

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0314 STRIPED BASS**

2 (a) The daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is four fish in the aggregate, except in waters identified in
3 Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. The minimum size limit for these fish is 20 inches, except in
4 waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. There is no closed season, except
5 for waters identified in Paragraphs (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) of this Rule.

6 (b) In the Dan River upstream from its confluence with Bannister River to the dam at Union Street in Danville, VA
7 and in John H. Kerr Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is two in the aggregate and the
8 minimum size limit is 20 inches from October 1 through May 31. From June 1 through September 30, the daily creel
9 limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate with no minimum size limit.

10 (c) In Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoir, the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is 20
11 inches from October 1 through May 31. There is no minimum size limit for these fish from June 1 through September
12 30.

13 (d) In Lake Norman, Hyco Lake, Moss Lake, Mountain Island Reservoir, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Thom-A-Lex, Lake
14 Townsend, and Salem Lake the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is 16 inches.

15 (e) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit is 15 in the aggregate. There is no minimum size limit, but
16 only two may be greater than 22 inches.

17 (f) In Lake Mattamuskeet, and in the Pee Dee River and its tributaries downstream from the Blewett Falls Dam to the
18 South Carolina state line, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is three fish in the aggregate, and the
19 minimum size limit is 18 inches.

20 (g) In the inland fishing waters of Neuse, Pungo, and Tar Pamlico rivers and their tributaries extending upstream to
21 the first impoundment of the main course on the river or its tributaries, and in all other inland fishing waters east of
22 Interstate 95 not specified in Paragraphs (f), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its
23 hybrids is two fish in the aggregate. The minimum size limit is 26 inches. In these waters, the season for taking and
24 possessing Striped Bass is closed from May 1 through September 30.

25 (h) In the inland fishing waters of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries downstream of Buckhorn Dam and in the
26 ponds associated with Martin Marietta Park in Craven County, the season for taking and possessing Striped Bass is
27 closed year-round.

28 (i) In the inland and joint fishing waters of the Roanoke River Striped Bass Management Area, as established in 15A
29 NCAC 03R .0201 and identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0110, which includes the Roanoke, Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost
30 rivers and their tributaries, the open season for taking and possessing Striped Bass and its hybrids is March 1 through
31 April 30 from the joint-coastal fishing waters boundary at Albemarle Sound upstream to Roanoke Rapids Lake dam.
32 During the open season, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is ~~two~~ one fish in the aggregate, and the
33 minimum size limit is 18 inches. No fish between 22 inches and 27 inches in length shall be possessed in the daily
34 creel limit. ~~Only one fish larger than 27 inches may be possessed in the daily creel limit.~~

35 (j) In designated inland fishing waters of Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Chowan River, Currituck
36 Sound, Alligator River, Scuppernong River, and their tributaries (excluding the Roanoke River and Cashie River and

1 their tributaries), the Striped Bass fishing season, size limits, and creel limits are the same as those established by rules
2 or proclamations of the Marine Fisheries Commission in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.
3 (k) In accordance with G.S. 113-292, the Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend, or extend the hook-and-
4 line season for Striped Bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful to violate
5 the provisions of any proclamation issued under this authority.

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