



**PA-73-2024**

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*Governor*

**ELIZABETH S. BISER**  
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**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 shellfish area temporary closures will **take effect immediately**.

It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take any oysters, clams or mussels or possess, sell or offer for sale any oysters, clams or mussels taken from the following polluted areas:

**CARTERET / CRAVEN COUNTIES**

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland in Bogue Sound** between the permanent closure line near 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Morehead City and the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Deer Creek, Hunting Island Bay, Goose Creek, Sanders Creek, Broad Creek, and Gales Creek.

**North River - All those waters in North River** upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 42.1302' N - 76° 36.0815' W at the permanent closure line near Beacon "5"; running northeasterly to a point 34° 43.2724' N - 76° 34.5238' W on the mainland at the Harker's Island Bridge at The Straits, to include Ward Creek.

**Whitehurst Creek – All those waters in Whitehurst Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.5146' N - 76° 33.3428' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.5511' N - 76° 33.1664' W on the east shore.

**Sleepy Creek – All those waters in Sleepy Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.2745' N - 76° 31.4600' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.2672' N - 76° 31.2792' W on the east shore.

**Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.8170' N - 76° 28.7579' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.3229' N - 76° 29.1273' W at the southern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line near Flashing Beacon #36 to a point 34° 43.7805' N - 76° 30.0180' W the southeast end of Bells Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 43.5461' N - 76° 30.3917' W on the Marshallberg shoreline.

**Adams Creek - All those waters in Adams Creek** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 57.2754' N - 76° 42.4146' W near Great Neck Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 58.0929' N - 76° 40.5944' W near Winthrop Point.

**The following also remains closed:**

**BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**All those waters** between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, the Shallotte Inlet Area, Lockwoods Folly River, the Lockwoods Folly Inlet Area, Cape Fear River, Bald Head Island, Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, Middle Sound, Pages Creek, Topsail Sound, Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, Beckys Creek, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, New River, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, the Bogue Inlet Area, and White Oak River.

**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.

**Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 48.8185' N - 76° 26.9761' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 48.9768' N - 76° 26.6340' W on the east shore.


**Brett Bay - All those waters in Brett Bay** upstream of a straight line from Piney Point to King Point.

**Nelson Bay - All those waters in Nelson Bay** upstream of a line from Drum Point to the northern tip of Fulchers 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 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. These temporary closures are due to heavy rainfall and resultant runoff.

BY:



Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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