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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 **closure 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 area:

NEW HANOVER / PENDER COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the northeast by a line beginning at a point on the mainland near Futch Creek at 34° 17.9722' N - 77° 44.5103' W, running southeasterly following Nixon Channel to the northern tip of Figure Eight Island near Rich Inlet; and bordered on the south by a line beginning at a point 34°15.0803'N - 77°47.0404' W on the mainland near Howe Point, running southeasterly through Marker "121" and following the northern shore of Masons Creek to the southern tip of Figure Eight Island, to include Page's Creek, a portion of Middle Sound, and a portion of Topsail Sound.

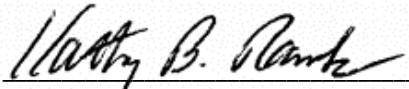
The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

All those waters 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.

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. This temporary closure is due to rainfall and resultant runoff.

BY: 

Kathy B. Rawls, Director
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