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FF-10-2024

## PROCLAMATION

### RE: WEAKFISH – RECREATIONAL – COASTAL AND JOINT FISHING WATERS

**This proclamation supersedes proclamation FF-54-2010(REVISED) dated May 21, 2010. It maintains the recreational size and creel limits for the weakfish fishery in N.C. Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters in accordance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Addendum IV to Amendment 4 to the Weakfish Fishery Management Plan.**

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., January 1, 2024**, the following restrictions will apply to the **recreational weakfish fisheries in North Carolina Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters**:

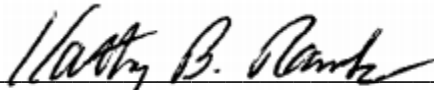
#### I. SIZE AND CREEL LIMITS

- A. It is unlawful to possess weakfish for recreational purposes less than 12 inches in total length.
- B. It is unlawful to possess for recreational purposes no more than one (1) weakfish per person per day or per person per trip, whichever is more restrictive.

#### 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 .0512.
- B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the 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 compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Addendum IV to Amendment 4 to the Weakfish Fishery Management Plan.
- 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, phone 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632 for more information or visit the division website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>.
- F. **This proclamation supersedes proclamation FF-54-2010(REVISED) dated May 10, 2010. It maintains the recreational size and creel limits for the weakfish**

**fishery in N.C. Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters in accordance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Addendum IV to Amendment 4 to the Weakfish Fishery Management Plan.**

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

December 19, 2023  
3:45 P.M.