

N.C. Fishing Laws Noted

All visitors to the North Carolina coast should be aware of a few of the State's "fishing" laws. These are the rules which assure that the State will always have a good supply of seafood.

A person may do something as seemingly innocent as pick up and keep a clam or a scallop and be on the wrong side of the law. Although the offender will probably receive no more than a gentle reprimand, it could be embarrassing and could spoil a vacation day.

The Division of Marine Fisheries offers the following rules to watch for: Clams may be taken any day of the week between sunrise and sunset. Minimum size is one-inch thick shell. You may take a bushel without any kind of license. Watch for orange signs proclaiming polluted water.

Oyster season is closed during May, June, July and August.

Scallop season is closed during May, June, July and August.

Crabs have to be five inches across (from tip of spike to tip of spike). If you use any kind of net other than a dip net, check first with a fisheries inspector. Some areas near inlets are closed during summer

months. You may use only one crab pot per person on a dock or pier. More pots might be possible if the site is within a designated crab pot area.

Shrimp season may open and close, and open and close again during summer months. The closed and open areas might be small and near one another. One creek, for example, might be closed while a nearby channel is open. Check closely on the area you want to shrimp.

All nets, other than dip nets, could be subject to regulation. A hand seine, for example, has to have a 1/4 inch stretched mesh. Effective October 1, a cast net may be used in coastal fishing waters, including closed shrimping areas, to take no more than 100 shrimp per day. In open shrimping areas, there is no limit.

Any boat used in gathering seafood species, even a small boat to get you and your net somewhere, requires licensing - except for gathering a bushel of clams or a bushel of oysters in season.

Fishing is generally free of regulation considerations, except when a net is used. There is no hook and line license required.

Anglers may fish all the time. Flounder have an 11-inch minimum size limit. Striped bass (rockfish) have a minimum size limit of 12 inches. No number limit is set on stripers except in sections of Neuse and Trent rivers above New Bern where the limit is 25 per day. Channel bass (red drum, puppy drum) have a minimum size limit of 14 inches, and you may only take two per day larger than 32 inches. In New Hanover County, no channel bass larger than 20 pounds may be taken.

A few areas of brackish waters require a fresh water fishing license issued by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

No license is required to gig flounder unless you sell them.

Sea turtles (and their nests and eggs) and porpoises are protected.

A coastal fishing regulation booklet is available free from N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, N.C. 28557. A list of fisheries law enforcement officers in the various coastal communities and their phone numbers are included in the booklet.

A forestry workshop for elementary school teachers and teachers of vocational agriculture sponsored jointly by Weyerhaeuser Company and A & T State University (Greensboro) is entering its final phases this week. The 10-day course, titled Forestry and the Environment, will end on Friday, July 23.

Taught as a three-hour credit course on the Greensboro campus of A & T, the two week workshop includes both classroom lectures and field tours. It focuses on showing the role of trees in the total environment and the role of forests and forest products in the economy.

This is the 10th year the course has been offered and it is being coordinated by John Wehrenberg and Ed Brown, both of New Bern.

Two Weyerhaeuser employees in the North Carolina region are being recognized for 25 years service with the company this month. They are Solomon M. Carpenter Plymouth and Robert L. Toler of Ernul.

Fourteen Weyerhaeuser

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Court Report Issued

The Annual Report of the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts, covering the fiscal year July 1, 1980, to June 30, 1981, has been released by Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., director.

The document, required by state law to be prepared for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the members of the General Assembly, is a statistical and narrative review of the activities of each level of the court system in all of the counties of the State.

The report sets forth an analysis of receipts and disbursements within the system of courts, and details the types and numbers of cases disposed of on a county-by-county basis. Of

special interest to students and others concerned with the growth in the workload of the courts, the Report shows that in the 1980-81 fiscal year, there was a 10 per cent increase in the Superior Court filings over 1979-80, from 74,899 to 82,441, and a 4.3 per cent increase in District Court filings, from 1,458,647 in fiscal year 1979-80 to 1,520,826 in 1980-81. The courts collected a total of \$51,913,089 in fines, forfeitures, and fees, of which over \$26 million was remitted to the various counties.

"I believe that we can be proud of the overall good record of performance of the North Carolina courts during the 1980-81 fiscal year", Freeman said. "Although the filings increased by 10 per cent in the Superior Courts, and by 4.3 per cent in the District Courts, the number of court system personnel increased by less than one per cent, from 3,361 in 1979-80 to 3,389 in 1980-81.

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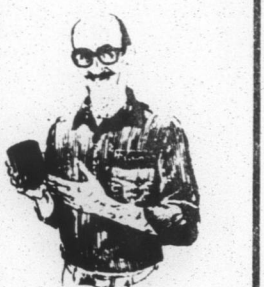
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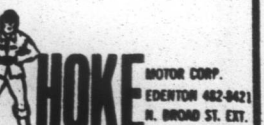
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By Tom Mann
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There's something about getting a kid into the outdoors, alongside a stream or pond, or afloat in a boat, trying to outsmart a fish. Some people call them "dumb fish" but it doesn't take a kid long to discover that there's a lot more to it than dangling a worm on a bent pin.

And, a good way to start is to get a couple cane poles, a can of garden worms, a dozen No. 6 Aberdeen hooks,

some split shot, bobbers, and a picnic lunch. Take a youngster, yours or a neighborhood kid, out to the nearest bluegill or catfish hole. Find out where one is by asking at the tackle store, a fishing friend, or your local conservation officer.

Add enough split shot to sink the baited hook just over bottom so that the bobber will come to attention. Teach the kid when to set the hook, and watch magic happen!

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