This proclamation establishes the possession limit for the commercial bluefish fishery.

Stephen W. Murphey, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at 12:01 A.M., Friday, May 1, 2020, the following restrictions will apply to the commercial bluefish fishery in Coastal Fishing Waters:

I. **HARVEST LIMIT**
   - It is unlawful to possess, sell or offer for sale more than **1,000 pounds of bluefish per trip**.

II. **GENERAL INFORMATION**
   - A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 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 his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
   - C. The intent of this proclamation is to establish a commercial bluefish harvest limit to assure that the quota allocated to North Carolina in the joint Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council/Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Bluefish Fishery Management Plan is not exceeded.
   - 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 [www.ncmarinefisheries.net](http://www.ncmarinefisheries.net).
   - F. **This proclamation establishes the possession limit for the commercial bluefish fishery.**

By: 

Stephen W. Murphey, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

April 22, 2020
11:28 A.M.