PROCLAMATION

RE: GILL NET MAXIMUM SIZE: INTERNAL COASTAL FISHING WATERS

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at 12:01 A.M. Saturday, January 18, 2014 the following restrictions will apply to gill nets:

I. AREA DESCRIPTION

Internal Coastal Fishing Waters south of a line in Pamlico Sound beginning at a point on Roanoke Marshes Point 35° 48.5015’N-75° 44.1228’ W, running southeasterly to the north point of Eagle Nest Bay 35° 44.1710’N – 75° 31.0520’ W [southern boundary of the Albemarle Sound Management Area (ASMA)].

II. MAXIMUM MESH SIZE

It is unlawful to use gill nets with a mesh size of more than 6 1/2 inches (stretched mesh) in the area described above.

III. 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 Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H.0103 and 03J.0103.

B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H.0103.

C. For gear restrictions in the Albemarle Sound Management Area please refer to the most recent M-type proclamations for that area.

D. The intent of this proclamation is to allow the harvest of flounder and shad while reducing the taking of red drum and brood stock striped bass.

E. This proclamation supersedes Proclamation M-5-2013, dated February 21, 2013.

BY: ________________________________

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director
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