PROCLAMATION

RE: BLACK SEA BASS

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at 12:01 A.M., Monday, October 12, 2009 the following restrictions will apply to black sea bass:

I. SEASON AND SIZE LIMIT EXEMPTION

A. Possession and sale of black sea bass by a hatchery or black sea bass aquaculture operation and purchase and possession of black sea bass from a hatchery or black sea bass aquaculture operation shall be exempt from season and size limit restrictions.

B. It is unlawful to possess, sell, purchase or transport such black sea bass unless they are in compliance with all conditions of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Aquaculture Operation Permit.

C. It is unlawful to possess black sea bass from a hatchery or aquaculture operation without receipts or bills of lading documenting the origin of the fish.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52; and N.C. Marine Fisheries Rules 15A NCAC 3H .0103 and 3M.0512.

B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Fisheries Rule 15A NCAC 3H .0103.

C. The intent of this proclamation is to allow black sea bass hatcheries and aquaculture operations to possess and sell undersize fish from those facilities.

BY: ________________________________
   Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director
   DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

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