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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:

ONSLow / CARTERET / PAMLICO COUNTIES

All those waters 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 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, to include Chadwick Bay.

Whitehurst Creek – All those waters in Whitehurst Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.5146' N - 76° 33.3428' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.5511' N - 76° 33.1664' W on the east shore.

Sleepy Creek – All those waters in Sleepy Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.2745' N - 76° 31.4600' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.2672' N - 76° 31.2792' W on the east shore.

Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 48.8185' N - 76° 26.9761' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 48.9768' N - 76° 26.6340' W on the east shore.

Neuse River - All those waters in Neuse River near Oriental bounded by a line beginning at Maw Point running southeasterly to Fl. Beacon "NR"; thence running southwesterly to a point 34° 58.3128' N - 76° 43.7327' W in the river, thence running northwesterly to a point 34° 59.5689' N - 76° 45.3295' W on the shoreline near Dawson Creek, to include Broad Creek (Pamlico County).

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / 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.

Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters in Lockwoods Folly River 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.

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

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006' N - 77° 19.0487' W), located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, and White Oak River.

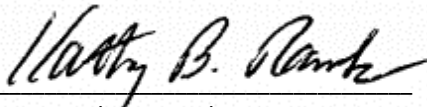
Newport River - All those waters in Newport River upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.6960' N - 76° 43.5180' W on the south shore near Penn Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 46.5733' N - 76° 42.6350' W on the north shore near the Hardesty Farms subdivision (near the Newport River DMF Shrimp Line).

Core Creek – All those waters in Core Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore, running easterly near IWW Marker "25" to a point 34° 46.2251' N - 76° 40.5919' W on the east shore near the mouth of Ware Creek.

Nelson Bay - All those waters in Nelson Bay upstream of a line from Drum Point to the northern tip of Fulchers Creek.

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. These temporary closures are due to rainfall and resultant runoff.

BY: 
Kathy B. Rawls, Director
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