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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, Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 26 and July 27, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "19" and IWW Beacon "47" (34° 40.9816' N - 77° 07.3016' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway, White Oak River, Deer Creek, Hunting Island Bay, Goose Creek, Sanders Creek, Broad Creek, Gales Creek, and a portion of Bogue Sound.

Newport River – All those waters in Newport River upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

North River - All those waters upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 44.4581' N - 76° 37.3826' W on the shore south of Cow Pen Creek; running easterly near the old Fl. "Danger" Beacon to a point 34° 44.4929' N - 76° 35.3320' W on the northwest shore of Goose Bay, to include all of Ward Creek.

Wade Creek – All those waters in Wade Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 46.3043' N - 76° 30.0493' W on the north shore; running southerly to a point 34° 46.0324' N - 76° 30.0743' W on the south shore.

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.

Nelson Bay - All those waters in Nelson Bay upstream of a line from Drum Point to the northern tip of Fulchers Creek.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.2904' N - 78° 23.6416' W on the mainland near the Bricklanding Road Public Boat Ramp and IWW Beacon "84"; running southerly to a point 33° 54.1932' N - 78° 23.6426' W on Ocean Isle Beach near Ferry Landing Park; and bordered on the west by the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

All those waters between IWW Beacon "1" near Southport and the permanent closure line near the Holden Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon "51A", to include Lockwoods Folly River and the Lockwoods Folly Inlet area.


All those waters bordered on the north by the Figure Eight Island Bridge, and bordered on the south by Snows Cut, to include Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, Greenville Sound, Middle Sound, and Pages Creek.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749'N - 77° 10.8033' W) and IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006'N - 77° 19.0487' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, and Bear Creek.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "19" and IWW Beacon "47" (34° 40.9816'N - 77° 07.3016' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway, White Oak River, Deer Creek, Hunting Island Bay, Goose Creek, Sanders Creek, Broad Creek, Gales Creek, and a portion of Bogue 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: A portion of North River, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, a portion of Jarrett Bay, and Brett Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

July 30, 2024
11:30 A.M.
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