

**SUBCHAPTER 03M - FINFISH**

**SECTION .0100 – FINFISH, GENERAL**

**15A NCAC 03M .0101 MUTILATED FINFISH**

It shall be unlawful to possess aboard a vessel or while engaged in fishing any species of finfish that is subject to a size or harvest restriction without having head and tail attached, except:

- (1) mullet when used for bait;
- (2) hickory shad when used for bait, provided that not more than two hickory shad per vessel or fishing operation may be cut for bait at any one time; and
- (3) tuna possessed in a commercial fishing operation as provided in Rule .0520 of this Subchapter.

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