14.4 HISTORICAL REGULATIONS

These regulations are just a few of those in place overtime.
The following rules are quoted from the referenced rule books:

North Carolina Fishing Laws- Consolidated Statutes 1923- Fisheries Commission Board

If any person fishes on Sunday with a seine, drag-net, or other kind of net, except such as is fastened to stakes, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fines not less than two hundred nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than twelve months.

Albemarle Sound Area
No person shall set or fish any dutch net or pound net in Roanoke River, Cashie or Middle and Eastmost rivers, or within two miles of the mouth of said rivers, or within one mile of the mouth of any other river emptying into Albemarle Sound, or less than two miles in width at its mouth, any such net set within one mile of the mouth of any other river emptying into said sound shall not extend into the main channel at its mouth.

It is unlawful to set, fish or use any gill nets of any description, either stake, anchor or drift, for commercial purposes in the Albemarle Sound west of a line drawn straight from Batt's Island on northern side of Albemarle Sound to mouth of Scuppernong River on south side of said sound, except between the hours of four o'clock and eleven o'clock p.m., and then said nets or combinations of such nets shall not be more than six hundred yards in length, and there shall not be allowed to any boat more than six hundred yards of such gill nets.

Cape Fear River
It is unlawful to fish with dutch, pod, fyke or other pound nets, or stake or stationary nets, or nets of like kind, in the waters of the Cape Fear River below the mouth of Black River, twelve miles above Wilmington, or in the waters of Northeast River below the Castle Hayne Bridge. Drift nets shall be permitted in the waters of the Cape Fear River within the territory as above described in this section, and its tributaries, between February first and May first of each year. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than fifty dollars or imprisoned not less than thirty days.

Pamlico and Tar River
If any person, from the fifteenth day of February to the tenth day of May of every year, from twelve o'clock meridian of Saturday until sunrise Monday morning of each week, shall fish any seine, set net, drift net, or any other net of any name or kind whatever, in the waters of Pamlico or Tar rivers and tributaries, except bow or skim nets, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Neuse River
If any person shall set or fish any dutch or pound nets in the waters of Pamlico County, or shall use any seine or drag net in the waters of said county, including the north side of Neuse River from the mouth of the river to the mouth of Upper Broad Creek, from the first day of May to the first day of January next ensuing, or shall ant any time catch fish with a seine or drag net along the shores of said county on any day of the week except Monday, Wednesday and Friday, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

Rules and Regulations of the Department of Conservation and Development Relative to the Commercial Fisheries of North Carolina 1947

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take, buy, sell, offer for sale, have in his or their possession, or unnecessarily destroy, anywhere in the State of North Carolina, any fish of less size than the length specified for the several kinds of fish or for any express company, railroad company or any common carrier to accept them for shipment. Rockfish or striped bass 12 inches. Provided, that this provision shall not be construed to prevent catches of smaller fish with hook and line for sport or personal use.

Albemarle Sound Area
It shall be lawful to use purse seines not exceeding two hundred yards in length for taking rock in Albemarle Sound east of a line drawn from Laurel Point Light House to Batt's Island from October 1 to December 20 of each year.

It shall be unlawful at any time to take female (roe) striped bass (rock) with nets, seines, or by any means whatsoever in that portion of the Roanoke River between the Hart Bridge near Scotland Neck and the New Highway Bridge at Weldon. Any female or roe striped bass taken within said territory shall be released immediately at the place caught and with as little damage as possible to the fish.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to fish nets of any kind in Albemarle Sound and its tributaries above a line drawn from Laurel's Point Lighthouse to Batt's Island between sunset and sunrise during the shad and herring fishing seasons.

Neuse or Pamlico Rivers
It shall be unlawful to set anchor gill nets in any of the waters of Neuse or Pamlico Rivers at any season of the year.

Cape Fear River
It shall be unlawful to catch or take with nets or seines any striped bass or rock in any waters of New Hanover County.