

# Red Drum Management Approach for FY 2008-2009

North Carolina Division of Marine  
Fisheries



# Fishing Year 2007-2008

- Fishery opened September 1, 2007 at 7 fish.
- FF-37-2008 closed the fishery on April 3.
- Review of trip tickets indicate unusually high landings in Dare County
- Concerned with bycatch, MFC authorized suspension of rule and DMF issued FF-47-2008 to re-open the fishery with 4 fish associated with flounder and striped mullet.



# Remainder of FY 2007-2008 and FY 2008-2009

- Maintain FF-27-2008 through August 31 (4 fish).
- Re-issue proclamation September 1 maintaining 4 fish.
- Determine overage from previous year and deduct from the 150,000 pounds allotted to the first period.
- Close red drum commercial harvest on December 1 when southern flounder fishery closes to insure 250,000 pound ASMNFC cap is not exceeded.
- Determine annual and NC fishing year



# Remainder of FY 2008-2009

- Depending on the amount of overage during 2007-2008 fishing year and whether the annual ASMFC cap was exceeded, we may be able to re-open in the spring with 4 fish.
- Need to insure all payback of overages that occurred during winter 2007-2008 are paid back prior to the May 1, 2009 start date of the second period.
- May 1, 2009 re-open with 7 fish and specific bycatch species.

