PROCLAMATION

Gordon S. Myers, Executive Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, acting pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §113-292 (c) and authority duly delegated by the Wildlife Resources Commission, hereby declares that the season for harvesting Striped Bass by hook-and-line shall be suspended, thereby closing the season, in all Inland and Joint Fishing Waters of the Striped Bass Central/Southern Management Area, excluding the Inland and Joint Fishing Waters of the Cape Fear River and tributaries, at 12:01 AM Friday, March 29, 2019.

This proclamation applies to the Inland and Joint Fishing Waters of the Striped Bass Central/Southern Management Area as described in rule 15A NCAC 03R .0201 (c) and referenced in 15A NCAC 10C .0110, excluding the Inland and Joint Fishing Waters of the Cape Fear River and tributaries.

In Inland Fishing Waters, this proclamation has the effect of suspending 15A NCAC 10C .0314 (g). Waters include Tar-Pamlico River and tributaries from Rocky Mount Mill Dam downstream to N&S Railroad Bridge at Washington, Neuse River and tributaries from Falls Lake Dam downstream to Pitchkettle Creek, Pungo River upstream of the US 264 bridge at Leechville, and all other unlisted inland waters of coastal rivers and tributaries in the Central/Southern Management Area, except the Cape Fear River and tributaries.

In Joint Fishing Waters, this proclamation, which is consistent with North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries proclamation FF-6-2019, has the effect of suspending 15A NCAC 10C .0107 (1) for the Central/Southern Management Area, except the Cape Fear River and tributaries. Waters include Neuse River and tributaries from Pitchkettle Creek downstream to Southern Railroad Bridge at New Bern, Pungo River downstream of the US 264 bridge at Leechville to Smith Creek, and all other unlisted joint waters of coastal rivers and tributaries in the Central/Southern Management Area, except the Cape Fear River and tributaries.

This proclamation shall remain in effect from 12:01 AM on March 29, 2019 until a new proclamation opening described waters or portions thereof for harvesting Striped Bass by hook-and-line is issued.

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) All Striped Bass regardless of condition caught shall be immediately returned to the waters where taken and no Striped Bass may be possessed.

c) 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

March 26, 2019
Date