

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, Thursday, August 26, 2021.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the August 22, August 23, and August 25, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

Bogue Sound - All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between the permanent closure line near 16th St. in Morehead City and IWW Marker "10", to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

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 upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 44.4581' N - 76° 37.3826' W on the shore south of Cow Pen Creek; running easterly near the old Fl. "Danger" Beacon to a point 34° 44.4929' N - 76° 35.3320' W on the northwest shore of Goose Bay, to include all of Ward Creek.

Jarrett Bay – All those waters in Jarrett Bay upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 47.1861' N - 76° 29.8331' W on the west shore near the mouth of Williston Creek; running easterly across the bay to a point 34° 47.1144' N - 76° 29.4531' W on the eastern shore near Great Creek.

South River - All those waters in South River upstream of a line beginning at Sandy Point; running easterly near Beacon "1" to Horton Point.

The following also remains closed:**BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / ONSLOW COUNTIES**

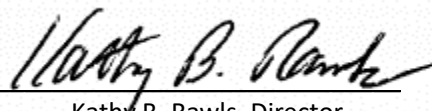
All those waters between IWW Beacon "1" near Southport and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, Shallotte Inlet area, Lockwoods Folly River, and Lockwoods Folly River Inlet area.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland 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.

All those waters near the Swansboro waterfront 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.
- D. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: a portion of North River, The Straits, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, a portion of Jarrett Bay, and Oyster Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

August 25, 2021
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