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M-23-2026

PROCLAMATION

RE: GILL NETS - ATLANTIC OCEAN – CARTERET COUNTY

This proclamation sets restrictions for the gill net fishery in the specific Atlantic Ocean areas off Bogue Banks, Carteret County.

Michael S. Loeffler, Interim Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., October 15, 2026**, the following restrictions shall apply to the gill net fishery in Coastal Fishing Waters in the Atlantic Ocean off Bogue Banks, Carteret County:

I. **AREA**

Gill net requirements in this proclamation apply only in the Atlantic Ocean off Bogue Banks, Carteret County within 250 yards of the ocean beach from the western boundary of Fort Macon State Park, **west** to Bogue Inlet.

II. **SEASON**

Gill net restrictions shall apply from 12:01 A.M., October 15 through 11:59 P.M., December 31, unless ended earlier by proclamation.

III. **NET RESTRICTIONS**

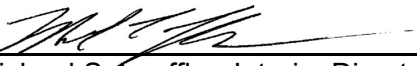
- A. It shall be unlawful for a gill net to be set within a zone measuring 660 yards east of a deployed stop net as measured from where the stop net connects to shore and 250 yards south of the mean high-water mark as measured along the adjacent 660-yard dimension (**see Section IV. C. and Section IV. D. below for restrictions on gill nets with a stretched mesh length less than or equal to five inches and for marking requirements for prohibited gill net zone**).
- B. It shall be unlawful to use or set gill nets within 250 yards of an ocean fishing pier.
- C. The unauthorized removal or absence of marking buoys shall not serve to open the 660 by 250-yard zone east of the deployed stop net.

IV. **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; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103, 03I .0122, and 03J .0103.
- B. It is unlawful to violate provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
- C. Proclamation **M-8-2019** prohibits the setting of gill nets with a stretched mesh length less than or equal to five inches in the Atlantic Ocean within 100 yards seaward of the shoreline at any tide and the COLREGS demarcation lines;

from the North Carolina-Virginia border to the North Carolina-South Carolina border.

- D. See Proclamation [M-22-2026](#) Section III. G. and Section III. H. for stop net crew marking requirements for prohibited gill net zones.
- E. The intent of this proclamation is to implement an agreement reached between stop net and gill net fishermen to address user conflicts in the described area(s) during the peak fall fishing season.
- 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. 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.
- H. **This proclamation sets restrictions for the gill net fishery in the specific Atlantic Ocean areas off Bogue Banks, Carteret County.**

By: 
Michael S. Loeffler, Interim Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

October 9, 2026
10:15 A.M.