

PROCLAMATION

RE: SPOTTED SEATROUT RECREATIONAL

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective **12:01 A.M., Monday, November 14, 2011**, the following will apply to spotted seatrout in the recreational fishery:

I. SPOTTED SEATROUT RULE SUSPENSION

North Carolina Marine Fisheries Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0504 (a) and (b) are suspended.

II. MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT

It is unlawful to possess spotted seatrout (speckled trout) less than **14 inches** total length.

III. RECREATIONAL BAG LIMIT

It is unlawful to possess more than four (4) spotted seatrout per person per day by hook and line or for recreational purposes.

IV. 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. Fisheries Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103, 03I .0102 and 03M .0512.

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

C. This action is being taken following action by the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission on the Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan. The MFC directed the Director to implement these restrictions in the interim until the provisions of the Plan take effect in February, 2014.

D. This proclamation supersedes Proclamation FF-65- 2011, dated September 13, 2011.

By: _____
Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES