



**PA-53-2024**

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*Governor*

**ELIZABETH S. BISER**  
*Secretary*

**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 the following changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Thursday, July 4, 2024.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the June 25, June 28, and July 1, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

**ONSLow / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**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 "55" (34° 38.5749' N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway and Queens Creek.

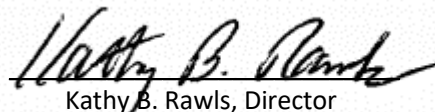
**White Oak River - All those waters** in White Oak River upstream of the Highway 24 Bridge at Swansboro.

**Newport River - All those waters in Newport River** upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 45.6646' N – 76° 44.0603' W on the south shore near Lawton Point, running northerly to a point 34° 46.5724' N -76° 44.3786' W on the north shore just upstream of Hammock Rock.

**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 areas to normal closure boundaries: Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, a portion of Newport River, and Core Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:

  
Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

July 3, 2024  
1:00 P.M.  
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