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*Governor*

ELIZABETH S. BISER  
*Secretary*

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 **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:

**ONSLow / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland**, between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006'N - 77° 19.0487' W), located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, and White Oak River.

**Bogue Sound - All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** in Bogue Sound between the permanent closure line near 16<sup>th</sup> St. in Morehead City and IWW Marker "17" near Jumping Run Creek, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

**Newport River – All those waters in Newport River** upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

**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  
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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3:55 P.M.  
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