PROCLAMATION

RE: SCUP – RECREATIONAL – NORTH OF CAPE HATTERAS – INCREASES MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT

This proclamation supersedes Proclamation FF-11-2015, dated March 10, 2015. It increases the minimum size limit for the recreational scup fishery effective at 12:01 A.M., April 1, 2022.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at 12:01 A.M., April 1, 2022, the following restrictions will apply to the recreational scup fishery in Coastal Fishing waters which includes the Atlantic Ocean 0 to 3 miles north of Cape Hatteras (35° 15.3’N. Latitude):

I. SIZE LIMIT
   It is unlawful to possess scup less than 9 inches total length.

II. POSSESSION LIMIT
   It is unlawful to possess more than 50 scup per person per day.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION
   A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-134; 113-134.1; 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-182.1; 113-221; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103; and 03M .0512.
   B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries Director under their delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
   C. The intent of this proclamation is to maintain North Carolina’s compliance with the requirements of the joint Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council – Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Fisheries Management Plan under the authority of N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule.
   D. In accordance with N.C. General Statute 113-221.1(c) All persons who may be affected by proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director are under a duty to keep themselves informed of current proclamations.
   E. Contact the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632 for more information or visit the
division website at http://ncmarinefisheries.net/.

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By: _______________________________

Kathy B. Rawls, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

March 24, 2022
10:47 A.M.