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MICHAEL S. REGAN
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STEPHEN W. MURPHEY
Director

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PROCLAMATION

RE: BLUEFISH – COMMERCIAL PURPOSES – POSSESSION LIMIT

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**

- A. 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.
- F. **This proclamation establishes the possession limit for the commercial bluefish fishery.**

By: 
Stephen W. Murphey, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

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11:28 A.M.