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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, Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

All those waters in Brunswick and Pamlico Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 11, July 16, July 24, August 16, September 8, and September 30, 2022, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

PAMLICO COUNTY

<u>All those waters</u> upstream of a line beginning at Maw Point, running southeasterly to Fl. Beacon "NR"; thence running southerly to Point of Marsh; thence running easterly to Point of Grass; thence following the shoreline of Cedar Island to the Cedar Island Ferry Terminal, to include Neuse River, Adams Creek, South River, Turnagain Bay, Long Bay, West Bay, and North Bay.

The following also remains closed:

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<u>Queens Creek - All those waters in Queens Creek</u> 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.

White Oak River – All those waters in White Oak River upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 41.9497' N -77° 06.9846' W on the west shore, running easterly near the northern tip of Jones Island to a point 34° 41.9395' N -77° 05.6599' W on the east shore.

Bogue Sound - All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland in Bogue Sound between Humphrey Point near Goose Creek (34° 41.2885' N - 77° 01.0408' W) and the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Deer Creek, and Hunting Island Bay.

<u>Bogue Sound - All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland in Bogue Sound</u> between IWW Marker "14" and IWW Marker "24", to include the Intracoastal Waterway and Gales Creek.

<u>Newport River - All those waters in Newport River</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.6960' N - 76° 43.5180' W on the south shore near Penn Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 46.5733' N - 76° 42.6350' W on the north shore near the Hardesty Farms subdivision (near the Newport River DMF Shrimp Line).

<u>Core Creek – All those waters in Core Creek</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore, running easterly near IWW Marker "25" to a point 34° 46.2251' N - 76° 40.5919' W on the east shore near the mouth of Ware Creek.

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<u>North River - All those waters</u> upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 44.4581′N - 76° 37.3826′ W on the shore south of Cow Pen Creek; running easterly near the old Fl. "Danger" Beacon to a point 34° 44.4929′ N - 76° 35.3320′ W on the northwest shore of Goose Bay, to include all of Ward Creek.

<u>Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.9213' N - 76° 29.2047' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.7944' N - 76° 29.3623' W at the northern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.5281' N - 76° 30.1032' W at the "Chimney" near Jump Run Creek.

<u>Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek</u> upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 48.8185' N - 76° 26.9761' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 48.9768' N - 76° 26.6340' W on the east shore.

<u>All those waters</u> upstream of a line beginning at Maw Point, running southeasterly to Fl. Beacon "NR"; thence running southerly to Point of Marsh; thence running easterly to Point of Grass; thence following the shoreline of Cedar Island to the Cedar Island Ferry Terminal, to include Neuse River, Adams Creek, South River, Turnagain Bay, Long Bay, West Bay, and North Bay.

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the north and west by a line beginning at a point 35° 28.2328' N - 75° 29.0549' W on the Outer Banks; thence running westerly to a point 35° 28.2938' N - 75° 31.2790' W on Gull Island; thence running southwesterly to Brooks Point.

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the north and west by a line beginning at Brooks Point; thence running southwesterly to the southern tip of DOT Island near Hatteras Inlet at 35° 12.1796' N - 75° 45.6698' W; thence running southwesterly to the northern tip of Ocracoke Island.

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: Ocean Isle, Holden Beach, Bay River, and Jones Bay.
- E. These openings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

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