

PROPOSED TEMPORARY RULE FOR
N.C. MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION JUNE 6, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

(MAY 16, 2024)

1 15A NCAC 03I .0123 is adopted under temporary procedures with changes as follows:
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3 **15A NCAC 03I .0123 COMMERCIAL HARVEST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) Pursuant to G.S. 113-170.3 and for the purpose of this Rule, "harvest" shall mean the catching or taking of a fish
5 by any means, followed by a reduction of such fish to possession. Harvest shall be deemed complete:

6 (1) if a vessel is used, when fish reach the shore or a structure connected to the shore; or

7 (2) if a vessel is not used, at the moment a person is no longer engaged in fishing.

8 (b) Any person holding a commercial fishing license engaged in a commercial fishing operation who completes the
9 harvest of any fish in coastal or joint fishing waters shall report that harvest within 48 hours of harvest being complete,
10 as follows:

11 (1) for fish sold, harvest shall be reported in accordance with the reporting requirements in G.S. 113-
12 168.2 and recordkeeping requirements in Rule .0114 of this Section; and

13 (2) for fish harvested but not sold, harvest shall be reported in accordance with the reporting
14 requirements in G.S. 113-168.2 and in the same manner as provided in Rule .0114 of this Section
15 for a transaction.

16 (c) The requirements of this Rule shall be effective in accordance with the schedule in S.L. 2023-137, s. 6(f).
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18 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-170.3; 113-181; 113-182; 143B-289.52;*

19 *Temporary Adoption Eff. XXXXXX, 2024.*