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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 COUNTIES

All those waters between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker “89” in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 04.8476’ N - 77° 53.0990’ W on the mainland; running easterly near IWW Marker “155” to the southern tip of Masonboro Island at 34° 04.8251’ N - 77° 52.9092’ W; and bordered on the south by the permanent closure line at Howells Point near IWW Marker “33”, to include Bald Head Island, Cape Fear River, and a portion of Myrtle Grove Sound.

The following also remains closed:

PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227’ N - 77° 22.3142’ W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon “15” to a point 34° 31.0527’ N - 77° 22.2654’ W on North Topsail Beach, near Galleon Bay; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound and Alligator Bay.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Beacon “33” (34° 41.2885’ N - 77° 01.0408’ W) near Cannonsgate Marina in Bogue Sound, and IWW Beacon “65A” (34° 32.7006’ N - 77° 19.0487’ W), located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, White Oak River, Goose Creek, and a portion of Bogue Sound.

Bogue Sound - All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland in Bogue Sound between the permanent closure line near 16th St. in Morehead City and IWW Marker “17” near Jumping Run Creek, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

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.

All those waters in the Straits bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 34° 43.5461' N - 76° 30.3917' W along the shore in Marshallburg, thence in a straight line to the eastern tip of Browns Island, thence in a straight line to Shell Point on Harkers Island; and bordered in the west by a line beginning at a point along the southwestern tip of Harkers Island at 34° 42.0981' N - 76° 35.0718' W; thence in a straight line near Flashing Beacon #6 to the permanent closure line near Channel Marker #5, to include North River, Ward Creek, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, and the Straits.

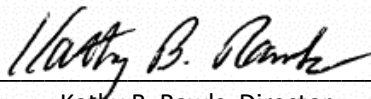
Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.8170' N - 76° 28.7579' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.3229' N - 76° 29.1273' W at the southern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line near Flashing Beacon #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.

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.

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 rainfall and resultant runoff.

BY: 
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