

SUBCHAPTER 3B - FISHERIES REGULATIONS FOR COASTAL WATERS

SECTION .0100 - GENERAL REGULATIONS

15A NCAC 03B .0101 SCOPE AND FUNCTION

15A NCAC 03B .0102 DEFINITIONS

15A NCAC 03B .0103 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF REGULATIONS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-121; 113-134; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; September 1, 1988;
December 1, 1987; September 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0104 TAXES

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-152; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. January 1, 1979;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1984.

15A NCAC 03B .0105 LEGAL SIZES AND CREEL LIMITS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. April 1, 1990; September 1, 1989; September 1, 1988; December 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0106 SEASONS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. August 4, 1980.

15A NCAC 03B .0107 CONFISCATION AND DISPOSITION

15A NCAC 03B .0108 INTRODUCTION OF EXOTICS

15A NCAC 03B .0109 OCEAN FISHING PIERS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-137; 113-182; 113-185; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; December 1, 1987;
October 1, 1985; August 1, 1984;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0110 DESTRUCTION OF SIGNS PROHIBITED

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-264; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. January 1, 1979;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1984.

15A NCAC 03B .0111 ARTIFICIAL REEFS AND RESEARCH SANCTUARIES

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-181; 113-182; 143B-289.4;

Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; December 1, 1987; January 1, 1979;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0112 VIOLATION OF THESE REGULATIONS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-135; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1984.

15A NCAC 03B .0113 PROTECTION OF SEA TURTLES

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-132; 113-134; 113-138; 113-181; 113-182;
113-224; 143B-289.4;
Eff. May 1, 1979;
Amended Eff. February 1, 1990;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0114 SEA TURTLE SANCTUARY

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. August 4, 1980;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; December 1, 1987;
January 1, 1983; August 3, 1981;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0115 ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. January 1, 1983;
Amended Eff. December 1, 1987; October 1, 1983;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0116 SHIPPING AND TRANSPORTING SEAFOOD

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. January 1, 1984;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; August 1, 1984;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0117 MILITARY RESTRICTED AREAS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-181; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. August 1, 1984;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; July 1, 1988;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

SECTION .0200 - LICENSES

15A NCAC 03B .0201 LICENSE AGENTS

15A NCAC 03B .0202 DEALER'S AND OCEAN PIER LICENSE DISPLAY

15A NCAC 03B .0203 VESSEL LICENSE

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-151.1; 113-152; 143B-289.4;

Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; August 1, 1984; January 1, 1984; October 1, 1983;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0204 RECIPROCAL FISHING RIGHTS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-151; 113-161; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1984.

15A NCAC 03B .0205 BAIT DEALERS
15A NCAC 03B .0206 SURRENDER OF LICENSES
15A NCAC 03B .0207 SALE OF FISH

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-151; 113-156; 113-166; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; October 1, 1983;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

SECTION .0300 - NET REGULATIONS: GENERAL

15A NCAC 03B .0301 FIXED OR STATIONARY NETS
15A NCAC 03B .0302 NETS OR NET STAKES

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; August 1, 1985;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0303 NETS HAULED BY ENGINE POWER

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. August 4, 1980.

15A NCAC 03B .0304 GILL NETS
15A NCAC 03B .0305 TRAWL NETS
15A NCAC 03B .0306 PURSE SEINES AND PURSE GILL NETS
15A NCAC 03B .0307 CHANNEL NETS
15A NCAC 03B .0308 POUND NETS
15A NCAC 03B .0309 NETS PULLED BY MORE THAN ONE BOAT

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221; 143B-286; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; September 1, 1988;
December 1, 1987; September 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0310 SEINES PULLED BY ONE OR MORE BOATS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. March 1, 1987;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

SECTION .0400 - NET REGULATIONS: SPECIFIC

15A NCAC 03B .0401 ALBEMARLE SOUND AND TRIBUTARIES
15A NCAC 03B .0402 ATLANTIC OCEAN
15A NCAC 03B .0403 CHOWAN RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES
15A NCAC 03B .0404 CURRITUCK SOUND AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; September 1, 1988;
December 1, 1987; September 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0405 NEUSE RIVER

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. June 2, 1976;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1983.

15A NCAC 03B .0406 PAMLICO RIVER

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. June 2, 1976.

15A NCAC 03B .0407 PAMLICO SOUND

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. August 4, 1980.

15A NCAC 03B .0408 PAMLICO SOUND
15A NCAC 03B .0409 ROANOKE, CASHIE, MIDDLE, AND EASTMOST RIVERS
15A NCAC 03B .0410 SOUTHPORT BOAT HARBOR

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; August 1, 1985;
February 1, 1985; October 1, 1983;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0411 CAPE LOOKOUT BIGHT

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. October 1, 1983.

15A NCAC 03B .0412 CAMP ATLANTIC BOYS' CAMP

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. October 1, 1978.

15A NCAC 03B .0413 CAROLINA POWER AND LIGHT INTAKE CANAL

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. October 1, 1983;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

SECTION .0500 - DREDGES, POTS, RAKES AND OTHER FISHING DEVICES

15A NCAC 03B .0501 DREDGES AND MECHANICAL METHODS

15A NCAC 03B .0502 MISCELLANEOUS FISHING DEVICES

15A NCAC 03B .0503 LEAVING DEVICES UNATTENDED

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-137; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. November 1, 1990; September 1, 1989;
September 1, 1988; December 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0504 EEL: CRAB: FISH: SHRIMP POTS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. November 1, 1977;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; September 1, 1988;
December 1, 1987; September 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0505 RAKES

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. October 1, 1981;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; October 1, 1983; January 1, 1983;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

SECTION .0600 - USE OF FINFISH FOR OTHER THAN HUMAN CONSUMPTION

15A NCAC 03B .0601 PROHIBITIONS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-185; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1986.

15A NCAC 03B .0602 UNMARKETABLE FOOD OR SCRAP FISH

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-185; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; August 1, 1986;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0603 EXEMPTIONS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-185; 143B-286;

Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1986.

SECTION .0700 - SHRIMP AND SHRIMPING

15A NCAC 03B .0701 USE OF NETS IN TAKING SHRIMP
15A NCAC 03B .0702 SHRIMPING SEASON

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December 1, 1987; September 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

SECTION .0800 - CRABS

15A NCAC 03B .0801 TAKING OF CRABS
15A NCAC 03B .0802 CRAB SPAWNING SANCTUARIES

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; September 1, 1988;
December 1, 1987; September 1, 1987;
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History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-201; 113-202; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
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15A NCAC 03B .0905 TAKING OR UNLOADING CLAMS ON SUNDAY OR AT NIGHT

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
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September 1, 1987; January 1, 1984;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0906 PERMITS FOR TAKING CLAMS FOR PLANTING

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-201; 113-202; 113-203; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. October 1, 1983;
Amended Eff. February 1, 1990; September 1, 1989; December 1, 1987;

Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .0907 CLAM HATCHERIES

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. September 1, 1989;
Amended Eff. November 1, 1990; December 1, 1989;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.*

SECTION .1000 - SCALLOPS

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*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; December 1, 1987;
September 1, 1987; August 1, 1986;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.*

15A NCAC 03B .1005 SEA SCALLOPS

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. September 1, 1989;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.*

SECTION .1100 - OYSTERS

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*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-201; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. February 1, 1990; September 1, 1989;
December 1, 1987; September 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.*

15A NCAC 03B .1104 RECORDS

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-151; 113-163; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. January 1, 1983;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1984.*

**15A NCAC 03B .1105 POSSESSION OF UNAPPROVED OYSTERS
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15A NCAC 03B .1109 TAKING OR UNLOADING OYSTERS ON SUNDAY OR AT NIGHT**

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-201; 113-202; 113-203; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. February 1, 1990; September 1, 1989;
September 1, 1988; December 1, 1987;
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15A NCAC 03B .1110 CULTIVATION OF SHELLFISH

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-201; 113-202; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. October 1, 1983;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1984.

15A NCAC 03B .1111 TAKING OYSTERS, CLAMS, AND MUSSELS FROM POLLUTED WATERS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. February 1, 1990; September 1, 1989;
December 1, 1987; September 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .1112 TAKING RANGIA CLAMS BY PERMIT

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1984.

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History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. April 28, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

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History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221; 143B-286;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. October 1, 1983; August 4, 1980; January 1, 1979; January 1, 1977;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1984.

15A NCAC 03B .1303 REGULATION CHANGES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: PROCEDURE

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-286;

Eff. February 1, 1976;
Repealed Eff. August 4, 1980.

15A NCAC 03B .1304 REGULATION CHANGES EFF IMMEDIATELY: PROCEDURE
15A NCAC 03B .1305 REVIEW OF PROCLAMATIONS

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221; 143B-286;
Eff. October 1, 1983;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1984.

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History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-229; 143B-289.4;
Eff. November 1, 1977;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; September 1, 1987;
August 1, 1986; August 1, 1985;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .1406 VIOLATION TO USE SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT
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History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. August 1, 1986;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; December 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

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History Note: Authority G.S. 113-132; 113-134; 113-182; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. August 1, 1985;
Amended Eff. September 1, 1989; September 1, 1988;
December 1, 1987; November 1, 1986;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

15A NCAC 03B .1507 MULLET

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.4;
Eff. September 1, 1989;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.

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History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 113-201; 113-221; 143B-289.4;
Eff. September 1, 1987;
Amended Eff. February 1, 1990; September 1, 1989; December 1, 1987;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 1991.