

1 15A NCAC 03M .0101 is amended with changes as published in 37:07 NCR 541 as follows:

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3 **SUBCHAPTER 03M - FINFISH**

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5 **SECTION .0100 – FINFISH, GENERAL**

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7 **15A NCAC 03M .0101 MUTILATED FINFISH**

8 It shall be unlawful to possess aboard a vessel or while engaged in fishing any species of finfish in joint or coastal
9 fishing waters that is subject to a ~~size or harvest restriction~~ possession limit, including size limit, recreational bag
10 limit, commercial trip limit, or season, without having head and tail attached, ~~except~~ unless otherwise specified in a
11 rule of the Marine Fisheries [Commission or] Commission, a proclamation issued pursuant to a rule of the Marine
12 Fisheries [Commission.] Commission, or a rule of the Wildlife Resources Commission for inland game fish.

13 (1) ~~_____ mullet when used for bait;~~

14 (2) ~~_____ hickory shad when used for bait, provided that not more than two hickory shad per vessel or fishing~~
15 ~~operation may be cut for bait at any one time; and~~

16 (3) ~~_____ tuna possessed in a commercial fishing operation as provided in Rule .0520 of this Subchapter.~~

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19 *Eff. January 1, 1991;*

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21 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 2001;*

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23 *Readopted Eff. April 1, 2019;*

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