



◊ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ◊

M. Kyle Briggs, Executive Director

PROCLAMATION

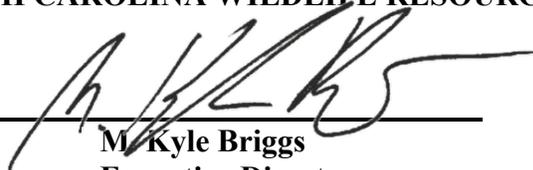
M. Kyle Briggs, Executive Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, acting pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §113-292 (cl) and authority duly delegated by the Wildlife Resources Commission, hereby suspends the season for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line in the Roanoke River Management Area, including the Roanoke River and its tributaries from Roanoke Rapids Dam downstream to the mouth of the river at the Albemarle Sound, and also including the Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost rivers, effective 12:00 AM on Monday, March 9, 2026, through 11:59 PM on Wednesday, April 30, 2026 with no exceptions.

NOTES:

- a) This Proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. §113-132; 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; and 113-305.
- b) There are no exceptions. All striped bass caught in inland and joint waters of the Roanoke River Management Area, regardless of condition, shall be immediately returned to the waters where taken.
- c) The season for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line shall be closed in the Roanoke River Management Area from 12:00 AM on March 9 2026, until 12:00 AM on March 1, 2027.
- d) From April 1 through June 30 in the inland fishing waters of the Roanoke River upstream of U.S. Highway 258 Bridge, only a single barbless circle hook may be used when fishing with live or natural bait, and only a single barbless hook may be used with other tackle. Barbless means that the hook does not have a barb, or the hook has the barb bent down.
- e) Any person who violates this Proclamation also violates applicable law and is subject to the sanctions provided by law.

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

By


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Executive Director

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Date