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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, Thursday, March 25, 2021.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the March 17, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

<u>Newport River - All those waters in Newport River</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.6960' N - 76° 43.5180' W on the south shore near Penn Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 46.5733' N - 76° 42.6350' W on the north shore near the Hardesty Farms subdivision (near the Newport River DMF Shrimp Line).

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: Core Creek and Oyster Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

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