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*Governor*

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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 changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Thursday, February 23, 2023.

All those waters in New Hanover County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the February 12 and February 15, 2023 temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY**

**All those waters** in the Intracoastal Waterway within 250 yards of the dredge spoil discharge pipe on US Army Corps of Engineers Spoil Island #254 near IWW Beacon "134", bounded by a line beginning at a point 34° 09.9631' N - 77° 50.6641' W on the spoil island south of the pipe, running northwesterly to a point 34° 10.0042' N - 77° 50.7691' W in the Intracoastal Waterway, thence running northeasterly to a point 34° 10.1854' N - 77° 50.6647' W in the Intracoastal Waterway, thence running southeasterly to a point 34° 10.1326' N - 77° 50.5335' W on the spoil island north of the pipe.

**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 their 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 and a portion of Masonboro Sound.
- E. These openings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

February 22, 2023  
1:05 P.M.  
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