



☒ 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 declares that the season for harvesting Striped Bass by hook-and-line in the Joint Fishing Waters of the Central/Southern Management Area, as specified in 15A NCAC 10C .0107 (1)(c), shall be suspended with the following exception:

From 12:00 AM on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, through 11:59 PM on Thursday, April 30, 2026, the suspension for harvesting Striped Bass with hook-and-line shall be rescinded in the Joint Fishing Waters of the Neuse River and its tributaries upstream of a line shore to shore beginning at a point at Cooper Point (35.035722 N, 76.933275 W) running southwesterly to a point at Fisher Landing Point (35.002583 N, 76.97623 W).

This proclamation, which is consistent with North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries proclamation FF-19-2026, only applies to Joint Fishing Waters within the Central/Southern Management Area as described in 15A NCAC 03R .0201 (c) and referenced in 15A NCAC 10C .0110.

This proclamation shall become effective at 12:00 AM on April 1, 2026. Harvest of Striped Bass by hook-and-line in all Joint Fishing Waters of the Central/Southern Management Area shall close from 12:00 AM on Friday, May 1, 2026 until a new proclamation opening described waters or portions thereof is issued.

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) This Proclamation supersedes the proclamation issued by former Executive Director, Gordon S Myers, issued on March 29, 2019.
- c) During the exceptions listed above, the minimum length limit for Striped Bass is 18 inches (total length) and no fish between 22 and 27 inches (total length) may be taken or possessed, and the daily creel limit is one fish.
- d) Outside of exceptions above, all Striped Bass, regardless of condition, caught shall be immediately returned to the waters where taken, and no Striped Bass may be possessed in all other Joint Fishing Waters.
- e) In Inland Fishing Waters of the Neuse River and its tributaries upstream of a line shore to shore beginning at a point at Cooper Point (35.035722 N, 76.933275 W) running southwesterly to a point at Fisher Landing Point (35.002583 N, 76.97623 W) and in the Tar-Pamlico River and its tributaries upstream of a line shore to shore beginning at a point at Gum Point (35.419448 N, 76.758752 W) running southwesterly to a point at Fork Point (35.390755 N, 76.77391 W) the Striped Bass harvest season will be from April 1 through April 30 as specified in 15A NCAC 10C .0314 (i).
- f) Any person who violates this Proclamation also violates applicable law and is subject to the sanctions provided by law.

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By 

03/19/2026

Date