

NC MARINE PATROL

Suspensions and Revocations

Overview of Proposed Changes

Justification

- To provide for a fair method for the suspension and revocation of licenses
 - The current system treats minor violations equal to major violations. An example: A buoy or identification violation is equal to using prohibited gear in a primary nursery area.
 - The current system does not include Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) and other recreational violations.

Proposed Changes

- Non-Resource convictions will not count toward suspensions. There are 28 violations that are considered non-resource (these violations have minimal impact on the natural resources).
 - Examples include: Improperly marked buoys and Failure to notify of change of address.

Commercial Fishing Convictions

Current	Proposed
2 Convictions = 10 Day Suspension	2 Convictions = 30 Day Suspension
3 Convictions = 30 Day Suspension	3 Convictions = 90 Day Suspension
4 Convictions = 6 Month Suspension	4 Convictions = 1 Year Suspension

For Convictions occurring within a 3 year period. Resource convictions count toward license suspensions and non-resource convictions do not count toward license suspensions.

Recreational Fishing Convictions

Current	Proposed
No effect on license	Convictions would fall under same guidelines and criteria as Commercial Suspension Schedule

Temporary Polluted Area Convictions

Current	Proposed
10 Day Suspension	1 Conviction Towards Suspension

Permanent Polluted Area Convictions

Current	Proposed
10 Day Suspension	30 Day Suspension

Taking Polluted Shellfish at Night Convictions

Current	Proposed
Felony Conviction 10 Day Suspension	Felony Conviction 1 Year Suspension

Assault on Marine Patrol Officer

Current	Proposed
No effect on license	1 Conviction = 1 Year Suspension
	2 Convictions = Permanent Revocation

Littering Convictions

Current	Proposed
No effect on license	1 Conviction Toward Suspension

Service of Suspensions

Current	Proposed
In Person	Certified Mail

Questions?

