

ROY COOPER Governor ELIZABETH S. BISER Secretary KATHY B. RAWLS

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 change in a shellfish harvesting area will take effect at sunrise, Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

All those waters in Brunswick County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the June 4, 2022, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

<u>All those waters</u> between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

The following also remains closed:

NEW HANOVER / PENDER COUNTIES

<u>All those waters</u> 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.

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.
- E. This proclamation returns the following area to normal closure boundaries: Ocean Isle.

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F. This reopening is due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

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