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River Herring Regulations

It is **unlawful to possess** any river herring greater than 6 inches in total length, regardless of origin, while aboard a vessel or while fishing in the following waters:

- Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam
- Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam
- Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam
- Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam
- Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam
- Lumber River including Drowning Creek
- Tributaries to the rivers listed above
- All other waters east of Interstate 95, including all coastal and joint waters under NCDMF jurisdiction

It is **lawful to possess** river herring less than 6 inches taken from sources other than North Carolina joint and coastal fishing waters. River herring less than 6 inches used for cut bait in joint and coastal fishing waters must be cut so the head and tail are attached.*

Interactive fishing map: [ncwildlife.org/fishing](http://ncwildlife.org/fishing)


*For official rule text, see: 15A NCAC 03M .0513 & 15A NCAC 03M .0101, 15A NCAC 10C .0401 (a)(2) & 15A NCAC 10C .0402(d)(2)