

ROY COOPER Governor ELIZABETH S. BISER Secretary KATHY B. RAWLS

#### **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, July 9, 2022.

All those waters in Brunswick and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 4, July 5, and July 8, 2022, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:** 

# **CARTERET COUNTY**

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Beacon "33" (34° 41.2885' N - 77° 01.0408' W) near Cannonsgate Marina in Bogue Sound, and IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006'N - 77° 19.0487' W), located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, White Oak River, Goose Creek, and a portion of Bogue Sound.

<u>Newport River - All those waters in Newport River</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.6960' N - 76° 43.5180' W on the south shore near Penn Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 46.5733' N - 76° 42.6350' W on the north shore near the Hardesty Farms subdivision (near the Newport River DMF Shrimp Line).

<u>Core Creek – All those waters in Core Creek</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore, running easterly near IWW Marker "25" to a point 34° 46.2251' N - 76° 40.5919' W on the east shore near the mouth of Ware Creek.

# The following remains closed:

# PENDER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227′ N - 77° 22.3142′ W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon "15" to a point 34° 31.0527′ N - 77° 22.2654′ W on North Topsail Beach, near Galleon Bay; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound and Alligator Bay.

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### **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.
- E. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Tubbs Inlet, Lockwoods Folly River, a portion of Newport River, North River, Ward Creek, and Whitehurst Creek.
- F. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls. Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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