PROCLAMATION

RE: BLACK SEA BASS - RECREATIONAL-ATLANTIC OCEAN

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., Thursday, November 1, 2012** the following restrictions will apply to the **recreational black sea bass fishery north of Cape Hatteras** (35° 15'N latitude):

I. **SEASON CLOSURE**

A. It is unlawful to possess black sea bass taken from waters under the jurisdiction of North Carolina or the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council **north of Cape Hatteras (35° 15'N latitude) for recreational purposes.**

B. **This closure shall remain in effect until 12:01 A.M., January 1, 2013.**

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 Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103 and 03M .0512.

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

C. This action is necessary because the 2012 recreational harvest limit established for black sea bass has been exceeded. The intent of this proclamation is to prevent further overage to the coast-wide black sea bass quota and reduce the chance of additional closures in 2013.

D. This proclamation supersedes Proclamation FF-31-2012, dated April 25, 2012 which set out the seasons for 2012.

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

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