



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL FISHING AND BOATING WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, fishing and boating have long been two of North Carolina's favorite pastimes; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 Outdoor Participation Report from the Outdoor Foundation ranked fishing as the second most popular outdoor activity with 16 percent of Americans participating, and a 2012 National Recreational Boating Survey by the United States Coast Guard found that approximately 27 percent American households had at least one member who boated in 2012; and

WHEREAS, outdoor activities such as boating and fishing can be good for your health; research suggests that sunlight boosts vitamin D levels – which may help fight conditions such as cancer, osteoporosis, depression, and heart attacks – and children with ADHD seem to focus better after being outside; and

WHEREAS, research has linked spending time in nature with decreased levels of mental illness, especially reduced symptoms of depression and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, boating and fishing are good family activities, suitable for all ages and fitness levels; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 report by the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film & Sports Development found that 4 percent of visitors to the state participate in freshwater or saltwater fishing; 1 percent participate in motorboating or personal watercraft use; and 1 percent whitewater raft, kayak, or canoe; and

WHEREAS, there were 317,793 boats registered through the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, and more than 2 million recreational anglers licensed through this Commission and the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries in 2017; 7,393 commercial fishermen in North Carolina were also licensed through the Division of Marine Fisheries in 2017; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 314,548 anglers fished on one of 20 ocean fishing piers licensed through the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, and more than 600 charter boat, head boat, and guide vessels and captains licensed through this Division took an estimated 149,468 fishing trips in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission provides more than 200 free boating access areas to more than 100 different bodies of water in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2 – 10, 2018, as “**NATIONAL FISHING AND BOATING WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this first day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.