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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, Thursday, June 3, 2021.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the May 30, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which will remain closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

<u>Wade Creek – All those waters in Wade Creek</u> upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 46.3043′ N - 76° 30.0493′ W on the north shore; running southerly to a point 34° 46.0324′ N - 76° 30.0743′ W on the south shore.

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. It should be noted that <u>shellfish leases or franchises</u> closed on or after April 7, 2021, to allow relaying of shellfish from closed areas remain closed.
- E. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: North River, Ward Creek, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, the Straits, a portion of Jarrett Bay, Oyster Creek, Brett Bay, and Nelson Bay.
- F. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

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