

1 15A NCAC 03M .0101 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **SUBCHAPTER 03M - FINFISH**

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5 **SECTION .0100 – FINFISH, GENERAL**

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7 **15A NCAC 03M .0101 MUTILATED FINFISH**

8 It shall be unlawful to possess aboard a vessel or while engaged in fishing any species of finfish that is subject to a  
9 ~~size or harvest restriction possession limit, including size limit, recreational bag limit, commercial trip limit, or season,~~  
10 without having head and tail attached, ~~except unless otherwise specified in a rule of the Marine Fisheries Commission~~  
11 or a proclamation issued pursuant to a rule of the Marine Fisheries Commission.

12 (1) ~~mullet when used for bait;~~

13 (2) ~~hickory shad when used for bait, provided that not more than two hickory shad per vessel or fishing~~  
14 ~~operation may be cut for bait at any one time; and~~

15 (3) ~~tuna possessed in a commercial fishing operation as provided in Rule .0520 of this Subchapter.~~

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17 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.52;*

18 *Eff. January 1, 1991;*

19 *Amended Eff. January 1, 1991;*

20 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 2001;*

21 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2015; April 1, 2011; July 1, 2006; August 1, 2002;*

22 *Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019;*

23 *Amended Eff. (Pending legislative review pursuant to S.L. 2019-198).*