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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 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:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.2904′ N - 78° 23.6416′ W on the mainland near the Bricklanding Road Public Boat Ramp and IWW Beacon "84"; running southerly to a point 33° 54.1932′ N - 78° 23.6426′ W on Ocean Isle Beach near Ferry Landing Park; and bordered on the west by the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

<u>All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland</u> between IWW Marker "129" (34° 11.5153'N - 77° 49.5764' W) near Shinn Creek and IWW Marker "141" (34° 07.7515'N - 77° 51.9560' W) near Peden Point.

<u>All those waters</u> in Middle and Greenville Sounds bordered on the north by the Figure Eight Island Bridge and bordered on the south by a line beginning at a point 34° 11.5660′N - 77° 49.6758′ W on the mainland; running southeasterly near IWW Marker "129" to a point 34° 11.3991′N - 77° 49.3386′ W on the south shore of Shinn Creek; thence running southeasterly to a point 34° 10.9146′N - 77° 48.9429′ W on the northern tip of Masonboro Island. , to include Pages Creek.

<u>All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland</u> between IWW Marker "98A" (34° 21.3210'N - 77° 40.8610' W) near Forest Sound Marina and the Figure Eight Island Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

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 a line beginning at a point 34° 21.4312′N - 77° 40.8731′ W on the mainland near Forest Sound Marina; running southerly near IWW Markers "98A" and "99A" and following the western shore of Black Mud Channel to the northern tip of Hutaff Island near New Topsail Inlet, to include all of Black Mud Channel, Old Topsail Creek, portions of Topsail Sound, Virginia Creek, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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- 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 rainfall and resultant runoff.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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