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FF-17-2023

PROCLAMATION

RE: STRIPED BASS – RECREATIONAL – ALBEMARLE SOUND MANAGEMENT AREA – SEASON CLOSE

This proclamation supersedes FF-10-2023 dated December 19, 2022. It closes the harvest of striped bass taken for recreational purposes in the Albemarle Sound Management Area at 11:59 P.M. on Sunday, March 12, 2023, due to the spring harvest allocation being met.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at 11:59 P.M., Sunday March 12, 2023, **the harvest season for striped bass taken for recreational purposes in the Albemarle Sound Management Area will close.**

I. **AREA DESCRIPTION**

Albemarle Sound Management Area as defined in N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03R .0201(a).

II. **HARVEST RESTRICTIONS**

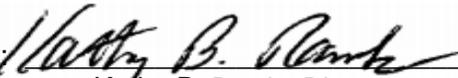
Effective 11:59 P.M. Sunday, March 12, 2023 it is unlawful to possess striped bass taken from the Albemarle Sound Management Area for recreational purposes.

III. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-134;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 .0202.
- 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. 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.
- D. Recreational Commercial Gear License gill net restrictions are found in M-proclamations issued for this area.
- E. The intent of this proclamation is to maintain the recreational harvest of striped bass in the Albemarle Sound Management Area within the 12,804 pound annual total allowable landings established by Amendment 2 to the North Carolina Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan.
- F. N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0201 defines striped bass as striped bass and its hybrids.
- G. Recreational seasons for striped bass in the Roanoke River Management Area, which is designated as the Roanoke River and its joint and inland tributaries,

including the Eastmost, Middle and Cashie rivers, up to the Roanoke Rapids dam, is under the management jurisdiction of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and is exempt from this proclamation.

- H. Holders of Recreational Commercial Gear Licenses or hook-and-line fishermen shall follow the size, creel, and season limits of the recreational fishery for striped bass.
- I. Commercial fishing equipment authorized by the Recreational Commercial Gear License is not considered commercial fishing equipment in the striped bass fishery and it is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or purchase striped bass taken by this method in accordance with N.C.G.S. 113-173.
- J. 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 <http://ncmarinefisheries.net>.
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By: 
Kathy B. Rawls, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

March 9, 2023
3:30 P.M.