Note from the Codifier: The OAH website includes notices and the text of proposed temporary rules as required by G.S. 150B-21.1(a1). Prior to the agency adopting the temporary rule, the agency must hold a public hearing no less than five days after the rule and notice have been published and must accept comments for at least 15 business days.

For questions, you may contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 984-236-1850 or email oah.postmaster@oah.nc.gov.

TITLE 15A - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1(a3) that the Wildlife Resources Commission intends to amend the rule cited as 15A NCAC 10C .0422.

Codifier of Rules received for publication the following notice and proposed temporary rule(s) on: April 19, 2024.

Public Hearing: Date: *May 14, 2024* **Time:** 2:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting. Registration Required:

https://ncwildlife-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_AyTSECQhTumMLCnF7Iyy3Q

Join by phone: Toll Free (833) 568-8864

Webinar ID: 160 867 9428

Reason for Proposed Temporary Action: G.S. 150B-21.1(a)(7)c. To be consistent with the preferred management option for the Striped Mullet Fisheries Management Plan Amendment 2 and the pending Division of Marine Fisheries proclamation, the proposed rule amendment will reduce the daily creel limit for Striped and White Mullet to 100 fish in aggregate and establish a limit of no more than 400 fish total per boat.

Comment Procedures: Comments from the public shall be directed to: Rulemaking Coordinator, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; email regulations@ncwildlife.org. The comment period begins April 22, 2024 and ends May 20, 2024.

CHAPTER 10 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND WATER SAFETY

SUBCHAPTER 10C - INLAND FISHING REGULATIONS

SECTION .0400 - NONGAME FISH IN INLAND FISHING WATERS

15A NCAC 10C .0422 STRIPED MULLET AND WHITE MULLET

- (a) The daily creel limit for striped mullet and white mullet is 200 100 fish per person in aggregate and no more than 400 fish per boat.
- (b) There is no minimum size limit.
- (c) There is no closed season.

Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305.