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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, September 1, 2022.

All those waters in New Hanover, Pender, and Onslow Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the June 29, July 4, July 7, July 8, July 11, July 22, July 28, July 31, August 1, and August 20, 2022, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

NEW HANOVER / PENDER COUNTIES

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, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

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.

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: Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, Middle Sound, Pages Creek, a portion of Topsail Sound, and Stump Sound.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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