



## ☒ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ☒

### PROCLAMATION

Gordon S. Myers, 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 declares that the season for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line shall be open in that area of the Roanoke River from Roanoke Rapids Dam downstream to the mouth of the river at Albemarle Sound, including the Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost Rivers, on **Monday, May 1, 2017, from 12:01 AM through 11:59 PM on Sunday, May 7, 2017.**

Effective 12:01 AM on May 8, 2017, the season for harvesting striped bass by hook-and-line is closed in the Roanoke River from Roanoke Rapids Dam downstream to the mouth of the river at Albemarle Sound, including the Middle, Cashie, and Eastmost Rivers. All striped bass caught after 12:01 AM on May 8, 2017, regardless of condition, shall be immediately returned to the waters where taken.

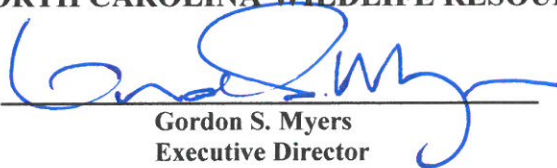
This proclamation shall remain in effect until 12:01 AM on March 1, 2018, at which time striped bass harvest in the Roanoke River Management Area will be allowed as specified in existing rule.

#### 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 open season, 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. During the open season, the daily creel limit is 2 fish, only one of which may be larger than 27 inches (total length).
- c) From April 1 through June 30, only a single barbless hook or lure with a single barbless hook (or hook with barb bent down) may be used in the inland waters of the Roanoke River upstream of U.S. Highway 258 Bridge.
- d) 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

  
Gordon S. Myers  
Executive Director

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Date