

TEMPORARY RULE-MAKING FINDINGS OF NEED

[Authority G.S. 150B-21.1]

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1. Rule-Making Agency: North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
2. Rule citation & name: 15A NCAC 10C .0307 FLOUNDER
3. Action: Adoption Amendment Repeal
4. Was this an Emergency Rule:
5. Provide dates for the following actions as applicable:
a. Proposed Temporary Rule submitted to OAH: 6/7/24
b. Proposed Temporary Rule published on the OAH website: 6/11/24
c. Public Hearing date: 6/26/24, 6/27/24
d. Comment Period: 6/10/24 – 7/5/24
e. Notice pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.1(a3)(2): 6/10/24
f. Adoption by agency on: 7/25/24
g. Proposed effective date of temporary rule if other than effective date established by G.S. 150B-21.1(b) and G.S. 150B-21.3:
6. Reason for Temporary Action. Attach a copy of any cited law, regulation, or document necessary for the review. A serious and unforeseen threat to the public health, safety or welfare. The effective date of a recent act of the General Assembly or of the U.S. Congress. Cite: Effective date: A recent change in federal or state budgetary policy. Effective date of change: A recent federal regulation. Cite: Effective date: A recent court order. Cite order: Other: 150B-21.1(a)(7) b. and c. Explain: 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 last year. Initially, NCWRC proposed a temporary rule to close the flounder harvest season in 2024 in its jurisdiction, all Inland Fishing Waters and hook and line fishing in Joint Fishing Waters, to remain consistent with NCDMF. However, after reviewing and considering the available data and public comments, the NCWRC adopted amendments to provide a limited 2024 flounder season that balances the needs of the resource and the public.

7. Why is adherence to notice and hearing requirements contrary to the public interest and the immediate adoption of the rule is required? Changes are needed to reflect the 2024 season dates.		
8. Rule establishes or increases a fee? (See G.S. 12-3.1)		
☐ Yes Agency submitted request for consultation on: Consultation not required. Cite authority:		
⊠ No		
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	* If this function has been delegated (reassigned) pursuant to G.S. 143B-10(a), submit a copy of the delegation with this	
	form.	
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Action taken:	Submitted for RRC Review:	
☐ Date returned to agency:		

I	15A NCAC 100	2.0307 is amended under temporary procedures with changes as follows:
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3	15A NCAC 100	C .0307 FLOUNDER
4	(a) The daily cr	reel limit for flounder is[<u>one</u>] four fish.
5	(b) The minimu	um size limit is 15 inches.
6	(c) The season	for taking and possessing flounder is September 1 <mark>through</mark> <mark>and 2; and</mark> September 14 <mark>7 and 8.</mark>
7	[Flounder shall	not be taken or possessed.
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9	History Note:	Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;
10		Eff. November 1, 2013;
11		Readopted Eff. October 1, 2021;
12		Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2022;
13		Amended Eff. August 1, 2024; March 15, 2023. <u>2023:</u>
14		Temporary Amendment Eff. August 8, 2024.

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1	15A NCAC 10E	0.0252 is amended under temporary procedures with changes as follows:
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3	15A NCAC 10I	D .0252 NEEDMORE GAME LAND IN MACON AND SWAIN COUNTIES
4	Needmore game	e land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:
5	(1)	Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all
6		horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
7	(2)	On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
8	<u>(3)</u>	No antlerless deer may be taken during the first open Saturday of the Deer With Visible Antlers
9		season on Needmore Game Land.] No antlerless deer shall be taken during the Deer With Visible
10		Antler season.
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12	History Note:	Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
13		Eff. <u>August 8, 2024</u> ; October 1, 2022. <u>2022</u> ;
14		Temporary Amendment Eff. August 8, 2024.
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