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KATHY B. RAWLS

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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, Friday, July 28, 2023.

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

### **ONSLOW AND CARTERET COUNTIES**

**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.

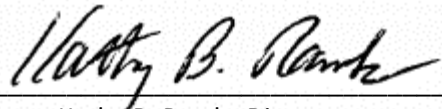
**All those waters** bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227' N - 77° 22.3142' W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon "15" to a point 34° 31.0527' N - 77° 22.2654' W on North Topsail Beach, near Galleon Bay; and bordered on the south by the North Topsail High Rise Bridge, to include Alligator Bay.

**Newport River – All those waters in Newport River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.6960' N - 76° 43.5180' W on the south shore near Penn Point; running northerly to a point 34° 46.5349' N - 76° 43.5087' W on the west shore of Harlowe 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 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: A portion of Stump Sound, Chadwick Bay, Sallier's Bay, Bogue Sound, and a portion of Newport River.

E. These openings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
Kathy B. Rawls, Director  
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July 27, 2023  
12:15 P.M.  
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