

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 changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Wednesday, August 3, 2022.

All those waters in New Hanover and Pender Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 11, July 24, and August 1, 2022, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:** 

### **PENDER COUNTY**

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 26.9167′ N - 77° 32.6167′ W on the mainland near Old Landing Road, running southeasterly through Stump Sound near Beacon "65" to a point 34° 26.2607′ N - 77° 31.6333′ W at Surf City, near Craven Avenue; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Waters Bay and a portion of Stump Sound.

### The following remains closed:

## **BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES**

<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.

<u>Queens Creek - All those waters</u> in Queens Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 39.8479′N - 77° 09.1171′ W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 40.2031′N - 77° 08.4408′ W on the east shore near the State Park Boat Ramp.

<u>All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland</u> between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and IWW IWW Beacon "49" (34° 40.2621'N - 77° 07.9802' W), near Swansboro, to include the Intracoastal Waterway and the White Oak River.

# **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 and a portion of Topsail Sound.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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