



Mandatory Harvest Reporting



Where did this come from?



Session Law 2023-137

Section 6



Who Must Report?



- “Any person” who recreationally harvests:
 - Red Drum
 - Flounder
 - Spotted Seatrout
 - Striped Bass
 - Weakfish
- From Coastal, Joint, or Inland Fishing Waters adjacent to Coastal or Joint Fishing Waters



What must be reported?



- Recreational anglers will be requirements to report:
 - Fishing license number, or first and last name and zip code of residence
 - Date of harvest
 - Number of each of the five species caught and kept
 - Area where the fish were harvested
 - Type of gear used



When does this start?



- **December 1, 2025:** verbal warning
- **December 1, 2026:** warning ticket
- **December 1, 2027:** infraction with a \$35 fine
 - Infractions count towards license and permit suspension



How will anglers report?



Two Phases

Initial Phase

Simple and user-friendly, provides only the functionality necessary to meet the requirements of the legislation

Long-Term Phase

Still simple and user-friendly, but can offer more advanced functionality that potentially will be useful for fishermen and managers



Mandatory Harvest Reporting Tools

Initial Phase



Online Webform

recreational fishing trip (one report per person, per trip). Only report fish that are harvested. Do not include fish that are caught and released.

Commercial harvesters: Please contact your local dealer to report any harvest you keep for personal consumption.

** = Mandatory Field

Do you have a NC Fishing License?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

First Name

Last Name


Home Zip Code

This is the 5 digit zip code of your primary residence.

Would you like a text confirmation?

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Recreational Harvest Reporting



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[Learn more about Mandatory Harvest Reporting](#)

Instructions:

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Do you have a NC Fishing License?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

First Name

Last Name

Date of Harvest*

Date cannot be in the future

Aug 28, 2024

Species Harvested*

Check All that Apply

☐ Red drum

☐ Flounder

☐ Spotted seatrout (speckled trout)

☐ Striped bass

☐ Weakfish (gray trout)

Area of Harvest*

This is the waterbody where you harvested the majority of your fish, not where you are completing your report.

Did you use a hook and line to harvest your fish?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Submit

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<https://deq.nc.gov/harvest-reporting-form>



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Initial Phase



Recreational Harvest Report Card



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Angler Information

Full Name: _____ OR CRFL License #: _____
Home Zip Code: _____

Harvest Information

Date: _____ Gear Used (Check one) ☐ Hook and Line ☐ Other _____

Species	#	Area of Harvest (Circle)			
Red Drum	_____	Albemarle Sound	Alligator River	Back Bay	
		Bay River	Bogue Sound	Cape Fear River	
		Chowan River	Core Sound	Croatan Sound	
Flounder	_____	Currituck Sound	Inland Waterway (Brunswick)	Inland Waterway (Onslow)	
		Lake Mattamuskeet	Lockwood's Folly River	Masonboro Sound	
Spotted Seatrout	_____	Neuse River	New River	Newport River	
		North River	Ocean >3 Miles (N of Cape Hatteras)	Ocean >3 Miles (S of Cape Hatteras)	
Weakfish	_____		Ocean 0-3 miles (N of Cape Hatteras)	Pamlico River	
		Ocean 0-3 miles (S of Cape Hatteras)	Ocean 0-3 miles (S of Cape Hatteras)		
Striped Bass	_____	Pamlico Sound	Pasquotank River	Perquimans River	
		Pungo River	Roanoke River	Roanoke Sound	
		Shallotte River	Stump Sound (New River Inlet to Surf City)	Topsail Sound (Surf City to Topsail Inlet)	
		White Oak River			

Reporting requirements must be submitted online within 24 hours of harvest at deq.nc.gov/report-my-fish

Submitted Online: ☐ Confirmation #: _____

Available from the Division of Marine Fisheries



How to get the word out?



HARVEST

Scan the QR Code to report your harvest:



deq.nc.gov/mandatory-harvest-reporting

REPORTING



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NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



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learn more about
the requirements



FOR RECREATIONAL FISHING

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G.S. 113-170.3

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Red Drum • Striped Bass • Weakfish**

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Comments and Questions!

