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*Governor*

ELIZABETH S. BISER

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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, Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

All those waters in Onslow County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 20, 2023 temporary closures, **except the following which remain closed:**

### **ONSLOW COUNTY**

**All those waters** bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934' N - 77° 21.6926' W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker "76" to New River Inlet Channel Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south by the Wrightsville Beach Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Middle Sound, Pages Creek, Topsail Sound, Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, Beckys Creek, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** between the Onslow Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006' N - 77° 19.0487' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway and Salliers Bay.

**The following also remains closed:**

### **NEW HANOVER / PENDER / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**All those waters** bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934' N - 77° 21.6926' W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker "76" to New River Inlet Channel Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south by the Wrightsville Beach Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Middle Sound, Pages Creek, Topsail Sound, Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, Beckys Creek, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** in Bogue Sound between the permanent closure line near 16<sup>th</sup> St. in Morehead City and IWW Marker "8", to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

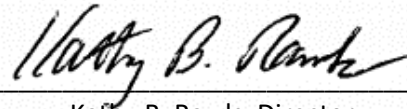
**All those waters** in Newport River upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

### **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 their 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: The Intracoastal Waterway area between IWW Beacon "59" and the Onslow Beach Bridge, to include Freeman Creek.
- E. These openings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

July 25, 2023  
2:30 P.M.  
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