



NOTICE OF TEXT

[Authority G.S. 150B-21.2(c)]

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- ☒ Notice with a scheduled hearing
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☐ Republication of text. Complete the following cite for the volume and issue of previous publication, as well as blocks 1 - 4 and 7 - 14. If a hearing is scheduled, complete block 5.
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1. Rule-Making Agency: N.C. MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

2. Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://deq.nc.gov/mfc-proposed-rules>

3. Proposed Action -- Check the appropriate box(es) and list rule citation(s) beside proposed action:

- ☐ ADOPTION:
- ☒ AMENDMENT: 15A NCAC 03I .0101, .0114, 03O .0201, .0207, .0208, .0210, .0501-.0503
- ☐ REPEAL:
- ☐ READOPTION with substantive changes:
- ☐ READOPTION without substantive changes:
- ☐ REPEAL through READOPTION:

4. Proposed effective date: April 1, 2026

5. Is a public hearing planned? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes: Public Hearing date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Public Hearing time: 6 p.m.

Public Hearing location: WebEx Events meeting link:

<https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/j.php?MTID=m5bba69179ac81774461e45721b2f9452>

Event number: 2426 352 8767 Event password: 1234 Event phone number: 1-415-655-0003 Access code: 242 635 28767

Listening station: Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office, 5285 Highway 70 West, Morehead City, NC 28557

6. If no public hearing is scheduled, provide instructions on how to demand a public hearing: N/A	
7. Explain Reason For Proposed Rule(s): (Please see attachment.)	
8. Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or email. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rule(s) is automatically subject to legislative review. Cite statutory reference: S.L. 2019-37, Section 3, as amended by S.L. 2024-32, Section 5.(a): 15A NCAC 03O .0201; S.L. 2019-198: 15A NCAC 03I .0114, 03O .0501-.0503	
9. The person to whom written comments may be submitted on the proposed rule(s): Name: CATHERINE BLUM Address: P.O. BOX 769 MOREHEAD CITY, NC 28557 Written comments may also be submitted via an online form available at https://deq.nc.gov/mfc-proposed-rules . Phone (optional): N/A Fax (optional): N/A E-Mail (optional): N/A	
10. Comment Period Ends: September 30, 2025	
11. Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State funds affected <input type="checkbox"/> Local funds affected <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial economic impact (≥\$1,000,000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved by OSBM <input type="checkbox"/> No fiscal note required	
12. Rule-making Coordinator: JENNIFER EVERETT Phone: 919-707-8595 E-Mail: JENNIFER.EVERETT@DEQ.NC.GOV Additional agency contact, if any: CATHERINE BLUM Phone: 252-515-5500 E-mail: CATHERINE.BLUM@DEQ.NC.GOV	13. The Agency formally proposed the text of this rule(s) on Date: May 22, 2025 14. Signature of Agency Head* or Rule-making Coordinator: <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 20px;"></div> Typed Name: JENNIFER EVERETT Title: RULEMAKING COORDINATOR <i>*If this function has been delegated (reassigned) pursuant to G.S. 143B-10(a), submit a copy of the delegation with this form.</i>