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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:

NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "129" (34° 11.5153' N - 77° 49.5764' W) near Shinn Creek and IWW Marker "155" (34° 04.8189' N - 77° 52.9654' W) near Carolina Beach Inlet, to include portions of Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, and the Intracoastal Waterway.

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34°19.5068' N - 77°42.9887' W on the mainland; running southerly near IWW Marker "105" and following the eastern shore of Green Channel to the southern tip of Hutaff Island near Rich Inlet, and bordered on the south by a line beginning at a point 34° 11.5660' N - 77° 49.6758' W on the mainland; running southeasterly near IWW Marker "129" to a point 34° 11.3991' N - 77° 49.3386' W on the south shore of Shinn Creek; thence running southeasterly to a point 34° 10.9146' N - 77° 48.9429' W on the northern tip of Masonboro Island, to include Middle Sound, Pages Creek, and portions of Topsail Sound.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "98A" (34° 21.3210' N - 77° 40.8610' W) near Forest Sound Marina and IWW Marker "105" (34° 19.4274' N - 77° 42.9507' W) near Green Channel, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934' N - 77° 21.6926' W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker "76" to New River Inlet Channel Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

All those waters 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.

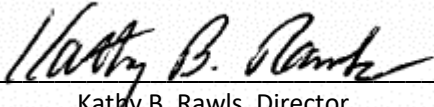
The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

All those waters 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.

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 heavy rainfall and resultant runoff.

BY: 
Kathy B. Rawls, Director
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