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> KATHY B. RAWLS Director

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:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

<u>All those waters</u> between IWW Beacon "1" near Southport and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area, Ocean Isle Beach, Shallotte River, Shallotte River Inlet area, Holden Beach, Lockwoods Folly River, and Lockwoods Folly River Inlet area.

The following also remains 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.

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 heavy rainfall and resultant runoff.

BY

Kathy B. Rawls, Director DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

