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Acting Director

PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

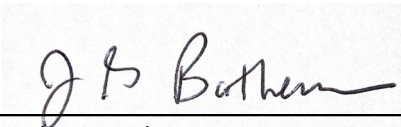
John G. Batherson, Acting Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Betsey Tilson, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Director, Department of Health and Human Services, hereby announces that **effective sunrise, Wednesday, April 21, 2021**, the following privately controlled shellfish lease or franchise as indicated below **is closed** to the harvest of shellfish:

It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take any shellfish or possess, sell, or offer for sale any shellfish taken from the following privately controlled shellfish lease or franchise:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <u>PENDER COUNTY</u> | | |
| JEFFREY COWARD | SEASIDE AREAS | 9613 |

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.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.
- D. This action is being taken to protect public health and is based on polluted shellfish being relayed on this shellfish lease or franchise under the Shellfish Management Program of the Division of Marine Fisheries.
- E. The shellfish lease or franchise listed herein which will contain shellfish relayed from polluted areas must be posted with signs provided by the Division of Marine Fisheries for the closure period indicated.
- F. The shellfish lease or franchise listed herein **will remain closed** until a reopening proclamation is issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries, and under no circumstances prior to 21 days from the end of relay season.

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

April 16, 2021
9:00 A.M.
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