

ROY COOPER Governor MICHAEL S. REGAN Secretary

JOHN G. BATHERSON

Acting Director

PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

John G. Batherson, Acting 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, Friday, February 12, 2021.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the February 1, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

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<u>Newport River</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 44.8271' N - 76° 42.1709' W on the south shore near Crab Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore of Core Creek.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.2904′ N - 78° 23.6416′ W on the mainland near the Bricklanding Road Public Boat Ramp and IWW Beacon "84"; running southerly to a point 33° 54.1932′ N - 78° 23.6426′ W on Ocean Isle Beach near Ferry Landing Park; and bordered on the west by the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle.

<u>All those waters</u> 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.

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: Alligator Bay and Oyster Creek.

E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:

John G. Batherson, Acting Director DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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