

**15A NCAC 03M .0515 DOLPHIN**

(a) It shall be unlawful to possess for recreational purposes any of the following:

- (1) more than 10 dolphin per person per day taken by hook and line; and
- (2) more than 60 dolphin per vessel per day regardless of the number of individuals on board, except headboat vessels with a valid U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection may possess 10 dolphin per paying customer.

(b) It shall be unlawful for a commercial fishing operation without a valid federal Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial vessel permit to do any of the following:

- (1) take or possess more than 10 dolphin per person per day; and
- (2) sell dolphin.

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