

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN

Orders, Rules, Regulations, etc. of the Fisheries Commission Board Relative to the Fishing Industry of North Carolina, Passed at a Meeting Held at Morehead City, June 28th. to July 2nd, 1915

These Regulations etc are now the law governing those features and parts of the fishing law to which they refer and to extent expressed and are of equal force and effect with the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Public laws of 1915, Chapter 84.

FIRST
Whereas; at a meeting of the Fisheries Commission Board held at Washington, N. C., on April 29th, 1915, the following order was made; That no nets smaller than one and one half inches bar, before tarring shall be fished in the waters of North Carolina, provided that this shall not apply to nets fished exclusively for Shrimp and Menhaden. Provided further, that skim nets and cast nets only, shall be used for catching of Shrimp in Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick counties.

Whereas; after due notice, meetings were held at Edenton Manteo, Morehead City and Wilmington to hear complaints and objections to said order, it is now ordered that the said order of April 29th 1915 be modified as follows:

First; It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use in the waters of North Carolina any seine, net or other appliances for catching fish having a bar of less than one and one-quarter inches or a mesh of two and one-half inches. Provided that nets having a bar of not less than one and one-eighth inches may be used for catching mullet from August 15, to November 15th, in the ocean. Provided further that this shall not be construed to modify or change any existing law prescribing a larger mesh or bar. Provided further that pound nets having not less than 11.8th inch bar may be used in all waters of the state where pound nets are allowed by law.

Second; the use of anchor gill nets is prohibited in all inland waters of the State.

Third; the resolution of April 29th, 1915, prohibiting the use of any nets and seines in Albemarle Sound and in its tributaries from June 1st to January 1st, is hereby modified to read as follows: The fishing of all nets and seines in Albemarle Sound and its tributaries, west of line from Caroon's point to Powell's Point, from May 20th, to September 1st is hereby prohibited.

Fourth; purse nets and purse seines, having a bar of not less than 7.8 inch may be used for catching Menhaden in any waters of the State in which use of purse seines and purse nets are not prohibited by law.

Fifth; Shrimp nets of smaller mesh than one and one-eighth inch bar may be used for catching of Shrimp, provided that Shrimp shall be taken with skim nets, cast nets and trawl nets only in the counties of Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender.

SECOND;
It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to fish for or catch any food fish other than mullet in any purse seine or purse net in any waters within the limits of Carteret County extending to the extreme limit of the State's jurisdiction in and over such waters, or to take or catch any mullet in any purse seine or purse net within 1000 yards of the beach or ocean shore, or to take or catch any mullet within one mile in any direction, from Beaufort Inlet, or to buy or market any food fish caught in purse nets other than mullet.

THIRD;
It shall be lawful to fish with set nets and to catch mullet with seine along the beach on the ocean side between Moore's Inlet and Masonboro

umber 15th.

FOURTH;
It shall be lawful to fish pound nets in that portion of Neuse river and Pamlico Sound west of a tripod to be erected on the shore of Pamlico Sound, at a point three miles west of Harbor Island Light House to Clubfoot Creek. Provided, that no pound nets shall be set within three-fourths of a mile of each side of the mouth of either channel leading into what is known as Back Bay, but it is designated on the chart as Cedar Island Bay. Provided that said nets shall extend only 2,000 yards from the shore.

FIFTH;
It shall be lawful to catch fish with seines and nets in the Cape Fear River in the counties of Brunswick and New Hanover at any time of the year except Sunday.

SIXTH;
That it shall be lawful to pull any haul nets with gasoline power in Core Sound except in what is known on the chart as Hog Island Bay, but is commonly known as Cedar Island Bay; the boundaries of the mouth of said Bay, to be a line extending from the mouth of Lewis's creek an easterly course to a north and south line from the Southwest point of Hog Island.

SEVENTH;
That it shall be unlawful to use a landing or sweep net in Core Sound of smaller size mesh than one and one-quarter inch bar.

EIGHTH;
That in the measurement of any net to determine the size of mesh a standard measurement shall be determined by hanging a one pound weight to the mesh below the mesh to be measured, and the distance from knot to knot shall be the size of mesh.

NINTH
That it shall be unlawful for any person to buy, sell, offer for sale, have in his possession or unnecessarily destroy any fish of less size than the length specified for the several kinds of fish hereinafter mentioned, to-wit:
Sturgeon, Moose or Pegging Awl—five feet.
Rock fish—12 inches.
Mackerel—12 inches.
Hickory Shad—12 inches.
Gray trout—11 inches.
Speckle trout—11 inches.
Blue fish—ten inches.
Sheepshead—nine inches.
Sea Mullet or King fish—ten inches.
Red Drum—12 inches.
Flounders—nine inches.
Mullet—nine inches.
Black Bass—nine inches.
Ring Perch—seven inches.
Croakers—eight inches.
Hog fish—eight inches.
Pompano—eight inches.
Spots—eight inches.
White perch—7 inches.

Measurements to be from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. Provided that this shall not apply to any catch, quantities of bulk or fish which does not exceed ten per cent in number of such undersize fish. Provided further, that this provision shall not be construed to prevent catches of smaller fish with hook and line for sport or personal use.

TENTH;
That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to haul seines or nets within three hundred yards of any established fishing; or to have or set more than one line of stakes for the purpose of fishing nets thereof; or to set such stakes within 150 yards of the center of the Channel of Cape Fear River or to fish any draft net for shad or sturgeon, greater in length than two thirds the width of the channel at that point where said net is fished; or to catch any white shad between the fifteenth day of April

following or to fish for White Shad or to obstruct passage of same in the Waters of Cape Fear River and its tributaries from its mouth to its source between the hours of one o'clock p. m. on Saturday until sunrise the following Monday, during the open season for catching White Shad in said river and its tributaries.

ELEVENTH
That it shall be unlawful to offer for sale or ship any clams of less than one and one-half inches measurement from hinge to mouth, across the center.

TWELFTH;
No pound net shall be set in the following territory; adjacent to Hatteras Inlet commencing at Barney Slough Light, running North by West one half West, 10,000 yards; thence West by south one half south 3000 yards; thence south by east one half east to Hatteras Inlet. All stands of nets set north of this line shall run a north north-west course, and all stands of nets set south of this line shall run a north north east course, and any lead of said nets may commence in four feet of water extending 2000 yards in Pamlico Sound.

THIRTEENTH;
No two or more stands of pound nets shall be joined together with headers or nets of any description.

FOURTEENTH;
Pound nets may be set on a line from the Black Buoy on Pingleton's Shoal to the Black Buoy on Gibb's Shoal and from Gibb's Shoal to Gull Shoal Light House inshore 2000 yards.

FIFTEENTH
It shall be lawful to set pound nets on a line commencing at the Black Buoy, a westerly course from Long Point on the South side of Kitty Hawk Bay running 3000 yards a north west course and five hundred yards a south-east course from said buoy extending 2000 yards at right angle, a south-east course from said line in Albemarle Sound.

SIXTEENTH;
It shall be unlawful to set any pound net closer to the Number 4, Red Buoy, marking the entrance to Stebson Channel, than 3000 yards on a line running South south-east to Big Island.

SEVENTEENTH;
It shall be lawful to set gill nets south of a line running from the black buoy south south-east course from Roanoke Marshes Light House, an easterly course on the south side of Oregon Inlet; Provided they shall not be set within a radius of two miles from the center of Oregon Inlet.

EIGHTEENTH
It shall be lawful to set pound nets from a line 200 yards easterly from Broad Creek Point, in Roanoke Sound; thence a southwardly direction to a point 1000 yards easterly of the Marsh on the South side of the cut Through Creek; thence a southwesterly direction to the Red Spar Buoy, No. 6, off Hog Island Marsh; thence a westerly course with the Marsh 1000 yards off the west point of Hog Island Marsh; thence a northwesterly course to the north point of Big Island.

NINETEENTH;
It shall be unlawful to set any nets between Broad Creek Point and Ballast Point in Roanoke Sound during shad fishing season.

TWENTIETH;
It shall be lawful to fish pound nets inside of a line commencing at Eastmas Narrows Point, in Croatan Sound, running 9000 yards a north by west one half west course to a line one fifth the width of the Sound at Pork Point, thence 3,900 yards northwest by north one-eighth north course to a line one-fifth the width of the Sound at Weirs point continuing one-fifth the width of Croatan Sound.

TWENTY FIRST;
It shall be lawful to set pound nets inside of a line commencing at Red Stone point in Croatan sound, one fifth the width of the Sound from the shore running a northwest three quarter north course, to the black Spar Buoy No. 7 a southwesterly course from Croatan Light House on to the black ran buoy off Caroon's point, extending on the same course

nets shall extend in the Sound beyond this line to the limits above mentioned.

TWENTY SECOND;
It shall be lawful to set pound nets to a line extending 600 yards in Croatan Sound from Roanoke Marshes running a north by west one quarter west course 9800 yards to a point one fifth the width of the sound from Feetwood Point; thence a line northwest by north three quarter north to a point one-fifth the width of the sound from Red Stone Point

TWENTY THIRD;
Every stand or pound of gill nets shall have a stake at each end of the stand with a board two feet long by eight inches wide fastened on the said stake which shall be marked in black letters two inches long, the name, post office address and number of the nets of the owner thereof and shall be unlawful to fish such nets without such boards so marked

TWENTY FOURTH;
No pound net of smaller mesh than one and one-eighth inch bar or haul nets of smaller mesh than one and one quarter inch bar shall be bought and installed after this late (June 20, 1915,) and it shall be unlawful to install any such nets of smaller bar than herein mentioned.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OYSTER INDUSTRY.

TWENTY FIFTH;
It shall be lawful for any person, duly licensed, to use scoops, scrapes or dredges, or other instrument or instruments for the purpose of taking or catching oysters from the public oyster grounds or natural oyster beds in the waters of Pamlico Sound north of a line running from West Bluff Bay to the center of Ocracoke Inlet.

TWENTY SIXTH
It shall be lawful to use scoops, scrapes or dredges in the waters of Cedar Island Bay in Carteret County and in the waters of Pamlico Sound and Neuse River to a line from Whitakers Creek on Neuse River to Adam's Creek Beacon, and in the waters of Pungo River.

TWENTY SEVENTH;
It shall be unlawful for any person to use scoops, scrapes or dredges for the purpose of taking or catching oysters with in a line from Hog Island to Gull Rock Light House and from Gull Rock Light House to Long Point and in the waters of Pamlico Sound, north of a line running from Long Shoal to Gull Shoal Life Saving Station from the fifteenth day of February of each year to the first day of October, and inside of a line from Slade Point to Pingleton buoy and from Pingleton buoy to Pingleton Point.

TWENTY EIGHTH
It shall be lawful to catch or take oysters with scoops, scrapes or dredges south and east of a line from Bay Point, on the North side of Bay River, to Brant Island and north of a line from Brant Island to Porpoise Point.

TWENTY NINTH;
It shall be lawful for boats, 30 feet in length over all, and under, to take or catch oysters with scoops, scrapes or dredges in Swan Quarter Narrows.

THIRTIETH;
It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to take or catch oysters from the public grounds or natural oyster beds of the State from the fifteenth day of April to the first of October, but may take or catch oysters between October first and April 15th, following of any year; the territory in rules 27 and 28 excepted.

ED CHAMBERS SMITH, Chairman.
W. M. WEBB, Secretary.

These rules and regulations are posted at the Court House Door, and copies thereof are filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Register of Deeds and Sheriffs in the following counties viz:— Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Northampton, Halifax, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde; Beaufort; Pitt, Pamlico, Craven, Lenoir, Bladen, Pender, Hanover

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