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#### 1. Rule-Making Agency:

N.C. MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

#### 2. Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c):

[https://deq.nc.gov/mfc-proposed-rules](https://deq.nc.gov/mfc-proposed-rules)

#### 3. Proposed Action -- Check the appropriate box(es) and list rule citation(s) beside proposed action:

- ☒ ADOPTION:

- AMENDMENT:

- REPEAL:

- READOPTION with substantive changes:

- READOPTION without substantive changes: 15A NCAC 03Q.0101-.0109

- REPEAL through READOPTION:

#### 4. Proposed effective date:

Sept. 1, 2022

#### 5. Is a public hearing planned?  ☒ Yes  ☐ No

- If yes:  
  - Public Hearing date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022
  - Public Hearing time: 6 p.m.
  - Public Hearing location: WebEx Events meeting link:  
    [https://ncdenrits.webex.com/ncdenrits/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8cd072d4a64ebd5d402a3e3b38387adf](https://ncdenrits.webex.com/ncdenrits/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8cd072d4a64ebd5d402a3e3b38387adf)
  - Event number: 2422 476 9859  
    Event password: 1234  
    Event phone number: 1-415-655-0003

#### 6. If no public hearing is scheduled, provide instructions on how to demand a public hearing:

N/A
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7. Explain Reason For Proposed Rule(s):
In accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3A, these nine joint rules that pertain to the classification of the waters of North Carolina as coastal fishing waters, inland fishing waters, and joint fishing waters are proposed for readoption by the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission with no changes.

8. Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or email. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

☐ Rule(s) is automatically subject to legislative review. Cite statutory reference: S.L. 2019-198: 15A NCAC 03Q .0107

9. The person to whom written comments may be submitted on the proposed rule(s):
Name: CATHERINE BLUM
Address: P.O. BOX 769
MOREHEAD CITY, NC 28557
Written comments may also be submitted via an online form available at https://deq.nc.gov/mfc-proposed-rules.
Phone (optional): N/A
Fax (optional): N/A
E-Mail (optional): N/A

10. Comment Period Ends: June 17, 2022

11. Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.
☐ State funds affected
☐ Local funds affected
☐ Substantial economic impact (≥$1,000,000)
☒ Approved by OSBM
☒ No fiscal note required

12. Rule-making Coordinator: JENNIFER EVERETT
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13. The Agency formally proposed the text of this rule(s) on
Date: March 8, 2022

14. Signature of Agency Head* or Rule-making Coordinator:

_________________________________________________
Typed Name: JENNIFER EVERETT
Title: RULEMAKING COORDINATOR

*If this function has been delegated (reassigned) pursuant to
G.S. 143B-10(a), submit a copy of the delegation with this form.