PROCLAMATION

RE: COMMERCIAL GILL NETS - PAMLICO SOUND GILL NET RESTRICTED AREA (PSGNRA)

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective **10:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 26, 2012**, the following management measures will be implemented for **commercial gill net fisheries** in **Pamlico Sound:**

I. PAMLICO SOUND CLOSURE

It is unlawful to use large mesh gill nets (greater than or equal to 5 ½ inch stretched mesh) **from 10:00 A.M. September 26, 2012 until opened by proclamation** in the internal waters of Pamlico Sound south and west of the 35° 46.3000 'N latitude line, east of the 76° 30.0000'W longitude line, and north of the 35° 00.0000'N latitude line.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-134; 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103, 3I .0107, 03I .0113 and 03J .0103.

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

C. The intent of this proclamation is to close the fall gill net fishery in the Pamlico Sound Gill Net Restricted Area due to the presence of large numbers of sea turtles in that area. A subsequent opening date for the PSGNRA between now and November 30, 2012 may be allowed, but that will be based solely on the presence of sea turtles.

D. This proclamation supersedes Proclamation M-39-2012, dated September 6, 2012.

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

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