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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, Friday, July 26, 2024.

All those waters in New Hanover and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 19 and July 20, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

All those waters in Myrtle Grove Sound bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 07.7706′N - 77° 52.0833′ W on the mainland near Peden Point; running easterly near IWW Marker "141" to a point 34° 07.6007′N - 77° 51.0328′ W on Masonboro Island; and bordered on the south by a line beginning at a point 34° 04.8476′N - 77° 53.0990′ W on the mainland; running easterly near IWW Marker "155" to the southern tip of Masonboro Island at 34° 04.8251′N - 77° 52.9092′ W.

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: A portion of Myrtle Grove Sound, a portion of Masonboro Sound, Greenville Sound, and Oyster Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

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