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ELIZABETH S. BISER
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KATHY B. RAWLS
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 **effective sunrise, Thursday, May 23, 2024**, the leases in **Pender, Onslow, and Carteret Counties** that were closed exclusively for relaying purposes **WILL REOPEN** to the harvest of shellfish, **with the exception of those affected leases located in waters that are temporarily closed, which include:**

BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678' N - 78° 13.8043' W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621' N - 78° 13.1714' W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 55.2284' N - 78° 12.7791' W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Horse and Sheep Islands.

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 IWW Beacon "63" (34° 35.7569' N - 77° 14.6129' W) near Browns Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Browns Creek, Bear Creek, and Queens Creek.

White Oak River - All those waters in White Oak River upstream of the Highway 24 Bridge at Swansboro.

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).

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. These reopenings are due to sufficient time having elapsed to reduce pathogens that might have been present to acceptable levels.

BY:

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

May 22, 2024
8:30 A.M.
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