

Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

PROCLAMATION

Cameron N. Ingram, 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 Albemarle Sound, and also including the Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost Rivers, effective 12:00 AM on Monday, March 1, 2021, through 11:59 PM on Friday, April 30, 2021, except as specified below:

- 1) Effective 12:00 AM on April 10, 2021 through 11:59 PM on April 16, 2021, the suspension for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line shall be rescinded, allowing harvest, in that section of the Roanoke River and its tributaries below the U.S. Highway 258 Bridge near Scotland Neck downstream to the mouth of the river at Albemarle Sound and also including the Middle, Cashie, and Eastmost Rivers.
- 2) Effective 12:00 AM on April 24, 2021 through 11:59 PM on April 30, 2021, the suspension for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line shall be rescinded, allowing harvest, in that section of the Roanoke River and its tributaries above the U.S. Highway 258 Bridge near Scotland Neck upstream to Roanoke Rapids Dam.

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) 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 2 fish, only one of which may be larger than 27 inches (total length).
- c) Outside of the exceptions listed above, all striped bass caught in the Roanoke River Management Area shall be immediately returned to the waters where taken.

- d) The season for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line shall be closed in the Roanoke River Management Area from 12:00 AM, May 1, 2021 until 12:00 AM., March 1, 2022.
- e) From April 1 through June 30, only a single barbless hook or lure with a single barbless hook (or hook with barb bent down) may be used in the inland waters of the Roanoke River upstream of U.S. Highway 258 Bridge.
- f) Any person who violates this Proclamation also violates applicable law and is subject to the sanctions provided by law.

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

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Executive Director

January 14, 2021

Date