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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 the following changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Thursday, July 25, 2024.

All those waters in Brunswick and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 12, and July 19, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

Oyster Creek - All those waters in **Oyster Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 48.8185' N - 76° 26.9761' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 48.9768' N - 76° 26.6340' W on the east shore.

The following area also remains closed:

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

All those waters bordered on the north by the Wrightsville Beach Bridge, and bordered on the south by Snows Cut, to include Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, and Greenville Sound.

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: Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, Lockwoods Folly River, Newport River, Core Creek, and Brett Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

July 24, 2024
11:30 A.M.
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