

**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, Sunday, June 13, 2021.

All those waters in Brunswick County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the June 4, 2021, temporary closures.

The following remains closed:**PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES**

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934' N - 77° 21.6926' W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker "76" to New River Inlet Channel Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge and IWW Beacon "59" (34° 37.3978' N - 77° 12.6533' W), to include Bear Creek, Queens Creek and White Oak River.

Bogue Sound –All those waters between the permanent prohibited area closure line at Fort Macon and the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge, to include Tar Landing Bay and all of Bogue Sound.

Newport River - All those waters in Newport River upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

All those waters in North River and the Straits bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 34° 43.5461' N - 76° 30.3917' W along the shore in Marshallberg, thence running in a straight line to the eastern tip of Browns Island, thence running in a straight line to Shell Point on Harkers Island; and bordered in the west by a line beginning at a point along the southwestern tip of Harkers Island at 34° 42.0981' N - 76° 35.0718' W; thence running in a straight line near Channel Marker #56A to the permanent closure line near Channel Marker #56B, to include North River, Ward Creek, Whitehurst Creek, and Sleepy Creek.

Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.8170' N - 76° 28.7579' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.3229' N - 76° 29.1273' W at the southern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line near Flashing Beacon #36 to a point 34° 43.7805' N - 76° 30.0180' W the southeast end of Bells Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 43.5461' N - 76° 30.3917' W on the Marshallberg shoreline.

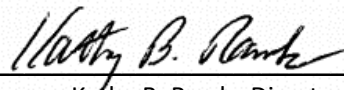
Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 48.8185' N - 76° 26.9761' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 48.9768' N - 76° 26.6340' W on the east shore.

Brett Bay - All those waters in Brett Bay upstream of a straight line from Piney Point to King Point.

Nelson Bay - All those waters in Nelson Bay upstream of a line from Drum Point to the northern tip of Fulchers Creek.

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: Tubbs Inlet, Ocean Isle Beach, Shallotte River, Lockwoods Folly River, and Lockwoods Folly Inlet area.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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