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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:

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

<u>All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland</u> between IWW Marker "129" (34° 11.5153'N - 77° 49.5764' W) near Shinn Creek and IWW Marker "155" (34° 04.8189'N - 77° 52.9654' W) near Carolina Beach Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway and portions of Myrtle Grove and Masonboro Sounds.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW COUNTIES

<u>All those waters</u> between IWW Beacon "1" near Southport and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, Shallotte Inlet area, Lockwoods Folly River, and Lockwoods Folly River Inlet area.

<u>All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland</u> between IWW Beacon "49" (34° 40.2621'N - 77° 07.9802' W), near Swansboro, and IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749'N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway and Queens Creek.

<u>All those waters near the Swansboro waterfront</u> bordered on the southeast by a line starting at a point 34° 40.9479′ N -77° 07.1405′ W, near IWW Beacon "47", running southwesterly to a point 34° 40.3029′ N -77° 08.0079′ W, near IWW Beacon "49".

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.

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

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

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