

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 changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

All those waters in Brunswick and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the May 30, June 4, June 11, June 21, and June 23, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed**:

## **BRUNSWICK / CARTERET COUNTIES**

<u>All those waters</u> between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

<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.

#### The following also remains closed:

### PENDER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

<u>All those waters</u> 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.

<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 Channel Marker # 65A, located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, and Queens Creek.

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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.

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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. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Ocean Isle Beach, Lockwoods Folly River, Lockwoods Folly River Inlet area, Bogue Sound, Newport River, North River, Ward Creek, the Straits, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, and Wade Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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