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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 28, 2021.

All those waters in New Hanover County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the August 21, 2021, temporary closure.

# The following remains closed:

#### **BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES**

<u>All those waters</u> between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the east by the permanent closure line near IWW Beacon "69"; and bordered on the west by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.6855′ N - 78° 21.3550′ W on the mainland; running southerly through IWW Marker "71" to a point 33° 54.4311′ N - 78° 21.2898′ W on Holden Beach near the end of Sea View Drive.

<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".

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

<u>Newport River - All those waters in Newport River</u> 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 the North River Bridge.

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

# **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.

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- 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: Myrtle Grove Sound and Masonboro Sound.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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