

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT SECTION LEADS** (Individual species in all caps denote state fishery management plan) Updated 2/21/2025

| SPECIES/PROGRAM                       | STAFF/EMAIL                                                                                 | PHONE        | SECTION PROGRAMS                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Catfishes                             | <a href="mailto:Robert.Corbett@deq.nc.gov">Robert.Corbett@deq.nc.gov</a>                    | 252-381-6007 | Stock Assessment Program<br><a href="mailto:Vacant(Tina.Moore@deq.nc.gov)">Vacant (Tina.Moore@deq.nc.gov)</a><br>252-515-5641                                                          |
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