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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, September 15, 2023.

All those waters in New Hanover, Onslow, Hyde, and Dare Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the August 31, 2023 temporary closures, **except the following which remain closed:**

ONSLow / HYDE COUNTIES

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 Surf City Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Stump Sound, and Alligator Bay.

All those waters in West Bluff Bay and Juniper Bay upstream of a line beginning at Bluff Point, running westerly to the southern tip of Great Island Marsh; thence running northerly to a point 35° 20.4723' N - 76° 16.1193' W on the mainland.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / PENDER COUNTIES

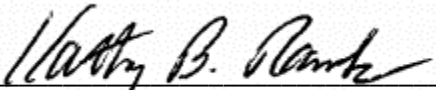
All those waters between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

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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, Masonboro Sound, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Queens Creek, Ocracoke, and Hatteras.
- E. These openings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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