



**PA-4-2021**

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*Director*

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA**

Stephen W. Murphey, 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 change in a shellfish harvesting area will take effect at sunrise, Saturday, January 9, 2021.

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

### **ONSLow COUNTY**

**All those waters** in Stump Sound bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 28.2180' N - 77° 30.5521' W on the mainland near Morris Landing, running southeasterly near Beacon "49" to a point on Topsail Island at 34° 27.273' N - 77° 29.937' W; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge.

**All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland,** in Stump Sound between the North Topsail High Rise Bridge and Beacon "49" near Morris Landing.

**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.

**White Oak River - All those waters** in White Oak River upstream of the Highway 24 Bridge at Swansboro.

**The following also remains closed:**

### **BRUNSWICK / PENDER / CARTERET COUNTIES**


**All those waters** 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.

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### **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 area to normal closure boundaries: a portion of Stump Sound.
- E. This reopening is due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
Stephen W. Murphey, Director  
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

January 8, 2021  
12:50 P.M.  
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