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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 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 / NEW HANOVER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES**

<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>Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters in Lockwoods Folly River</u> north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678′ N - 78° 13.8043′ W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621′N - 78° 13.1714′ W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 55.2284′N - 78° 12.7791′ W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Horse and Sheep Islands.

<u>All those waters</u> in Myrtle Grove Sound bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 04.8476′N - 77° 53.0990′ W on the mainland; running easterly near IWW Marker "155" to the southern tip of Masonboro Island at 34° 04.8251′N - 77° 52.9092′ W; and bordered on the south by Snows Cut.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between IWW Marker "141" (34° 07.7515'N - 77° 51.9560' W) near Peden Point and IWW Marker "155" (34° 04.8189'N - 77° 52.9654' W) near Carolina Beach Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

<u>All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland,</u> in Stump Sound between the North Topsail High Rise Bridge and Beacon "49" near Morris Landing, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

<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 North Topsail High Rise Bridge, to include Alligator Bay.

<u>Newport River - All those waters</u> in Newport River upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core 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.
- 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 lists areas that are temporarily closed to shellfish harvest after issuance of PA-74-2021.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

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