

**15A NCAC 03R .0111 PURSE SEINES PROHIBITED**

(a) It is unlawful to take menhaden or Atlantic thread herring by the use of a purse seine from the Atlantic Ocean within an area bounded by a line extending from a point near the Bald Head Lighthouse (33° 52.3500' N - 78° 00.3000' W) running southwesterly to a point near Cape Fear River ship channel buoy "9" (33° 51.5500' N - 78° 01.5500' W), then running northwesterly to a point near the foot of the Yaupon Beach Fishing Pier on Oak Island (33° 54.2000' N - 78° 04.9333' W), then following the shoreline easterly to a point near Fort Caswell (33° 53.2166' N - 78° 01.1833' W), then running southeasterly back to the point of origin.

(b) It is unlawful to take menhaden or Atlantic thread herring by the use of a purse seine from the Atlantic Ocean from May 1 through September 30:

- (1) In that area bounded by a line beginning at a point onshore at the northern boundary of Dare County 36° 13.8536' N - 75° 46.3914' W; running easterly 1.5 miles to a point offshore 36° 13.8536' N - 75° 44.3814' W; running southerly parallel to and 1.5 nautical miles from the ocean beach to a point 1.5 nautical miles offshore the northern town limits of Southern Shores 36° 09.0673' N - 75° 44.2225' W; running westerly to a point onshore at the northern town limits of Southern Shores 36° 09.0673' N - 75° 42.2416' W; and
- (2) In that area bounded by a line beginning at a point at the southern limits of Kitty Hawk 36° 03.3187' N - 75° 40.9503' W; running easterly 1.5 nautical miles to a point offshore 36° 03.3187' N - 75° 38.8029' W; running southerly parallel to and 1.5 nautical miles from the ocean beach to a point 1.5 nautical miles offshore of the rock jetty south of Oregon Inlet 35° 46.4052' N - 75° 29.2379' W; running westerly to a point onshore at the rock jetty south of Oregon Inlet 35° 46.4052' N - 75° 31.5369' W.

(c) It is unlawful to take menhaden or Atlantic thread herring by the use of a purse seine from the Atlantic Ocean from October 1 through December 31:

- (1) In that area bounded by a line beginning at a point onshore at the northern boundary of Dare County 36° 13.8536' N - 75° 46.3914' W; running easterly 0.5 nautical miles to a point offshore 36° 13.8536' N - 75° 45.6977' W; running southerly parallel to and 0.5 nautical miles off the ocean beach to a point 0.5 nautical miles offshore the northern town limits of Southern Shores 36° 09.0673' N - 75° 43.5514' W; running westerly 0.5 nautical miles to a point onshore at the northern town limits of Southern Shores 36° 09.0673' N - 75° 44.2416' W; and
- (2) In that area bounded by a line beginning at a point at the southern limits of Kitty Hawk 36° 03.3187' N - 75° 40.9503' W; running easterly 0.5 nautical miles to a point offshore 36° 03.3187' N - 75° 40.2033' W; running southerly parallel to and 0.5 nautical mile off the ocean beach to a point offshore the rock jetty south of Oregon Inlet 35° 46.4052' N - 75° 30.6134' W; running westerly to a point onshore at the rock jetty south of Oregon Inlet 35° 46.4052' N - 75° 31.5369' W.

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