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JOHN NICHOLSON
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KATHY B. RAWLS
Director

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, Saturday, June 26, 2021.

All those waters in Onslow County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the June 4, and June 11, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

ONSLOW COUNTY

All those waters in Stump Sound bordered on the north by the North Topsail High Rise Bridge and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Beacon "49" (34° 40.2621' N - 77° 07.9802' W), near Swansboro, and IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749' N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include Queens Creek.

White Oak River - All those waters in White Oak River 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.

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 South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

All those waters 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.

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Bogue Sound – All those waters in Bogue Sound bordered in the east by the permanent closure line near Fort Macon, and bordered in the west by a line beginning at a point 34° 43.5386' N -76° 47.4167' W on the mainland, running southerly near IWW Marker “8” to a point on Bogue Banks at 34° 42.2519' N - 76° 47.4558' W, to include Hoop Pole Creek and Tar Landing Bay.

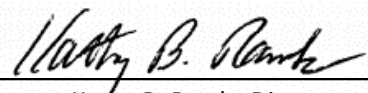
Newport River – All those waters in Newport River upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

All those waters in North River and the Straits bordered in 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.

Wade Creek – All those waters in Wade Creek 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. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Alligator Bay and Bear Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
Kathy B. Rawls, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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