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FF-38-2025

PROCLAMATION

RE: SPOTTED SEATROUT - STOP NET BEACH SEINE FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS - ATLANTIC OCEAN – CARTERET COUNTY

This proclamation sets the annual spotted seatrout harvest limit and reporting requirements for the stop net beach seine fishery in the Coastal Fishing Waters in the Atlantic Ocean off Bogue Banks, Carteret County in accordance with Amendment 1 to the N.C. Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan. Failure to adhere to the harvest reporting requirements or when the annual harvest limit of spotted seatrout is met will result in the closure of the fishery.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., October 15, 2025**, the following restrictions shall apply to stop nets in the Coastal Fishing Waters in the Atlantic Ocean off Bogue Banks, Carteret County:

I. ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT

- A. It shall be unlawful for those participating in the stop net fishery in the Atlantic Ocean off Bogue Banks, Carteret County to harvest more than a combined total of 4,595 pounds of spotted seatrout annually.
- B. The stop net fishery will close by proclamation once the annual spotted seatrout harvest limit is reached, or at 11:59 P.M., December 31, whichever occurs first.

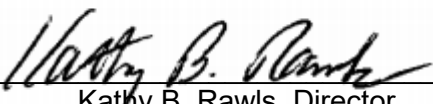
II. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Upon fishing any stop net, it shall be unlawful for those participating in the stop net fishery in the Atlantic Ocean off Bogue Banks to fail to report the following information to the DMF Fisheries Management Section Office (252-515-5534) the same day a stop net is fished:
 - 1. The name of the stop net representative; and
 - 2. The location of the stop net fished; and
 - 3. The total weight (in pounds) of spotted seatrout harvested from the stop net(s) even if zero (0) spotted seatrout are harvested.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-134; 113-134.1; 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-182.1; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103, and 03M .0522.
- B. It is unlawful to violate provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries Director under their delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.

- C. The intent of this proclamation is to establish the reporting requirements and spotted seatrout harvest restrictions for stop nets in the Atlantic Ocean off Bogue Banks, Carteret County, in accordance with Amendment 1 to the N.C. Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan. The spotted seatrout reporting requirements mandated by this proclamation do **NOT** replace trip tickets. All NCDMF Trip Ticket reporting requirements must continue to be followed.
- D. Proclamation [FF-37-2025](#) establishes additional spotted seatrout size and harvest restrictions, in accordance with Amendment 1 to the N.C. Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan.
- E. Proclamation [M-20-2025](#) establishes the areas, seasons, gear, and additional restrictions in the stop net beach seine fishery in the specific Atlantic Ocean areas off Bogue Banks, Carteret County, in accordance with Amendment 2 to the N.C. Striped Mullet Fishery Management Plan.
- 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. N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03I .0113 specifies that it shall be unlawful for any licensee under Chapter 113, Subchapter IV of the General Statutes to refuse to allow the Fisheries Director or their agents to obtain biological data, harvest information, or other statistical data necessary or useful to the conservation and management of marine and estuarine resources from fish in the licensee's possession.
- H. Contact the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557 or 252-515-5500 or 800-682-2632 for more information or visit the division website at www.ncmarinefisheries.net.
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By: 
Kathy B. Rawls, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

September 29, 2025
2:25 P.M.