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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, Saturday, August 14, 2021.

All those waters in New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, 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 / ONSLOW / 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 from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between a point 34° 39.6119' N - 77° 09.3095' W on the mainland, near Cow Channel and Queens Creek, and IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749' N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway and Shell Rock Landing.

All those waters bordered on the northeast by a line beginning at a point 34°40.4487' N - 77°05.9501' W on the mainland, running southerly near Marker "45A" and following the eastern shore of Coast Guard Channel near Beacon #5 to a point 34°39.1597' N - 77°05.7070' W along the Coast Guard Channel on Emerald Isle; and bordered on the southeast by a line beginning at a point 34° 39.6119' N - 77° 09.3095' W on the mainland; running southeasterly near the Turn Marker at Cow Channel and following the eastern shore of Cow Channel to the Ferry Landing at Hammocks Beach, to include White Oak River, Queens Creek, West Channel, Coast Guard Channel, and Bogue Inlet.

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.

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 COUNTY

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.

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: Pender County, Topsail Sound, Stump Sound, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, a portion of Bogue Sound, Newport River, Wade Creek, Oyster Creek, Barry Bay, Thorofare Bay, Rumley Bay and Cedar Island Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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