

***LET 'EM  
SPAWN***



***LET 'EM  
LIVE***

Back-to-back cold winters have decimated spotted sea trout and the SCDNR is calling for fishermen to practice catch and release to protect the remaining spawners until September.

DNR sampling from 9 South Carolina estuaries shows a consistent and dramatic decrease in the number of spotted sea trout.

Following a similar cold-related kill in 2001 it took approximately 5 years for full recovery.



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