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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, Thursday, April 4, 2024.

All those waters in Brunswick, Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the March 23 and March 29, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

### **BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**Shallotte River – All those waters in Shallotte River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 33° 54.8302' N - 78° 22.3626' W near Bowen Point; running southeasterly to a point 33° 54.6139' N - 78° 21.7667' W on Long Point.

**All those waters** between IWW Beacon “1” near Southport, and the permanent closure line near the Holden Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon “51A”, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Lockwoods Folly River, and the Lockwoods Folly Inlet Area.

**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 IWW Beacon “49” (34° 40.2621' N - 77° 07.9802' W), near Swansboro, and the Onslow Beach Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek and Queens Creek.

**Newport River – All those waters in Newport River** upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

### **The following also remains closed:**

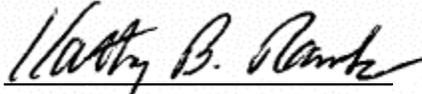
### **NEW HANOVER / PENDER COUNTIES**

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 24.7539' N – 77° 35.6463' W on the mainland near Sloop Point, running southwesterly near IWW Marker “86” to a point 34° 24.6325' N - 77° 35.6860' W near Beacon “BC”; and bordered in the south by the Figure Eight Island Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, a portion of Topsail Sound and Old Topsail 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 his 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 2, 2024, to allow relaying of shellfish from closed areas remain closed.
- E. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Tubbs Inlet, a portion of the Shallotte Inlet area, Sallier's Bay, and White Oak River.
- F. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
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11:30 A.M.  
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