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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 change in a shellfish harvesting area will take effect at sunrise, Saturday, June 29, 2024.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the June 25, 2024, temporary closures.

## The following remain closed:

#### **ONSLOW COUNTY**

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934′ N - 77° 21.6926′ W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker "76" to New River Inlet Channel Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south 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, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, a portion of Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

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 "65A" (34° 32.7006'N - 77° 19.0487' W), located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, and Queens 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. This proclamation returns the following area to normal closure boundaries: North River.
- E. This reopening is due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ