PA-74-2021

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ELIZABETH S. BISER Secretary

> KATHY B. RAWLS Director

PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

This proclamation adjusts the closure boundary around Beaufort, Taylor Creek, and Carrot Island to account for recent changes to channel markers in the region implemented by the United States Coast Guard. An additional 25 acres near Lennoxville Point in the E-5 Growing Area of Carteret County will be closed as a result of these changes.

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 harvest area **permanent closure** will <u>take effect immediately</u>:

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 area:

CARTERET COUNTY

BEAUFORT AREA (E-5) - Map 29

a) <u>Beaufort Area</u> – All those waters bordered on the south and east by a line beginning at the southeast tip of Radio Island at 34° 42.3904′ N - 76° 40.7506′ W; running northeasterly to a point 34° 42.5965′ N - 76° 40.6483′ W at the western end of Bird Shoal; thence running easterly following the south facing shore of Bird Shoal to a point 34° 41.8800′ N - 76° 38.2740′ W in the sound; thence running northeasterly to a point 34° 42.1342′ N - 76° 36.7582′ W near Beacon "1"; thence running easterly to a point 34° 42.1342′ N - 76° 36.7582′ W near Beacon "3"; thence running easterly to a point 34° 42.1302′ N - 76° 36.0815′ W near Beacon "5"; thence running northwesterly to a point 34° 42.4789′ N - 76° 36.4752′ W on the southwest tip of Sheepshead Marsh; thence running northwesterly to a point 34° 43.6235′ N - 76° 37.1021′ W in Steep Point Channel; thence running northwesterly to a point 34° 43.6906′ N - 76° 37.2822′ W on the shoreline north of Davis Bay; and bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 43.3553′ N - 76° 40.2064′ W on the west shore, running easterly across Gallant Channel to a point 34° 43.3541′ N - 76° 40.0869′ W on the east shore; to include Town Marsh, Taylor Creek, Carrot Island, Turner Creek, and Davis Bay.

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.



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- 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 amends N.C. Marine Fisheries Proclamation PA-PC-2021, (29) (a) and closes approximately 25 acres.
- E. This proclamation adjusts the closure boundary around Beaufort, Taylor Creek, and Carrot Island to account for recent changes to channel markers in the region implemented by the United States Coast Guard.

BY: Mathy B. Rank

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

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