



**PA-38-2024**

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*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, Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the May 16, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

**ONSLow / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** between IWW Beacon "49" (34° 40.2621' N - 77° 07.9802' W) near Swansboro, and IWW Beacon "63" (34° 35.7569' N - 77° 14.6129' W) near Browns Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Browns Creek, Bear Creek, and Queens Creek.

**White Oak River - All those waters** in White Oak River upstream of the Highway 24 Bridge at Swansboro.

**North River – All those waters in North River** upstream of a line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0460' N - 76° 37.0517' W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W (near the DMF Shrimp Line).

**The following also remains closed:**

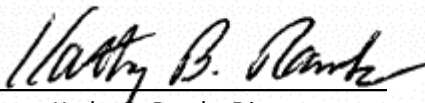
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters** north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678' N - 78° 13.8043' W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621' N - 78° 13.1714' W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 55.2284' N - 78° 12.7791' W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Horse and Sheep Islands.

**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. It should be noted that shellfish leases or franchises closed on or after April 2, 2024, to allow relaying of shellfish from closed areas remain closed.

- E. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Newport River, Core Creek, a portion of North River, and Ward Creek.
- F. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

May 21, 2024  
11:30 A.M.  
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