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**PT-1-2020**

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **RE: POTS- OPEN-SOUTH AND WEST OF HIGHWAY 58 BRIDGE**

**This proclamation opens all Internal Coastal Fishing Waters of the state south and west of the Highway 58 Bridge to the North Carolina/South Carolina state line for the setting of pots.**


Stephen W. Murphey, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that the **pot season will reopen** effective at **6:00 A.M., Friday, January 24, 2020** in the following areas:

I. **AREA DESCRIPTION**

All Internal Coastal Fishing Waters of the state south and west of the Highway 58 Bridge to the North Carolina/South Carolina state line.

II. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-183; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 03H .0103 and 03J .0301 (a)(1).
- B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries 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 manage the pot closure period according to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03J .0301(a)(1). It has been determined that the Internal Coastal Fishing Waters in this southern area of the state are free of pots and the season can be reopened.
- D. In accordance with N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03J .0301 pots may not be set in any marked navigation channel, or in any turning basin marked and maintained by the N.C. Ferry Division.
- E. Contact N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632 for more information or visit the division website at <http://ncmarinefisheries.net>.
- F. 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.
- G. **This proclamation opens all Internal Coastal Fishing Waters of the state south and west of the Highway 58 Bridge to the North Carolina/South Carolina state line for the setting of pots.**

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

January 21, 2020  
3:00 P.M.