



N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rulemaking

Update

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Marine Fisheries

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Presentation Outline

- 2023-2024 Rulemaking Cycle
 - Subjects
 - Next steps
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- Questions from Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC)
- No scheduled MFC action



2023-2024 Rulemaking Cycle Subjects

- 18 of 103 rules remaining
- Subjects:
 - Shellfish plants and inspections (1 rule)
 - Data collection and harassment prevention for the conservation of marine and estuarine resources (5 rules)
 - Conforming changes to shellfish rules and shellfish leases (12 rules)



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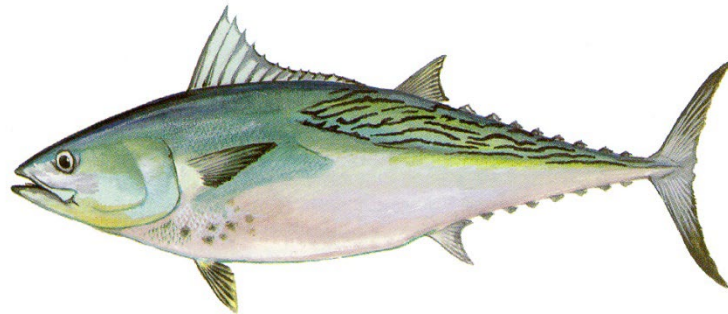
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- 8 rules
- Subjects:
 - Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (6 rules)
 - False albacore management (1 rule)
 - Pot marking requirements (1 rule)



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