Circle Hook Rig for Red Drum

15A NCAC 03J .0306 HOOK AND LINE
It shall be unlawful to use any hook larger than 4/0 from July 1 through September 30 in the Internal Coastal Waters of Pamlico Sound and its tributaries south of the Albemarle Sound Management Area as defined in 15A NCAC 03R .0201 and north of a line beginning at a point 34°59.7942’ N, 76°14.6514’ W on Camp Point, running easterly to a point 34°58.7853’ N, 76°09.8922’ W on Core Banks, while using natural bait from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. unless the terminal tackle consists of:

(1) a "circle hook", which for the purpose of this Rule shall mean a hook with the point of the hook directed perpendicularly back toward the shank and with the barb either compressed or removed; and
(2) a fixed sinker not less than two ounces in weight, secured not more than six inches from the fixed weight to the circle hook.