

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL FISHING AND BOATING WEEK

2019

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 that have brought families and friends of all ages and fitness levels together; and

WHEREAS, outdoor activities such as boating and fishing can have long-lasting health benefits; research suggests that sunlight boosts vitamin D levels, which may help fight conditions such as cancer, osteoporosis, depression and heart attacks; and

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

WHEREAS, a 2018 Outdoor Participation Report from the Outdoor Foundation ranked fishing as the second most popular outdoor activity with 17 percent of Americans participating, and a 2012 National Recreational Boating Survey by the United States Coast Guard found that approximately 27 percent of American households had at least one member who boated in 2012; and

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

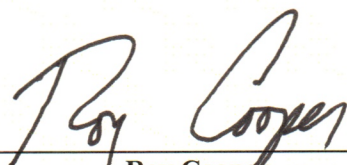
WHEREAS, a 2018 report on visitor profiles published by Visit North Carolina found that 5 percent of visitors to the state participate in freshwater or saltwater fishing; 2 percent participate in whitewater rafting, kayaking or canoeing; 1 percent participate in motorboating or personal watercraft use; and 1 percent participate in sailing; and

WHEREAS, there were 318,012 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 2018; 6,939 commercial fishing licenses sold in North Carolina through the Division of Marine Fisheries in 2018; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 288,241 anglers fished on one of 20 ocean fishing piers licensed through the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries and more than 800 charter boats, head boats, guide vessels and captains licensed through this Division took an estimated 148,004 fishing trips in 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 1 – 9, 2019, 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 fourth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.