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PROCLAMATION

RE: GILL NETS AND SEINES – BOGUE SOUND - DEER AND SCHOOLHOUSE (ROCKY RUN) CREEKS USER CONFLICT RESOLUTION AREA

This proclamation supersedes proclamation M-9-2013 dated March 11, 2013. This proclamation maintains user conflict resolution measures for gill nets and seines in Deer and Schoolhouse (Rocky Run) Creeks from October 1 through March 31 in accordance with N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 03I .0122.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that **effective at 12:01 A.M. April 15, 2024**, the following restrictions shall apply to the use of gill nets and seines in the following area:

I. AREA - CARTERET COUNTY

Deer and Schoolhouse (Rocky Run) Creeks - All waters upstream of a line beginning at a point on the west shore 34° 41.0449'N – 77° 03.3250'W; running northeasterly to a point on the east shore 34° 41.1826'N – 77° 03.1071'W. (**See Map**)

II. GEAR RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions apply to the use of gill nets and seines in the area described in Section I. above **from October 1 through March 31**:

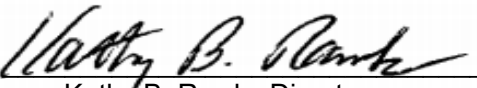
- A. It shall be unlawful to use gill nets or seines from 8:30 P.M. to sunrise.
- B. It shall be unlawful to use a gill net or seine more than 200 yards in length.
- C. It shall be unlawful use gill nets and seines without having reflective markers spaced every 50 yards along the top or cork line of the net.
- D. It shall be unlawful to fail to attend gill nets at all times and remove nets to allow for unrestricted vessel navigation.

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; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03I .0122, 03J .0103, and 03J .0301.
- 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(f) and 113-221.1(c) all persons who may be affected by rules and proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director are under a duty to keep themselves informed of current rules and proclamations. Multiple rules and proclamations regulating a fishery, species, gear, etc. may be in effect concurrently.
- D. **All other existing gill net rules and proclamations remain in effect.** See <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/rules-proclamations-and-size-and-bag-limits/fisheries-management-proclamations#currentprocs> to refer to those M-type

proclamations for gill net regulations that may be effective in the areas covered by this proclamation.

- E. The intent of this proclamation is to reduce conflict between residents and fishermen in Deer and Schoolhouse (Rocky Run) Creeks off Bogue Sound.
- F. 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 www.ncmarinefisheries.net.
- G. **This proclamation maintains user conflict resolution measures for gill nets and seines in Deer and Schoolhouse (Rocky Run) Creeks from October 1 through March 31 in accordance with N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 03I .0122.**

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

April 12, 2024
11:45 A.M.