proclamation no sooner than May 1.
- 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 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.
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BY: 
Kathy B. Rawls, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

March 16, 2022
1:10 P.M.