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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, Saturday, October 16, 2021.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the October 8, and October 10, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

### CARTERET COUNTY

**Newport River – All those waters in Newport River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.6960' N - 76° 43.5180' W on the south shore near Penn Point; running northerly to a point 34° 46.5349' N - 76° 43.5087' W on the west shore of Harlowe Creek.

**Core Creek – All those waters in Core Creek** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore, running easterly near IWW Marker “25” to a point 34° 46.2251' N - 76° 40.5919' W on the east shore near the mouth of Ware Creek.

**North River – All those waters in North River** upstream of a line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0460' N - 76° 37.0517' W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W (near the DMF Shrimp Line).

**Ward Creek - All those waters** in Ward Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W, running southerly to a point on the south shore at 34° 45.4556' N - 76° 35.1587' W (near the Ward Creek DMF Shrimp Line).

**Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.9213' N - 76° 29.2047' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.7944' N - 76° 29.3623' W at the northern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.5281' N - 76° 30.1032' W at the “Chimney” near Jump Run Creek.

**Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek** upstream of the Highway 70 Bridge.

### The following also remains closed:

### BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW COUNTIES

**All those waters** between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker “89” in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

**All those waters** between IWW Beacon “1” near Southport and the permanent closure line near the Holden Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon “51A”, to include Lockwoods Folly River and the Lockwoods Folly Inlet area.

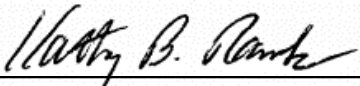
**Stump Sound - All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland,** between the North Topsail Beach High-rise Bridge and Beacon "49", near Morris Landing, to include the Intracoastal Waterway and a portion of Stump Sound.

**Bear Creek – All those waters** in Bear Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 38.0080'N - 77° 12.2906' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 38.0599'N - 77° 12.1801' W on the east shore.

**Queens Creek - All those waters** in Queens Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 39.8479'N - 77° 09.1171' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 40.2031'N - 77° 08.4408' W on the east shore near the State Park Boat Ramp.

**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.
- 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: a portion of Newport River, a portion of North River, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, and a portion of Jarrett Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
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