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PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Betsey Tilson, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Director, Department of Health and Human Services, hereby announces that the following changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Thursday, September 30, 2021.

All those waters in Brunswick County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the September 22, and September 23, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

<u>All those waters</u> between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the east at IWW Beacon "48A" (33° 55.2179' N - 78° 14.5628' W); and bordered on the west by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.6855' N - 78° 21.3550' W on the mainland; running southerly through IWW Marker "71" to a point 33° 54.4311' N - 78° 21.2898' W on Holden Beach near the end of Sea View Drive.

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the north by Snows Cut; and bordered on the south by the permanent closure line at Howells Point near IWW Marker "33", to include Cape Fear River and Bald Head Island.

The following also remains closed:

NEW HANOVER / CARTERET COUNTIES

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the north by Snows Cut; and bordered on the south by the permanent closure line at Howells Point near IWW Marker "33", to include Cape Fear River and Bald Head Island.

All those waters in Myrtle Grove Sound bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 07.7706'N - 77° 52.0833' W on the mainland near Peden Point; running easterly near IWW Marker "141" to a point 34° 07.6007'N - 77° 51.0328' W on Masonboro Island; and bordered on the south by a line beginning at a point 34° 04.8476'N - 77° 53.0990' W on the mainland; running easterly near IWW Marker "155" to the southern tip of Masonboro Island at 34° 04.8251'N - 77° 52.9092' W.

<u>South River - All those waters in South River</u> upstream of a line beginning at Sandy Point; running easterly near Beacon "1" to Horton Point.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103 and 03K .0101.

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- B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the N.C. Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
- C. In accordance with N.C. General Statute 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.
- D. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Ocean Isle, Shallotte River, Shallotte River Inlet area, Lockwoods Folly River, and Lockwoods Folly River Inlet area.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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