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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, July 12, 2023.

All those waters in New Hanover and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 6, 2023 temporary closures, **except the following which remain closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

North River – All those waters in North River upstream of a line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0460' N - 76° 37.0517' W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W (near the DMF Shrimp Line).

Brett Bay - All those waters in Brett Bay upstream of a straight line from Piney Point to King Point.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / PENDER / ONSLOW / PAMLICO COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.2904' N - 78° 23.6416' W on the mainland near the Bricklanding Road Public Boat Ramp and IWW Beacon "84"; running southerly to a point 33° 54.1932' N - 78° 23.6426' W on Ocean Isle Beach near Ferry Landing Park; and bordered on the west by the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934' N - 77° 21.6926' W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker "76" to New River Inlet Channel Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

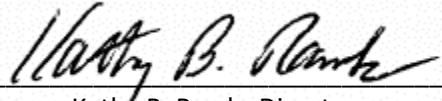
Queens Creek - All those waters in Queens Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 39.8479' N - 77° 09.1171' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 40.2031' N - 77° 08.4408' W on the east shore near the State Park Boat Ramp.

All those waters in Neuse River near Oriental bounded by a line beginning at Maw Point running southeasterly to Fl. Beacon "NR"; thence running southwesterly to a point 34° 58.3128' N - 76° 43.7327' W in the river, thence running northwesterly to a point 34° 59.5689' N - 76° 45.3295' W on the shoreline near Dawson Creek, to include Broad Creek.

Bay River - All those waters in Bay River upstream of a line beginning at a point 35° 10.7969' N - 76° 36.7833' W on the north shore near Spencer Point, running southerly to a point 35° 09.6952' N - 76° 36.6683' W on the south shore.

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: Masonboro Sound, Newport River, Core Creek, a portion of North River, Ward Creek, Oyster Creek, and Nelson Bay.
- E. These openings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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