



◊ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ◊

Cameron N. Ingram, Executive Director

PROCLAMATION

Cameron Ingram, Executive Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, acting pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §113-292 (cl) and authority duly delegated by the Wildlife Resources Commission, hereby suspends the season for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line in the Roanoke River Management Area, including the Roanoke River and its tributaries from Roanoke Rapids Dam downstream to the mouth of the river at the Albemarle Sound, and also including the Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost rivers, effective 12:00 AM on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, through 11:59 PM on Sunday, April 30, 2023, except as specified below:

- 1) Effective 12:00 AM on Friday, April 14, 2023, through 11:59 PM on Monday, April 17, 2023, the suspension for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line shall be rescinded, allowing harvest in the entire Roanoke River Management Area.
- 2) Effective 12:00 AM on Saturday, April 22, 2023, through 11:59 PM on Sunday, April 23, 2023, the suspension for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line shall be rescinded, allowing harvest in the entire Roanoke River Management Area.

NOTES:

- a) This Proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. §113-132; 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; and 113-305.
- b) During the exceptions listed above, the minimum length limit for striped bass is 18 inches (total length) and no fish between 22 and 27 inches (total length) may be taken or possessed, and the daily creel limit is one fish.
- c) Outside of the exceptions listed above, all striped bass caught in the Roanoke River Management Area, regardless of condition, shall be immediately returned to the waters where taken.

- d) The season for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line shall be closed in the Roanoke River Management Area from 12:00 AM on Monday, May 1, 2023, until 12:00 AM on Friday, March 1, 2024.
- e) From Saturday, April 1, 2023, through Friday, June 30, 2023, only a single barbless hook or lure with a single barbless hook (or hook with barb bent down) may be used in the inland fishing waters of the Roanoke River upstream of U.S. Highway 258 Bridge.
- f) Any person who violates this Proclamation also violates applicable law and is subject to the sanctions provided by law.

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

By  02/06/2023
Cameron Ingram **Date**
Executive Director