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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 changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Thursday, July 28, 2022.

All those waters in New Hanover and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 11, July 22, and July 24, 2022, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

NEW HANOVER / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the north by Snows Cut; and bordered on the south by the permanent closure line at Howells Point near IWW Marker "33", to include Cape Fear River and Bald Head Island

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "105" (34° 19.4274' N - 77° 42.9507' W) near Green Channel and the Figure Eight Island Bridge.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge and IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749' N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Queens Creek, and White Oak River.

North River – All those waters in North River upstream of the North River Bridge.

Ward Creek - All those waters in Ward Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W, running southerly to a point on the south shore at 34° 45.4556' N - 76° 35.1587' W (near the Ward Creek DMF Shrimp Line).

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / PENDER / ONSLOW 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.

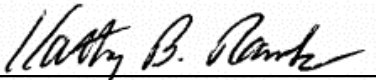
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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 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 proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Middle Sound, Pages Creek, Newport River, Core Creek, a portion of North River, Jarrett Bay, Oyster Creek, Brett Bay, and Nelson Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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