

SECTION .0200 - STRIPED BASS

15A NCAC 03M .0201 STRIPED BASS REQUIREMENTS; GENERAL

- (a) For the purpose of this Section, "striped bass" shall mean striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) and its hybrids taken in Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters or imported from other states.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to possess striped bass that are less than 18 inches long (total length) imported from other states.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to import, buy, sell, transport, offer to buy or sell, or possess striped bass except during any:
- (1) open striped bass season established for Internal Waters;
 - (2) open striped bass season established for the Atlantic Ocean; or
 - (3) open striped bass season of another state while in possession of the following:
 - (A) a bill of lading as described in 15A NCAC 03I .0114; and
 - (B) a numbered, state-issued tag from the state of origin affixed through the mouth and gill cover. This tag must remain affixed until processed for consumption by the consumer.
- (d) The management areas for estuarine striped bass fisheries in coastal North Carolina are designated in 15A NCAC 03R .0201.

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