

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 .0307.

Codifier of Rules received for publication the following notice and proposed temporary rule(s) on: June 7, 2024.

Public Hearing:

Date: June 26, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location:

Virtual public hearing via Zoom.

Pre-registration is required: https://ncwildlife-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_TMKnHAf0RnGM6KJvLZKDAQ#/registration

Join by phone toll free: (833) 568-8864,

Webinar ID: 160 916 4902

Date: June 27, 2024

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Craven Community College (Auditorium), 800 College Court, New Bern, NC 28562

Reason for Proposed Temporary Action: G.S. 150B-21.1(a)(7) b. and c. The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) has stated they will not open the recreational flounder harvest season in 2024 due to the recreational sector exceeding the 2023 harvest allotment. To be consistent with the annual quota management measure of the North Carolina Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 and with the NCDMF closure of the recreational season in coastal waters, the proposed amendments close the flounder harvest season in 2024.

NOTE: Current proposed changes are struck through, underlined, and italicized.

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 June 10, 2024 and ends July 5, 2024.

CHAPTER 10 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND WATER SAFETY

SUBCHAPTER 10C - INLAND FISHING REGULATIONS

SECTION .0300 – GAME FISH IN INLAND FISHING WATERS

15A NCAC 10C .0307 FLOUNDER

~~(a) The daily creel limit for flounder is one four fish.~~

~~(b) The minimum size limit is 15 inches.~~

~~(c) The season for taking and possessing flounder is September 1 through September 14.~~

Flounder shall not be taken or possessed.

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