

Recreational Fishermen Are Primary Beneficiaries Of New Fishery Plan

CHARLESTON, S.C. — U.S. recreational fishermen are the prime benefactors of a recommended Fishery Management Plan for Billfish which received approval by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council at its meeting which concluded Thursday on St. Simon's Island, Ga.

The plan may be modified on the basis of information received from fishermen and other interested parties during the course of extensive public hearings along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and in the Caribbean. The plan will be im-

plemented in the waters of the 200 mile limit when approved by the Secretary of Commerce.

The proposed plan specifies that blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish and spearfish may be taken only on rod and reel of the sorts customarily used in recreational fishing and further stipulates that no

Public Comment Now Being Solicited

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) of the Department of Agriculture is seeking public comment on its proposed regulations for insuring peanuts in Chowan County, effective with the 1980 crop year.

Information on the proposed peanut regulations may be obtained from the FCIC office in Hertford County Office Bldg., No. 1 Box 557, Winton, N. C.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed regulations is November 5. All written comments must be sent to: Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.

commercial fishery be developed for billfish in these waters. Traditional handling of billfish for food may be continued in Caribbean waters.

Since most billfishermen release their catch, no size or catch limits would apply,

nor will either fees or permits be required for U. S. Recreational fishermen.

Domestic swordfish fishermen would be allowed a small by-catch of billfish under the plan to prevent disruption of this U. S. commercial fishery.

The council recommended that foreign longline fishing be prohibited in the 200 mile limit during peak times of billfish availability. The Gulf of Mexico's 200 mile limit would be closed to foreign longliners annually from May 16 through Oc-

tober 31. The area from Cape Canaveral, Florida to Cape Charles, Virginia, in the Atlantic Fishery Conservation Zone would be closed to foreign longliners from June through September. The area from Cape Charles, Virginia to Mon-

tauk Point, New York, would be closed during July, August and September each year.

The plan recommends the release of all billfish which are not intended for use as food or trophies and urges that released fish be tagged

to increase our understanding of billfish stocks. To measure the success of the plan and its need for revision, a catch reporting system based on statistical sampling is to be developed by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is responsible for conservation and management of fish stocks in the 200-mile limit of the Atlantic off the coasts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida and acted as lead council in developing the Billfish Plan for all five councils involved.

Tickets Are Sold Out

Tickets for the sixth annual Virginia Pork Festival have sold out. Those individuals whose ticket orders were able to be filled will be receiving these in the near future.

The individuals who will not be able to obtain tickets due to an over-order will have their checks returned with a letter of explanation. Apologies are expressed to these individuals and it is hoped that each will continue to support the festival in future years.

Those planning the festival are very appreciative of the support given by the public as well as the many working organizations who make the festival possible.

RALEIGH — For most farmers this is a busy time of year. In addition to harvesting this year crops, it is time to start planting for next year's and an important part of the planting process is the collection of fall nematode samples.

Nematodes are microscopic, parasitic worms that live in the soil and feed on plant roots. The resulting damage to the root system can seriously affect crop performance and cause major yield losses. All crops grown in North Carolina have potential nematode problems. Some, such as soybean cyst nematodes and root-knot nematodes on tobacco, can reduce yields by more than 50 per cent in severely affected fields. It is only through careful sampling of fields that the presence of potentially serious nematode problems can be detected.

Sampling for nematodes in the fall is recommended because the number present in the soil is generally highest then, making it easier to detect the pests. This permits accurate

recommendations for the control of potential nematode problems. Fall sampling also allows plenty of time for farmers to include nematode control strategies in the next year's

operation.

Plant-parasitic nematodes can be controlled by several methods including crop rotation, planting nematode resistant varieties and use of nematicides. Analysis of fall nematode samples may also indicate a field does not have a potential nematode problem and save farmers the unnecessary expense of chemical treatments.

For the best protection against possible nematode damage North Carolina farmers should sample every field every year or two. It is extremely important to sample those fields which have a history of poor productivity or problem areas within a field.

Great care must be taken in collecting and handling nematode samples. Results of the nematodes assay are no better than the sample submitted.

Lunchroom Menus

Centralized breakfast and luncheon menus in cafeterias of Edenton-

Chowan Schools for the next week include:

Friday — Student holiday.

Monday — Chilled juice, cinnamon bun and milk. Frankfurter with roll, ketchup, mustard, baked beans, pears and milk.

Tuesday — Chilled juice, apple muffins and milk. Universal Lunch: Fish-n-chips, broccoli, peaches, cornbread and milk.

Wednesday — Chilled juice, scrambled eggs, buttered toast and milk. Universal Lunch: Pizza, Italian salad, green beans, apple crisp and milk.

Thursday — Chilled juice, bacon crisp, doughnut and milk. Universal Lunch: Chili with crackers, relish cup, orange wedges, bran muffins and milk.

Assembly Dates Set

Jehovah's Witnesses in the Eastern North Carolina area announce that Williamston will again host their semi-annual circuit assembly. The two-day meeting is set for October 13 and 14 at the Williamston High School.

Paul Nonkes, local minister and spokesman for the group said: "More than 1,000 Witnesses in the area will cancel their meetings this week-end to attend the sessions." Commenting on the theme: "Proving Ourselves Fruitful Disciples," Nonkes said: "Witnesses must prove that they are fruitful disciples by a productive public service in imitation of their master and teacher, Jesus Christ." W.H. Dail of Raleigh will

preside and deliver the public address: "Whose Disciples Are You?", Sunday at 2 P.M. An item on the program: "Keeping Free From Babylon's Bad Fruitage", draws this comment from Nonkes: "Witnesses must themselves stay free and give help to honest people who want to free themselves from the moral and spiritual uncleanness of this religious world."

A baptismal service will be provided for new Witnesses, who, having studied the Scriptures over the past several months, have come to the point of dedicating their lives to the service of Jehovah God.

Enrollment

Another new record number of students, 19,803-strong, are studying the sciences, technologies, humanities and arts this fall at North Carolina State University.

That total headcount is 1,327 above the fall semester of 1978, the previous record enrollment in the 90-year history of the Land-Grant University.

"North Carolina State is overflowing," Chancellor Joab L. Thomas said.

He noted with a grin: "The students are overflowing the campus, they are overflowing Hillsborough Square and they're overflowing the Chancellor's residence."

The NCSU students came to the Raleigh campus from each of North Carolina's 100 counties, all 49 other states, three U.S. territories and 85 other nations. Twenty-two are from Chowan county.

Also registering in ever-increasing numbers are black students, who total 1,229 this fall, a 15 per cent jump over the 1,061 a year ago. That total does not include students from African nations who are counted among 870 foreign students this fall.

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—By R. W. Davis—

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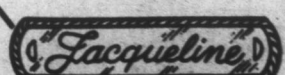
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