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ELIZABETH S. BISER
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SF-7-2022

PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT AREA OPENING – CARTERET COUNTY, PAMLICO COUNTY, ONSLOW COUNTY

This proclamation supersedes proclamation SF-10-2021, dated October 8, 2021. This proclamation opens to the taking of shellfish three enhanced oyster reefs.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **sunrise, October 24, 2022**, the following areas are **open** to the taking of all shellfish.

I. AREA DESCRIPTIONS

A. CARTERET COUNTY

Newport River Spat on Shell Enhancement Site ([Map 1](#)): The area is located in Harlowe Creek of the Newport River. The total area is 0.82 acres in size and the location of the site is as follows:

1. 34° 46.4230' N 76° 43.0150' W
2. 34° 46.4200' N 76° 42.9960' W
3. 34° 46.3630' N 76° 43.0140' W
4. 34° 46.3670' N 76° 43.0340' W

B. PAMLICO COUNTY

Middle Bay Spat on Shell Enhancement Site ([Map 2](#)): The area is located in Middle Bay off Big Fishing Point. The total area is 0.83 acres in size and the location of the site is as follows:

1. 35° 13.8280' N 76° 29.7680' W
2. 35° 13.8240' N 76° 29.7050' W
3. 35° 13.8050' N 76° 29.7060' W
4. 35° 13.8120' N 76° 29.7700' W

C. ONSLOW COUNTY

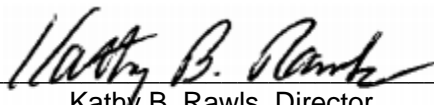
New River Spat on Shell Enhancement Site ([Map 3](#)): The area is located in Stones Bay in New River. The total area is 0.94 acres in size and the location of the site is as follows:

1. 34° 36.1330' N 77° 22.7190' W
2. 34° 36.1280' N 77° 22.6630' W
3. 34° 36.1030' N 77° 22.6650' W
4. 34° 36.1100' N 77° 22.7200' W

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-134; 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-204; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103 and 03K .0103.

- B. It is unlawful to violate provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries Director under their delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
- C. The intent of this proclamation is to open areas to shellfish harvest that were Shellfish Management Areas created through the Spat on Shell Demonstration Project to construct harvestable oyster reefs using seeded shell. The project was led by Farm Bureau and N.C. Sea Grant and the oysters are large and abundant enough for harvest.
- D. In accordance with N.C.G.S. 113-221.1(c) all persons who may be affected by proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director are under a duty to keep themselves informed of current proclamations.
- E. Contact N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557; 252- 726-7021 or 800-682-2632 for more information or visit the division website at <https://deq.nc.gov/fisheries-management-proclamations>
- F. **This proclamation supersedes proclamation SF-10-2021, dated October 8, 2021. This proclamation opens to the taking of shellfish three enhanced oyster reefs.**

By: 
Kathy B. Rawls, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

October 20, 2022
1:45 P.M.