

PROPOSED TEMPORARY RULE FOR
N.C. MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION JUNE 6, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

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1 15A NCAC 03I .0124 is adopted under temporary procedures with changes as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 03I .0124 NON-COMMERCIAL HARVEST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) Pursuant to G.S. 113-170.3 and for the purpose of this Rule, "harvest" shall mean the catching or taking of a fish
5 by any means, followed by a reduction of such fish to possession. Harvest shall be deemed complete:

6 (1) if a vessel is used, when fish reach the shore or a structure connected to the shore; or

7 (2) if a vessel is not used, at the moment a person is no longer engaged in fishing.

8 (b) Any person, other than a person holding a commercial fishing license engaged in a commercial fishing operation,
9 who completes the harvest of a flounder, red drum, spotted seatrout, striped bass, or weakfish in coastal or joint fishing
10 waters shall report that harvest. Harvest shall be reported by either electronic reporting means required by the Division
11 of Marine Fisheries online at <https://www.ncmarinefisheries.net>, or a Division-issued report card. Electronic reports
12 shall be submitted at the time harvest is complete. Division-issued report cards shall be completed at the time harvest
13 is complete and submitted electronically to the Division by midnight the day after harvest is complete, except when
14 the day after harvest is complete is a Sunday or a federal holiday, electronic submission of a report card is due no later
15 than midnight on the first day that is not a Sunday or a federal holiday. Harvest data to be reported shall include:

16 (1) person's valid N.C. fishing license number, or if a person does not have a valid N.C. fishing license
17 number, person's first name, last name, and zip code of residence;

18 (2) date of harvest;

19 (3) species identification;

20 (4) number of each species;

21 (5) species length, if applicable;

22 (6) area of harvest; and

23 (7) type of gear used.

24 (c) The requirements of this Rule shall be effective in accordance with the schedule in S.L. 2023-137, s. 6(f).

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26 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-170.3; 113-181; 113-182; 143B-289.52;*

27 *Temporary Adoption Eff. XXXXXX, 2024.*