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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, Thursday, January 4, 2024.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the December 11, December 18, and December 28, 2023 temporary closures, **except the following which remain closed:**

ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters in Stump Sound bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 28.2180' N - 77° 30.5521' W on the mainland near Morris Landing, running southeasterly near Beacon "49" to a point on Topsail Island at 34° 27.273' N - 77° 29.937' W; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge.

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 from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and IWW Beacon "63", located near Browns Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, and White Oak River.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER COUNTIES

All those waters between IWW Beacon "1" near Southport and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, the Shallotte Inlet Area, Lockwoods Folly River, and the Lockwoods Folly Inlet Area.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between the Surf City Bridge and the Figure Eight Island Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, a portion of Topsail Sound, Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, and Beckys Creek.

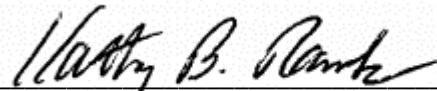
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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 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: A portion of Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, Newport River, Core Creek, North River, Ward Creek, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, Jarrett Bay, Oyster Creek, Brett Bay, and Nelson Bay.
- E. These openings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:



Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

January 3, 2024
11:00 A.M.
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