Director



ROY COOPER Governor JOHN NICHOLSON Interim Secretary KATHY B. RAWLS

### **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 shellfish area temporary **closures** will **take effect immediately**.

It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take any oysters, clams or mussels or possess, sell or offer for sale any oysters, clams or mussels taken from the following polluted areas:

### **BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

<u>All those waters</u> 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 South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

<u>All those waters</u> between IWW Beacon "1" near Southport and the permanent closure line near the Holden Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon "51A", to include Lockwoods Folly River and the Lockwoods Folly Inlet area.

# The following also remains closed:

# PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227′ N - 77° 22.3142′ W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon "15" to a point 34° 31.0527′ N - 77° 22.2654′ W on North Topsail Beach, near Galleon Bay; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound, Everett Bay, and Alligator Bay.

<u>All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland</u>, between IWW Beacon "49" (34° 40.2621'N - 77° 07.9802' W), near Swansboro, and IWW Beacon "59" (34° 37.3978'N - 77° 12.6533' W), to include Bear Creek and Queens Creek.

<u>White Oak River - All those waters in White Oak River</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 41.9497' N - 77° 06.9846' W on the west shore; running easterly near the northern tip of Jones Island to a point 34° 41.9395' N -77° 05.6599' W on the east shore.

<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.

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- 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. These temporary closures are due to rainfall and resultant runoff associated with Tropical Storm Claudette.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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