



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
WEBINAR MEETING
March 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Mark Craig*

This electronic meeting is being streamed live for the public to attend and recorded as a public record. The recording of the meeting will be available at www.ncwildlife.gov.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT – *Margo Minkler, Commission Liaison*

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY – North Carolina General Statute §138A-15 mandates that the Commission Chair shall remind all Commissioners of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Chapter, and that the chair also inquires as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict to notify the Chair of the same. *Chairman Craig*

RULEMAKING

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10C .0325 Seatrout – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to 10C .0325 – *Corey Oakley, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*
(EXHIBITS A-1, A-2)

2026 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE – Consider approval of the proposed revisions to the 2026 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting schedule – *Kyle Briggs, Executive Director* **(EXHIBIT B)**

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Craig*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Briggs*

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EXHIBIT A-1

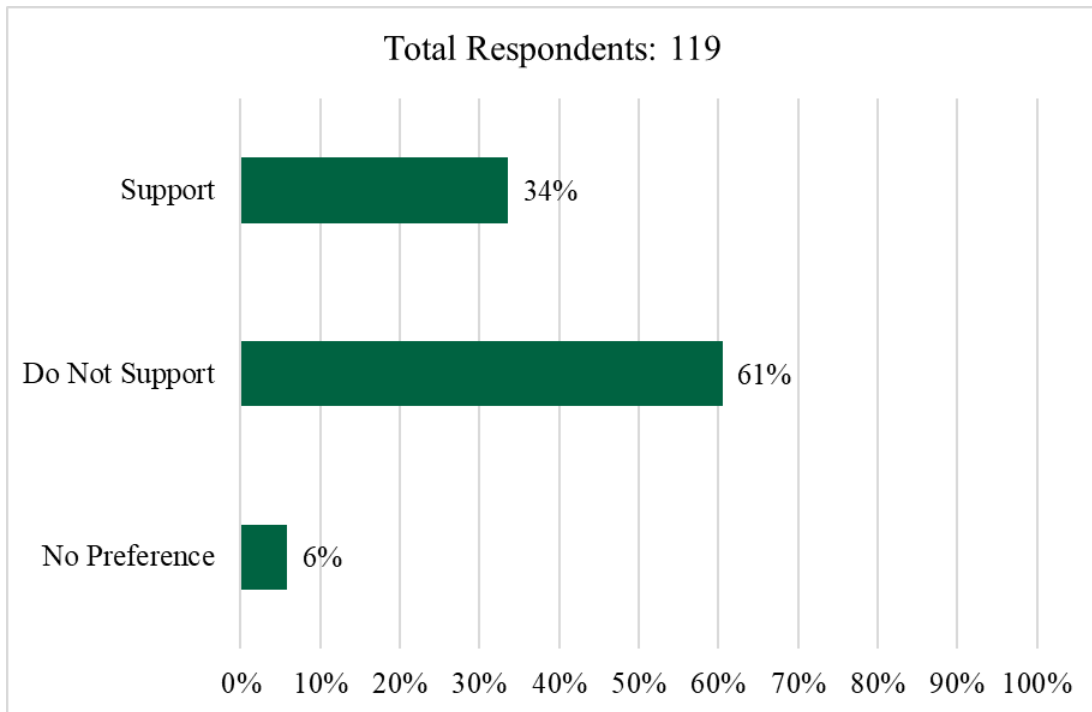
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Summary of Public Comments on Seatrout 15A NCAC 10C .0325

One virtual public hearing was held on February 25, 2026, with 10 attendees and one in-person public hearing was held on March 10, 2026, with 7 attendees.

15A NCAC 10C .0325 SEATROUT



Percentages may sum to over 100% due to rounding.

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	NC - Not Specified	Out of State	Totals
Support	2	23	5	4	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	40
Do Not Support	9	32	7	16	1	1	2	0	0	2	2	72
No Preference	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Total	12	59	12	21	1	1	2	2	1	3	5	119

EXHIBIT A-2

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Temporary Amendments to 15A NCAC 10C .0325 Seatrout Recommended by Agency Staff for Adoption

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) issued a proclamation closing recreational and commercial harvest for Spotted Seatrout in joint and coastal fishing waters through June 30, 2026 due to a cold stun event, consistent with the North Carolina Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan. The amendments will close Spotted Seatrout harvest through June 30, 2026 in waters within NCWRC's jurisdiction (Inland Fishing Waters and hook-and-line in Joint Fishing Waters) to be consistent with the NCDMF closure.

15A NCAC 10C .0325 SEATROUT

1 15A NCAC 10C .0325 is amended under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0325 SEATROUT**

4 ~~(a) The daily creel limit for seatrout (spotted or speckled) is three fish.~~

5 ~~(b) The minimum size limit is 14 inches, but no fish between 20 and 26 inches in length may be possessed and only~~
6 ~~one seatrout greater than 26 inches may be possessed.~~

7 ~~(c) There is no closed season.~~

8 (a) Seatrout (spotted or speckled) shall not be taken or possessed.

9 (b) The temporary amendment shall expire on June 30, 2026.

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11 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;*

12 *Temporary Adoption Eff. September 1, 2022;*

13 *Eff. March 15, 2023;*

14 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 7, 2025; May 2, 2025;*

15 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2026; ~~2026~~.*

16 *Temporary Amendment Eff. April 6, 2026.*

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EXHIBIT B

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2026 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETINGS

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SCHEDULE ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 16, 2025

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2026