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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 changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Thursday, August 12, 2021.

All those waters in New Hanover and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the August 1, August 2, August 3, and August 4, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

NEW HANOVER / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the north by Snows Cut and bordered on the south by the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, Lockwoods Folly River, Lockwoods Folly Inlet area, Cape Fear River, and Bald Head Island.

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.

All those waters between the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge and the Figure Eight Island Bridge, to include all waters of Pender County and Onslow County, as well as White Oak River.

Bogue Sound - All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between Humphrey Point near Goose Creek (34° 41.2885' N - 77° 01.0408' W), and IWW Beacon "24", to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Goose Creek, and Sanders Creek.

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.

North River - All those waters in North River upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 42.1302' N - 76° 36.0815' W at the permanent closure line near Beacon "5"; running northeasterly to a point 34° 43.2724' N - 76° 34.5238' W on the mainland at the Harker's Island Bridge at The Straits, to include Ward Creek.

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.

Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.8170' N - 76° 28.7579' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.3229' N - 76° 29.1273' W at the southern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line near Flashing Beacon #36 to a point 34° 43.7805' N - 76° 30.0180' W the southeast end of Bells Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 43.5461' N - 76° 30.3917' W on the Marshallberg shoreline.

All those waters in Core Sound bounded by a line beginning at a point 34° 54.2203' N -76° 18.8592' W near Hall Point, running southeasterly to Beacon "20"; thence running southwesterly to Beacon "33" in Core Sound; thence running westerly to a point 34° 48.8185' N -76° 26.9761' W on the shore at the mouth of Oyster Creek, to include Nelson Bay and Oyster Creek.

All those waters bounded in the north and east by a line beginning at a point 34° 59.1474' N - 76° 16.3156' W on Hog Island, running southeasterly to a point 34° 58.9645' N - 76° 16.1410' W; thence following the shoreline to Hog Island Point; thence running southwesterly to Long Point, thence running southwesterly to Lookout Point, thence running southwesterly to Hall Point in Atlantic, to include Thorofare Bay, Rumley Bay, Lewis Creek, and Cedar Island Bay.

All those waters bordered on the northeast by a line beginning at Sow Point in Pamlico County, running southwesterly to Bay Point, thence running southerly to Maw Point, thence running southeasterly to Fl. Beacon "NR" in Neuse River, thence running southeasterly to Point of Marsh, thence running easterly to Point of Grass and following the shoreline of Cedar Island to the Cedar Island Ferry Terminal, to include Long Bay, West Bay, North Bay, West Thorofare Bay, Neuse River, Adams Creek, South River, Turnagain Bay, Bay River, and Jones Bay.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / PENDER / ONSLOW / CRAVEN / PAMLICO COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the north by Snows Cut; and bordered on the south by the South Caroling State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, Lockwoods Folly River, Lockwoods Folly Inlet area, Cape Fear River, and Bald Head Island.

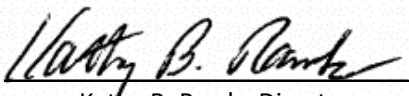
All those waters between the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge and a line from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "141" (34° 07.7515'N - 77° 51.9560' W) near Peden Point, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, all waters of Pender County and Onslow County, as well as White Oak River.

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All those waters in Oyster Creek (Pamlico County), James Creek, Middle Prong, and Clark Creek bordered on the north by a line beginning at Beard Island Point, running northwesterly to a point on the eastern tip of Cedar Island (Pamlico County) at 35° 19.4905' N - 76° 32.2801' W; thence running westerly to the tip of Pine Hammock; and bordered on the southeast by a line across Mouse Harbor Ditch from a point 35° 17.8461' N - 76° 30.1404' W to a point 35° 17.8219' N - 76° 30.1512' W.

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: a portion of Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, Middle Sound, and a portion of Bogue Sound.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

August 11, 2021
3:40 P.M.
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