

ROY COOPER
*Governor*ELIZABETH S. BISER
*Secretary*KATHY B. RAWLS
*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 changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Friday, August 13, 2021.

All those waters in Onslow, Carteret, Craven, and Pamlico 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:**

ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters between the North Topsail High-rise Bridge and the Figure Eight Island Bridge, to include all waters of Pender County, Topsail Sound, and Stump Sound.

All those waters between the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge and IWW Channel Marker # 65A, located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, and 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.

Wade Creek – All those waters in Wade Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 46.3043' N - 76° 30.0493' W on the north shore; running southerly to a point 34° 46.0324' N - 76° 30.0743' W on the south 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.

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 upstream of a line running southeasterly from Point of Marsh to Point of Grass, then following the shoreline of Cedar Island to the Cedar Island Ferry Terminal, to include Long Bay, West Bay, North Bay, and West Thorofare Bay.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER COUNTIES

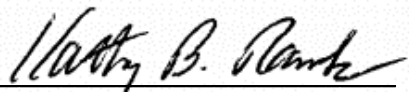
All those waters bordered on the north by Snows Cut; and bordered on the south by the South Caroling State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, Lockwoods Folly River, Lockwoods Folly Inlet area, Cape Fear River, and Bald Head Island.

All those waters, 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 North Topsail High-rise Bridge and the Figure Eight Island Bridge, to include all waters of Pender County, Topsail Sound, and Stump Sound.

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: Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, New River, North River, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, a portion of Jarrett Bay, Nelson Bay, Core Sound, Turnagain Bay, South River, Adams Creek, Neuse River, Broad Creek (Pamlico County), Bay River, Jones Bay, and Oyster Creek (Pamlico County).
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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