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PROCLAMATION

RE : CHANNEL NETS – INTERNAL COASTAL AND JOINT FISHING WATERS

This proclamation supersedes Proclamation M-10-2007 dated June 13, 2007. This proclamation maintains exceptions to areas open and closed to channel nets in Internal Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters in accordance with Amendment 2 to the North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that **effective at 12:01 A.M., May 15, 2024**, all Internal Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters are open to taking shrimp with channel nets with the following exceptions:

I. AREAS CLOSED TO CHANNEL NETS

- A. It shall be unlawful to use channel nets in waters bound on the north at the site of the “old” Highway 50 Bridge at Surf City and on the south by a line beginning on the east side of the Intracoastal Waterway (IWW) at 34° 25.6049' N – 77° 33.4116' W running to a point on the west side of the IWW at 34° 25.7193' N – 77° 33.4649' W to include all areas on either side of the IWW channel.
- B. It shall be unlawful to use channel nets in New River marked navigation channel from Marker #17 to New River Inlet.

II. CONDITIONAL AREAS OPEN TO CHANNEL NETS


It shall be unlawful to use channel nets in the following areas unless the area is opened to taking shrimp with nets (excluding recreational cast nets). See <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/rules-proclamations-and-size-and-bag-limits/fisheries-management-proclamations> to refer to those SH-type proclamations that identify areas opened to the taking of shrimp with nets (excluding recreational cast nets):

- A. The New River above a line beginning at a point on the north shore 34° 34.9000'N – 77° 24.1740' W running southerly through Marker #25 to a point on the south shore 34° 34.2700' N – 77° 24.4770' W.
- B. The area adjacent to the IWW from the site of the “old” Highway 50 Bridge at Surf City to IWW Marker #49.
- C. The Cape Fear River.

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 Rules 15A NCAC 3H .0103 and 3J .0106.
- 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 Rule 15A NCAC 3H .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. The intent of this proclamation is to designate areas permanently closed to the use of channel nets and areas closed to the use of channel nets unless the area is opened to taking shrimp with nets (excluding recreational cast nets) in accordance with Amendment 2 to the North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan.
- E. Contact 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/>.
- F. **This proclamation maintains exceptions to areas open and closed to channel nets in Internal Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters in accordance with Amendment 2 to the North Carolina Shrimp Fishery Management Plan.**

By: 
Kathy B. Rawls, Director
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May 13, 2024
10:30 A.M.