



**BEAUFORT COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**PROCLAMATION TO SUPPORT STOCKING THE TAR AND PAMLICO  
RIVERS WITH STRIPED BASS**

**WHEREAS**, The County of Beaufort requests the Division of Marine Fisheries and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission continue to stock Striped Bass in the Tar River and the Pamlico River; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Beaufort is a Tier 1 county. The economic benefit that is gained by fishermen spending money on gas, food, bait and fishing tackle helps the County. The County considers fishing for Striped Bass an industry and it cannot afford to lose another industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the spawning grounds of the Tar River cannot maintain the Striped Bass stock due to several reasons such as silt resulting in shallow water and no dam to adjust the water flow to promote a successful spawning. Data indicate that there is only a 2% successful spawn rate in the Tar River which is hardly enough to maintain a viable stock.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners respectfully request the continuation of stocking the Tar River and the Pamlico River with Striped Bass and that this proclamation be forwarded to the following people:

Governor Pat McCrory  
Donald R. Van Der Vaart, Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality  
Braxton Davis, Director of the North Carolina Marine Fisheries  
Sammy Corbett, Chairman of the Marine Fisheries Commission  
Gordon Myers, Executive Director of Wildlife Resources Commission  
Senator Bill Cook  
Representative Michael Speciale  
Commissioners of Pitt County, Hyde County and Pamlico County

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016

  
Jerry E. Langley, Chairman  
Beaufort County Board of Commissioners

  
Kathleen Mosher, CMC, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board