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*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, Saturday, May 27, 2023.

All those waters in Brunswick, New Hanover, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the May 19 and May 20, 2023 temporary closures, **except the following which remain closed:**

**BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW COUNTIES**

**Shalotte River – All those waters in Shalotte River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.3874' N - 78° 22.2861' W on the western shore of the Shalotte River approximately 650 yards south of The Swash; running easterly to a point 33° 55.3385' N - 78° 21.7279' W on the eastern shore of the Shalotte River approximately 650 yards south of Shalotte Creek.

**All those waters** bordered on the east by the permanent closure line near IWW Beacon “69”; and bordered on the west by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.6855' N - 78° 21.3550' W on the mainland; running southerly through IWW Marker “71” to a point 33° 54.4311' N - 78° 21.2898' W on Holden Beach near the end of Sea View Drive.

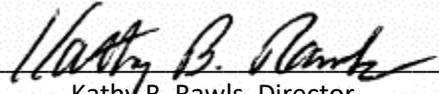
**Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters** north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678' N - 78° 13.8043' W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621' N - 78° 13.1714' W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 55.2284' N - 78° 12.7791' W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Horse and Sheep Islands.

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** in Stump Sound between the North Topsail High Rise Bridge and Beacon “49” near Morris Landing, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

**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. It should be noted that shellfish leases or franchises closed on or after April 4, 2023, to allow relaying of shellfish from closed areas remain closed.

- E. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte Inlet Area, a portion of Shallotte River, Lockwoods Folly Inlet Area, Middle Sound, and White Oak River.
- F. These openings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
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