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ELIZABETH S. BISER
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FF-18-2024

PROCLAMATION

RE: SCUP – RECREATIONAL – NORTH OF CAPE HATTERAS – DECREASES CREEL LIMIT

This proclamation supersedes Proclamation FF-20-2023, dated March 31, 2023. It decreases the creel limit for the recreational scup fishery effective at 12:01 A.M., April 1, 2024.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., April 1, 2024**, the following restrictions will apply to the recreational scup fishery in Coastal Fishing waters which includes the Atlantic Ocean **0 to 3 miles north of Cape Hatteras (35° 15.3'N. Latitude)**:

I. **SIZE LIMIT**

It is unlawful to possess scup less than **9 inches total length**.

II. **POSSESSION LIMIT**

It is unlawful to possess more than **30** scup per person per day.

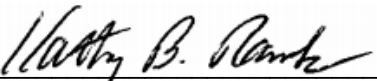
III. **SEASON**

No closed season.

IV. **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; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103 and 03M .0512.
- 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 maintain North Carolina's compliance with the requirements of the joint Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council/Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (FMP) under the authority of N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule.
- 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 252-515-5500 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 21, 2024
2:10 P.M.