14.5 REGULATIONS AFFECTING NC ESTUARINE STRIPED BASS STOCKS

Year	Statewide	ASMA/RRMA	Central/Southern
Prior to 1979	Minimum size limit 12 in TL, daily creel limit 25 fish (DMF/WRC)		
1979	Internal Coastal and Joint Waters- gill nets with a mesh length less than 2 ½ ISM are illegal (except area specifics)	No trawling in Albemarle and Croatan Sounds between Dec 1 and Mar 31	
1979		Roanoke River drift gill nets must be attended at all times (DMF)	
1979		Gill net mesh size changed from 3 ¼ ISM to 3 ½ ISM- western Albemarle Sound and Chowan River- summer/fall (DMF/Jul)	
1979		Defined small mesh nets (mullet nets to be used only in eastern Albemarle Sound) (DMF/Jul)	
1980	Creel limit reduced to 8 fish per day in Inland Waters (WRC)	Eliminated set gill nets in Roanoke River- Apr-May and restricted mesh size of drift gill nets (DMF/Oct)	
1980	Field possession limit reduced to one day's creel limit- Inland Waters (WRC)		
1981		Roanoke River bow netting eliminated (WRC) Possession of large dip nets prohibited in Inland Waters of the Roanoke River (WRC)	
1981		Extended drift gill net regulations to mouth of	

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		Roanoke, Middle, Eastmost and Cashie rivers proper (DMF/Oct)	
1982	Minimum size limit increased to 16 in TL in Inland Waters (WRC)		
1983		Eliminated small mesh gill nets in Currituck Sound, minimum size increased to 3 ½ ISM (Jun-Dec) (DMF/Jan)	
1983		Roanoke River- re-instituted use of set gill nets Apr-May of 3 ISM and less, no more than one drift gill net per boat (DMF Jan and Oct)	
1983		Eliminated 3 ¼ ISM gill nets (Jun-Dec) in all of Albemarle Sound and tributaries, increased minimum mesh size to 3 ½ ISM (DMF/Oct)	
1983	Prohibited possession of striped bass on vessels using trawl in Internal Coastal Waters (DMF/Jan)		
1984		First limited commercial season Oct-May (DMF/Aug)	
1984		Minimum gill net mesh size 3 ½ ISM Oct-Dec (DMF/Aug)	
1984		Eliminated gill nets in Albemarle Sound and tributaries Jun-Sep, except defined “mullet nets” (2 ½-3 ISM), floating and within 300 yd of shore (DMF/Aug)	
1984	Reduction in hook and line creel limit to 8 fish/day and increase		

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	minimum size limit to 16 in TL for Joint and Internal Coastal Waters (Jun-Sep) (DMF/Aug)		
1984	Unlawful to sell or offer for sale striped bass from Jun-Sep (DMF/Aug)		
1984	First size limit for Atlantic Ocean- 24 in TL commercial and recreational (DMF/Aug)		
1984	Closure of Atlantic Ocean, commercial and recreational, to possession by proclamation (DMF/Aug)		
1985	Reduction in creel limit to 3 fish in Inland Waters (WRC)	Prohibit sale of striped bass taken from Inland Waters of the Roanoke River (NC General Assembly)	
1984	Reduction in commercial season (Nov-Mar), unlawful to sell or possess striped bass from commercial gear except during the open season (DMF/Aug)	Revision of summer gill net use (Jun-Sep), which allowed 5 ISM and greater "flounder nets" and attendance at all times provisions for "mullet nets" in Albemarle Sound and tributaries (DMF/Aug)	
1984	Hook and line creel limit reduced to 3 fish/day Internal Coastal and Joint Waters year round. No sale of hook and line caught striped bass (DMF/Aug)		
1984	Commercial minimum size limit increased to 16 in TL in Joint Waters (DMF/Aug)		
1984	Commercial minimum size limit increased to 14 in TL in Internal		

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	Coastal Waters (DMF/Oct)		
1986	Minimum size limit increased to 16 in TL Internal Coastal waters (DMF/Oct)	Revisions to depth of water and net size for the fall gill net regulations (Oct-Dec)- increased striped bass conservation without severely impacting the harvest of white perch and catfish (DMF/Nov)	
1986	Repealed 16 in TL size limit, revert back to 14 in TL minimum size limit Internal Coastal Waters (DMF/Nov)	Established proclamation authority to open and close a portion of the striped bass season (Oct and Apr) (MFC/Nov)	
1986		Aligned Currituck Sound net regulations with the Albemarle Sound regulations relative to conservation measures (DMF/Nov)	
1986		Eliminated the possession and sale of striped bass from the spring Albemarle Sound gill net fishery and Roanoke River delta pound net fishery (DMF-effected by Aug 1985 regulations)	
1987		Eliminated all trawling in Albemarle Sound and tributaries year round (DMF/Dec)	
1987		Closed a portion of western Albemarle Sound to gill netting (Batchelor Bay area) and restricted the spring	

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		pound net fishery in the Roanoke River delta by proclamation (DMF/Aug) (remains in effect 2002)	
1988	Size limit in Atlantic Ocean will correspond to ASMFC Interstate Striped Bass FMP		
1988		Allow use of "mullet gill nets" in Currituck Sound between 2 ½ - 3 ¼ ISM, maximum 400 yds, attended at all times (Jun-Dec) (DMF/Sep)	
1989	Established proclamation authority to specify season or seasons: (a) hook and line and (b) commercial fishing equipment between 1 Oct and 30 Apr. Proclamations may specify areas, quantity, size and means/methods employed in harvest and require submission of statistical and biological data (MFC/Sep)	Closed Batchelor Bay area to anchor gill netting and restricted the possession of striped bass taken in pound nets to fish not less than 18 in TL or greater than 24 in TL.	
1989		Restricted use of small mesh "mullet gill nets" in Albemarle Sound and tributaries (DMF/Jun and Sep)	Commercial season in Internal Coastal waters closed 20 Apr (DMF/Apr)
1989		Delayed use of commercial gill nets of between 3-5 ISM in Albemarle Sound and tributaries from 1 Oct until 15 Nov, when commercial striped bass season opened	Commercial season opened 15 Nov in Internal Coastal Waters (DMF/Nov)

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		statewide. Mullet nets required attendance at all times (DMF/Oct)	
1989		Gill net mesh sizes restricted in Albemarle Sound area (DMF/Nov)	Commercial season closed in Internal Coastal Waters 22 Nov (DMF/Nov)
1989	Hook and line season closed in Internal Coastal Waters 26 Nov (DMF/Nov)		
1990		Albemarle Sound area-98,000 lb. (TAC) commercial harvest allocation to be managed on a monthly basis (DMF/Jan)	Commercial season opened 1 Jan in Internal Coastal Waters (DMF/Jan)
1990		Gill net size restrictions in Albemarle Sound area (DMF/Jan, Feb and Apr)	Commercial season closed 11 Jan in Internal Coastal Waters (DMF/Jan)
1990		Batchelor Bay area closed 1 Apr to anchor gill nets and prohibited the possession between 24 and 28 in TL and less than 18 in TL from pound nets (DMF/Mar)	Commercial season opened 21 Feb in Internal Coastal Waters (DMF/Feb)
1990		Delayed use of commercial gill nets of between 3-5 ISM from 3 Oct until 7 Jan 1991, when season opened statewide, required mullet gill nets be attended at all times (DMF/Oct)	Commercial season closed 20 Apr in Internal Coastal Waters (DMF/Apr)
1990	Hook and line season opened 1 Jan in Internal Coastal Waters (DMF/Jan)	By collateral action through proclamation (DMF) and emergency rule (WRC), striped bass season closed 10 May for hook and line possession in Joint Waters of Albemarle Sound area (DMF and WRC/May)	
1990	Hook and line season closed 24 Apr in Internal	By emergency rule season closed 10 May	

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	Coastal Waters (excluding Joint Waters) (DMF/Apr)	for hook and line possession in Inland Waters of Roanoke River (WRC/May)	
1990	By collateral action DMF and WRC, closed hook and line possession in Internal Coastal, Joint and Inland Waters 21 May (DMF and WRC/May)		
1991		ASMA commercial season opened 7 Jan and closed 9 Jan	Commercial season opened 7 Jan in all Internal Coastal Waters outside the ASMA (DMF/Jan)
1991		ASMA commercial TAC of 98,000 lbs. and managed on a monthly basis. Individual harvest permits required for fishermen or operations, 14 in TL minimum size in Internal Coastal Waters and 16 in TL in Joint Waters. Extensive gill net restrictions with specific amount or yardage of gill nets less than 5 ISM for all 1991 (DMF/Jan)	Commercial season closed by rule 30 Apr, all waters outside ASMA (DMF)
1991		ASMA opened 18 Jan with gear restrictions, harvest permittee limited to landing 3 fish/day, minimum size 20 In TL	1 Nov commercial season opened statewide, 18 in TL minimum size limit (DMF/Nov)
1991	Effective 1 Jan -16 in TL size limit established and a daily creel limit not to exceed 3 fish per person per day for all Internal Coastal, Joint and Inland Waters (DMF/WRC)	ASMA – 13 Feb harvest permittee limited to landing 5 fish/day, minimum size 18 in TL	

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1991		ASMA- 1 Mar harvest permittee limited to landing 10 fish/day, minimum size limit 18 in TL	1 Jan- hook and line season opened in all Internal Coastal waters statewide, excluding ASMA (DMF/Jan)
1991		ASMA- 25 Mar harvest permittee limited to landing 20 fish/day, minimum size 14 in TL in Internal Coastal Waters and 16 in TL in Joint Waters. Batchelor Bay area closed to anchor gill nets. Drift gill nets allowed in Roanoke, Eastmost, Middle and Cashie rivers, stationary gill nets prohibited (DMF/Mar)	1 Nov- hook and line season opened in all Internal Coastal and Joint Waters of the state, except for ASMA and RRMA
1991		ASMA- 6 Apr harvest permittee limited to landing 5 fish/day, minimum size limit 18 in TL (DMF/Apr)	By rule effective 1 Jul- 3 fish daily creel, 18 in TL minimum size, established year round for Inland Waters of the Tar, Neuse and Cape Fear rivers (WRC/Jul)
1991	By joint rule effective 1 Nov, minimum size limit for Joint Waters increased to 18 in TL (WRC and DMF/Nov)	ASMA- 13 Apr commercial season closed (DMF/Apr)	
1991	By rule effective 1 Nov, minimum size limit in Internal Coastal Waters increased to 18 in TL (DMF)	ASMA- 21 Jun- 3 ISM gill nets allowed, attended at all times (DMF/Jun)	
1991		ASMA- 3 Sep- 3-3 ½ ISM gill nets allowed with area restrictions and attendance at all times (DMF/Sep)	

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1991		ASMA- 1 Oct- 2 ½ ISM and larger gill nets allowed in southern portions of Roanoke and Croatan sounds (DMF/Oct)	
1991		ASMA- 1 Nov commercial season opened, harvest permittee limited to landing 3 fish/day, 18 in TL minimum size limit, small mesh gill nets attended at all times, with area restrictions (DMF/Nov)	
1991		ASMA- 8 Nov allowed 5 ¼ ISM and larger gill nets, consistent with 18 in TL minimum size limit (DMF/Nov)	
1991		ASMA- 22 Nov allowed 3- 3 ½ ISM gill nets unattended in waters less than 6 ft deep with restrictions (DMF/Nov)	
1991		ASMA- 20 Dec commercial season closed	

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1991		1 Jan- MFC and WRC adopted joint rules establishing the Albemarle Sound Management Area (ASMA) and the Roanoke River Management Area (RRMA). Harvest management in the two areas based upon an allocation of 29,400 lb. (TAC) per year for each area (corresponds to an 80% reduction in historical hook and line harvest) WRC management authority for hook and line harvest- Joint and Inland Waters of RRMA (Roanoke, Middle, Eastmost and Cashie rivers and their tributaries) MFC management authority for hook and line harvest in the remaining Internal Coastal, Joint and Inland Waters of the ASMA (Albemarle, Currituck, Roanoke and Croatan sounds and their tributaries) (Defined areas only apply to striped bass hook and line harvest management)	
1991		1 Jan- hook and line season opened in ASMA	
1991		By emergency rule hook and line season opened 1 Jan in RRMA (WRC/Jan)	

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1991		31 Jan- hook and line season closed in ASMA (DMF/Jan)	
1991		7 Feb- hook and line season opened in ASMA (DMF/Feb)	
1991		1 May- hook and line season closed in ASMA (DMF/May)	
1991		By emergency rule the WRC closed the hook and line season 1 May in RRMA (WRC/May)	
1991	By NC General Statute 113-292 (effective May 23, 1991) the WRC was granted proclamation authority to open and close hook and line striped bass seasons in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers		
1991		1 Nov- hook and line season opened in ASMA, 18 in TL minimum size limit and daily creel limit of 3 fish (DMF/Nov)	
1991		30 Nov- hook and line season closed in the ASMA (DMF/Nov)	
1991		By rule effective 1 Jul, in RRMA the following were established during the open season: 1 Jan- 31 Mar- Inland Waters- 1 fish daily creel, 18 in TL minimum size limit, Joint Waters- 3 fish daily creel, 18 in TL minimum size limit 1 Apr- 31 May- Inland Waters 3 fish daily	

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		creel, 18 in TL minimum size limit and NO fish between 22- 27 in TL maybe retained from US Hwy 258 to Roanoke Rapids Dam; Joint Waters- 3 fish daily creel, 18 in TL minimum size limit 1 Jun- 31 Dec- Inland Waters- 1 fish daily creel, 18 in TL minimum size limit, Joint Waters- 3 fish daily creel, 18 in TL minimum size limit	
1992		Throughout 1992 in the ASMA (excluding Croatan and Roanoke sounds) harvest permittee was limited to specific yardage of gill nets with stretched mesh less than 5 ¼ in. Gear and area restrictions varied seasonally. Stationary gill nets were prohibited in the RRMA.	21 Apr- commercial season closed in all Internal Coastal and Joint waters, outside the ASMA (DMF/Apr)
1992		ASMA- 11 Jan commercial season opened, harvest permittee limited to landing 10 fish per day (DMF/Jan)	23 Oct- commercial season opened in all Internal Coastal and Joint Waters, outside the ASMA
1992		ASMA- 3 Feb commercial harvest permittee limited to landing 5 fish per day (DMF/Feb)	
1992		ASMA- 19 Mar commercial harvest permittee limited to landing 3 fish per day. Drift gill nets allowed in Roanoke, Middle, Eastmost and Cashie rivers.	

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1992		ASMA- 16 Apr commercial season closed	
1992		ASMA- 3 Jul- small mesh gill nets must be attended at all times (DMF/Jun)	
1992		ASMA- 21 Oct- small mesh gill nets must be attended between sunrise and sunset (DMF/Oct)	
1992		ASMA- 9 Nov- commercial season opened with a closure date 20 Nov, harvest permittee limited to landing 3 fish per day (DMF/Oct)	
1992		ASMA- 23 Nov- allowed unattended small mesh gill nets (DMF/Nov)	
1992		RRMA- 1 Jan- hook and line season opened (WRC/Jan)	
1992		ASMA- 1 Jan- hook and line season opened (DMF/Dec)	
1992		RRMA- 20 Apr- hook and line season closed (WRC/Apr)	
1992		ASMA- 1 May- hook and line season closed (DMF/Apr)	
1992		ASMA- 1 Nov- hook and line season opened (DMF/Oct)	
1992		ASMA- 30 Nov- hook and line season closed (DMF/Nov)	
1993		Throughout 1993, ASMA (excluding Croatan and Roanoke sounds) harvest permittee were limited	17 Jan commercial season closed in Internal Coastal and Joint Waters

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		to specific yardage of gill nets with a stretched mesh less than 5 ¼ in. Gear and area restrictions varied seasonally. Stationary gill nets were prohibited in RRMA.	
1993		RRMA- 18 Jan drift gill nets allowed	1 Feb commercial season opened in all Internal Coastal and Joint Waters, outside ASMA
1993		ASMA- 1 Feb commercial season opened, harvest permittee limited to landing 5 fish per day, prohibited harvest from commercial gear in RRMA	5 Apr commercial season closed in Internal Coastal and Joint Waters outside the ASMA
1993		ASMA- 1 Mar commercial harvest permittee limited to landing 3 fish per day	
1993		ASMA- 5 Apr commercial season closed	
1993		ASMA- 17 May gill nets prohibited in Batchelor Bay-western Albemarle Sound and RRMA, excluding the prohibited area, gill nets in the western sound from Chowan River to the NC Power Transfer Line must be attended	
1993		ASMA- 2 Aug small mesh gill nets must be attended at all times, excluding Croatan and Roanoke sounds	
1993		ASMA- 6 Oct small	

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		mesh gill nets prohibited in water depth greater than 6 ft, excluding Croatan and Roanoke sounds	
1993		RRMA- 1 Feb hook and line season opened	
1993		ASMA- 1 Feb hook and line season opened	
1993		ASMA- 18 Apr hook and line season closed	
1993		RRMA- 25 Apr hook and line season closed	
1994		ASMA- 19 Feb recreational season open- harvest days Wed, Sat and Sun- 3 fish per person, 18 in TL minimum size limit and 15,000 pounds spring allocation	Commercial 25,000 lb. TAC for joint and internal coastal waters, outside the ASMA with the approval of the FMP by the MFC and WRC (Annual 1994-2002)
1994		ASMA- 21 February commercial season open- permittee limited to landing 10 fish per day and 18 in TL minimum size limit	Upper portions of Pamlico, Pungo, Bay and Neuse Rivers- 1 Sep gill nets less than 5 ISM must be attended at all times
1994		ASMA- 16 Mar recreational season closed	Upper portions of Pamlico, Pungo, Bay and Neuse Rivers- 12 Oct attendance lifted on all areas except upper Pamlico River
1994		RRMA- 19 Feb, hook and line season opened, possession limited to Wed, Sat and Sun, 2 Apr, lower river closed, 21 Apr, upper river closed	13 Mar commercial season closed in all Internal Coastal and Joint Waters
1994		RRMA- effective 1 Jul, protective 22 to 27 in TL slot limit extended to entire Roanoke River, 1	

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		Apr- 31 May (WRC)	
1994		ASMA- 21 Nov commercial season open- permittee limited to landing 5 fish per day and 18 in TL minimum size limit	
1994		ASMA- 23 Nov recreational season open- harvest days Wed, Sat and Sun- 3 fish per person, 18 in TL minimum size limit	
1994		ASMA- 7 Dec recreational season closed	
1994		ASMA- 21 Feb no gill nets set from 4:00 p.m. Friday until sunrise Monday	
1994		ASMA- 14 Mar- 15 Apr no gill nets set from 4:00 p.m. on Friday until sunrise Monday, 16 Apr – 31 May all gill nets attended 7 days per week, except flounder nets Batchelor Bay/ Western Albemarle Sound closed	
1994		ASMA- 1 Jun- 28 Oct small mesh gill nets 1,000 yd limit attended unless set in water less than 7 ft	
1994		ASMA- 17 Oct- 18 Nov small mesh gill nets 1,000 yd limit- attended Batchelor Bay/ Western Albemarle Sound closed	
1994		ASMA- 18 Nov no gill nets set from 4:00 p.m. Friday until sunrise	

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		Monday, small mesh gill nets attended, 3,000 yd limit- flounder nets	
1995		ASMA- 16 Jan small mesh gill nets (3 and 3 ¼) limit 800 yds, drift gill net 2 ½- 3 ISM, no flounder nets	Portions (upper and 200 yds. off shore) of Pamlico and Pungo Rivers- 20 Mar gill nets less than 5 ISM attended at all times
1995		ASMA- 1 Mar recreational season open	Portions (upper and 200 yds. off shore) of Pamlico and Pungo rivers- 8 Dec attendance lifted for gill nets less than or equal to 3 ½ ISM in nets nearshore in lower rivers
1995		ASMA- 1 Mar commercial season open- permittee limited to landing 5 fish per day, 18 in TL minimum size limit	Pamlico Sound, Pamlico, Bay and Neuse rivers- 22 Nov commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, permit required/ sale tags
1995		ASMA- 19 Mar recreational season closed	
1995		ASMA- 4 Apr commercial harvest- permittee limited to landing 2 fish per day (striped bass not to exceed 5% of total weight of catch), 18 in TL minimum size limit, commercial season close 14 Apr; Mesh size and yardage restrictions on gill nets, area closure	
1995		ASMA- 22 Nov commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum	

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		size limit, limited to landing 2 fish per day, harvest permit required and sale tags	
1995		ASMA- 22 Nov recreational season open, harvest days Wed, Sat and Sun, 21 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per day	
1995		ASMA- 24 Dec recreational season closed	
1995		ASMA- 26 Dec commercial season closed	
1995		RRMA- 1 Mar, hook and line season opened, possession limited to Wed, Sat, and Sun, 9 Apr, lower river closed, 14 Apr, upper river closed	
1996		ASMA- 16 Feb commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day (not to exceed 25% by weight of total catch), permit required and sale tags, season close 15 Apr	Cape Fear River- 29 Jan commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, permit required and sale tags, season close 30 Apr
1996		ASMA- 16 Mar recreational season open- harvest days Wed, Sat and Sun, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 3 fish per person per day	Upper portions of Pamlico, Pungo, Bay, Neuse and Trent Rivers- gill nets less than 5 ISM must be attended at all times
1996		ASMA- 31 Mar recreational season closed	Pamlico Sound, Pamlico, Pungo, Bay and Neuse rivers- 29 Feb commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, permit required and sale tags
1996		ASMA- 8 Apr	Pamlico Sound, Pamlico ,

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		commercial season, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 3 fish per day (not to exceed 15% by weight of the total catch)	Pungo, Bay and Neuse rivers- 12 Dec commercial season open, 18 in TL size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day (not to exceed 25% by weight of total catch), harvest permits , season close 31 Dec
1996		ASMA- 30 Nov commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day (not to exceed 25% by weight of total catch, permit required and sale tags	
1996		ASMA- 22 Dec recreational season closed	
1996		ASMA- 23 Dec commercial 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day (not to exceed 25% by weight of total catch), close 31 Dec	
1996		RRMA- 16 Mar, hook and line season opened, possession limited to Wed, Sat, and Sun, 10 Apr, lower river closed	
1996		RRMA- effective 1 Jul, single barbless hook rule enacted for Roanoke River, 1 Apr- 30 Jun, Roanoke River, 1 Apr- 30 June, Roanoke Rapids Lake Dam downstream to US Hwy 258 bridge (WRC)	
1997		ASMA- 15 Feb commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum	Cape Fear River- 13 Jan commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size

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		size limit, limited to landing 3 fish per day (not to exceed 25% by weight of total catch	limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, season close 30 Apr
1997		ASMA- 15 Mar recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 3 fish per day, harvest days- Wed, Sat and Sun	Pamlico Sound, Pamlico, Pungo, Bay and Neuse rivers and Carteret County- 15 Feb commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 3 fish per day (not to exceed 25% by weight of total catch)
1997		ASMA- 23 Mar recreational season closed	Pamlico Sound, Pamlico, Pungo, Bay and Neuse rivers and Carteret County- 22 Mar commercial season closed
1997		ASMA- 24 Mar commercial, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 7 fish per day (not to exceed 40% by weight of total catch), permit and sale tags required, season closed 15 Apr	Pamlico Sound, Pamlico, Pungo, Bay, Neuse, White Oak and all Internal Waters of Carteret County- 3 Nov commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, permit and sale tags required
1997		ASMA- 15 Nov recreational season open, 21 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per day, harvest days- Wed, Sat and Sun, season close 31 Dec	Pamlico Sound, Pamlico, Pungo, Bay, Neuse, White Oak and all Internal Waters of Carteret County- 19 Nov commercial season closed
1997		ASMA- 3 Nov commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day (not to exceed 50% by weight of total catch), permit required and sale tags	Portions of Pamlico, Pungo, Neuse and Trent Rivers- 24 Jan attendance required for gill nets less than or equal to 5 ISM, except gill nets less than or equal to 3 ½ ISM in nearshore (less than 200 yds from shore) in lower rivers
1997		ASMA- 5 Dec commercial season	

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		closed	
1997		RRMA- 15 Mar, hook and line season opened, possession limited to Wed, Sat, and Sun, 23 Mar, lower river closed, 2 Apr, upper river closed, upper river reopened 19 Apr for a 6 hour season to use remaining allowable harvest	
1998		ASMA- TAC commercial 125,440 lb., recreational 62,720 lb., RRMA- TAC recreational 62,720 lb.	Cape Fear River- 8 Jan commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, permit and sale tags required, season close 30 Apr
1998		ASMA- 16 Feb commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required	Pamlico Sound, Coastal Rivers, Bays and Tributaries and Internal Waters of Carteret County- 16 Feb commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required
1998		ASMA- 14 Mar recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 3 fish per day, harvest days- Wed, Sat and Sun	All Internal Coastal Waters- Carteret, Craven, Beaufort and Pamlico Counties and Pamlico and Pungo rivers- 1 Dec commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, close 31 Dec
1998		ASMA- 8 Apr commercial season closed	Portions of upper Pamlico, Pungo, Neuse and Trent Rivers- 1 Dec through 30 Apr attendance requires for gill nets less than 5 ISM and within 200 yds. of

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			shore
1998		ASMA- 22 Apr recreational season closed	
1998		ASMA- 28 Oct recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per day, harvest days- Wed, Sat and Sun, season close 30 Dec	
1998		ASMA- 1 Dec commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 31 Dec	
1998		RRMA- 14 Mar, hook and line season opened, possession limited to Wed, Sat, and Sun, 12 Apr, lower river closed, 29 Apr, upper river closed	
1999	Internal Coastal and Joint Waters- 6 Nov recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 3 fish per person per day	ASMA- TAC commercial 137,984 lbs., recreational 68,992 lbs., RRMA- TAC recreational 68,992 lbs.	Cape Fear River- Internal, Joint and Coastal Waters- 8 Jan commercial season open, minimum size limit 18 in TL, limited to landing 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 30 Apr
1999	All Primary Nursery Areas (PNAs) and Secondary Nursery Area (SNAs), no trawl areas (Outer Banks areas modified) and within 200 yds. of shore- 1 May through 31 Oct gill nets less than 5 ISM must be	ASMA- 1 Jan recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Sat and Sun, season close 16 Mar	All Internal Coastal Waters of Carteret, Craven, Beaufort, and Pamlico Counties, Pamlico and Pungo Rivers and Pamlico Sound- 9 Feb commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags

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	attended each year		required
1999		ASMA- 9 Feb commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit required and sale tags, season close 28 Mar	All Internal Coastal Waters of Carteret, Craven, Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, Pamlico and Pungo rivers and Pamlico Sound- 5 Apr commercial season closed
1999		ASMA-29 Mar commercial 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season closed 15 Apr	Upper Pamlico, Pungo and Neuse Rivers- 1 May gill nets less than 5 ISM must be attended at all times (year round)
1999		ASMA- 2 Apr recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Fri, Sat, Sun and Mon, season close 5 Apr	All Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, Pamlico, Pungo and White Oak rivers- 1 Dec commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 31 Dec
1999		ASMA- 6 Nov recreational season open, 18 in TL min size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Sat and Sun, season close 29 Dec	
1999		ASMA- 1 Dec commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 12 Dec	

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1999		ASMA- 13 Dec commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 31 Dec	
1999		RRMA- 13 Mar, hook and line season opened, possession limited to Wed, Sat and Sun, 7 Apr, lower river closed, 28 Apr, upper river closed	
2000	Effective 1 Jul, no striped bass 22 to 27 in TL may be possessed in the Inland Waters of Tar and Neuse river, 1 Apr-31 May	ASMA- TAC commercial 225,000 lbs., recreational 112,500 lbs., RRMA- TAC recreational 112,500 lbs.	
2000		ASMA- 1 Jan recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun, season close 26 Apr	Cape Fear River- 8 Jan commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 1imited to landing 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 30 Apr
2000		ASMA- 7 Jan commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 26 Mar	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers and Pamlico Sound- 11 Feb commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required
2000		ASMA- 27 Mar commercial, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 15 Apr	Pamlico Sound- Internal Coastal Waters- 9 Mar commercial season closed

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2000		ASMA- 11 Oct recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun, season close 12 Nov	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort, and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers- 24 Mar commercial season closed
2000		ASMA- 13 Nov commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 31 Dec	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort, and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers- 13 Nov commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required
2000		ASMA- 15 Nov recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 1 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun, season close 3 Dec	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort, and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers- 28 Nov commercial season closed
2000		RRMA- 15 Mar, hook and line season opened, possession limited to Tue, Wed, Sat and Sun, 12 Apr lower river closed, 30 Apr upper river closed	
2001		ASMA- 5 Jan commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season closed 25 Mar	Cape Fear River- 8 Jan commercial season open, 18in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 30 Apr
2001		ASMA- 17 Jan recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers and Pamlico Sound- 12 Feb commercial

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		Sun, season close 18 Apr	season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required
2001		ASMA- 26 Mar commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season close 15 Apr	Pamlico Sound- Internal Coastal Waters- 2 Mar commercial season closed
2001		ASMA- 17 Oct recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun, season closed 25 Nov	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort, and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers- 14 Mar commercial season closed
2001		ASMA- 19 Nov commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season closed 21 Dec	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort, and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers- 3 Dec commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size e limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required
2001		RRMA- 13 Mar hook and line season opened, possession limited to Tue, Wed, Sat and Sun, 22 Apr lower river closed, 29 Apr upper river closed	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort, and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers- 14 Dec commercial season closed
2002		ASMA- 7 Jan commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day (not to exceed 50% by	Cape Fear River- 7 Jan commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required,

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		weight of the total catch), dealer permit and sale tags required, season closed 15 Apr	season close 30 Apr
2002		ASMA- 7 Jan small mesh gill nets not to exceed 800 yds, 5 ¼ ISM and larger flounder nets limited to 3,000 yds, 5 ¼ ISM and larger shad (float) nets limited to 1,000 yds (18 Feb-14 Apr), western Albemarle Sound area closed to gill nets	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers and Pamlico Sound- 25 Feb commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season closed 16 Mar
2002		ASMA- 16 Jan recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun, season closed 14 Apr	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers- 2 Dec commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season closed 13 Dec
2002		RRMA- hook and line season set by WRC regulations, lower river open 1 Mar- 15 Apr, upper river open 15 Mar- 30 Apr, creel limit reduced to 2 fish/day, possession allowed 7 days/week, protective 22- 27 in TL slot limit extended to include the entire open harvest season	
2002		ASMA- 4 Nov commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season closed 20 Dec	
2002		ASMA- 6 Nov	

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		recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun, season closed 29 Dec	
2003		ASMA- 6 Jan commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season to close15 Apr, unless closed earlier by proclamation	Cape Fear River- 9 Jan commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season closes 30 Apr
2003		ASMA- 15 Jan recreational season open, 18 in TL min size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun, season will closed 23 Apr, re-open 25 Apr and closed 30 Apr, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun	Internal Coastal Waters Carteret, Craven, Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, Pungo and White Oak Rivers and Pamlico Sound- 3 Mar commercial season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, limited to landing 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required, season closed 31 Mar
2003		RRMA- hook and line season set by WRC regulations, lower river open 1 Mar- 15 Apr, upper river open 15 Mar- 30 Apr, creel limit reduced to 2 fish/day, possession allowed 7 days/week, protective 22- 27 in TL slot limit extended to include the entire open harvest season, only 1 of the 2	

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		fish daily creel limit may be greater than 27 in TL	
2004		ASMA – 5 Jan – Apr 6 – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 5 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required; No fall season,	
2004		ASMA- 14 Jan – 30 Apr recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun; 11 Oct – Dec 1 recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest days- Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun;	
2004		RRMA- hook and line season set by WRC regulations, lower river open 1 Mar- 15 Apr, upper river open 15 Mar- 30 Apr, creel limit reduced to 2 fish/day, possession allowed 7 days/week, protective 22- 27 in TL slot limit extended to include the entire open harvest	
2005		ASMA – 3 Jan – Mar 30 – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 5 or 10 fish per day, dealer	

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		permit and sale tags required; 3 Oct – Nov 30 – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 5 or 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required;	
2005		ASMA- 5 Jan – 3 Apr recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest 7 days per week; 1Oct – Dec 31 recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per person per day, harvest 7 days per week,	
2005		RRMA- hook and line season set by WRC regulations, lower river open 1 Mar- 27 Apr, upper river open 15 Mar- 4 May, creel limit reduced to 2 fish/day, possession allowed 7 days/week, protective 22- 27 in TL slot limit extended to include the entire open harvest,	
2006		ASMA – 1 Jan – 30 Apr – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 5 or 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required; 1 Oct – Nov 30 – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required	
2006		ASMA- 1 Jan – 30 Apr recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 2 fish per	

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		person per day, harvest 7 days per week; 1 Oct – Dec 31 recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 3 fish per person per day, harvest 7 days per week,	
2006		RRMA- hook and line season set by WRC regulations, lower river open 1 Mar- 22 Apr, upper river open 15 Mar- 30 Apr, creel limit 2 fish/day, possession allowed 7 days/week, protective 22- 27 in TL slot limit extended to include the entire open harvest,	
2007		ASMA – 1 Jan – 30 Apr – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 5 or 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required; 1 Oct – Nov 30 – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required,	
2007		ASMA- 1 Jan – 6 May recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 3 fish per person per day, harvest 7 days per week; 1 Oct – Dec 31 recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 3 fish per person per day, harvest 7 days per week,	
2007		RRMA- hook and line season set by WRC regulations, entire river season 1 Mar- 6 May, creel limit 2 fish/day,	

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		possession allowed 7 days/week, protective 22- 27 in TL slot limit extended to include the entire open harvest,	
2008		ASMA – 1 Jan – 30 Apr – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 5 or 15 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required; 1 Oct – Nov 30 – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required,	
2008		ASMA – 1 Jan – 30 Apr – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 5 or 15 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required; 1 Oct – Nov 30 – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required,	
2008		ASMA- 1 Jan – 6 May recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 3 fish per person per day, harvest 7 days per week; 1 Oct – Dec 31 recreational season open, 18 in TL minimum size limit, 3 fish per person per day, harvest 7 days per week,	
2008		ASMA – 1 Jan – 30 Apr – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 5 or 15 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags	

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		required; 1 Oct – Nov 30 – commercial season open, 18 in TL min. size, limited to 10 fish per day, dealer permit and sale tags required,	