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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, Thursday, August 1, 2024.

All those waters in New Hanover, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 20, July 26, and July 27, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

### **NEW HANOVER / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**All those waters in Myrtle Grove Sound** bordered on the north 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; and bordered on the south by Snows Cut.

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** in Bogue Sound between IWW Marker "19" and IWW Marker "24", to include the Intracoastal Waterway and Gales Creek.

**All those waters in Newport River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 44.8271' N - 76° 42.1709' W on the south shore near Crab Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore of Core Creek.

**North River – All those waters in North River** upstream of a line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0460' N - 76° 37.0517' W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W (near the DMF Shrimp Line).

**Ward Creek - All those waters** in Ward Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W, running southerly to a point on the south shore at 34° 45.4556' N - 76° 35.1587' W (near the Ward Creek DMF Shrimp Line).

**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:**

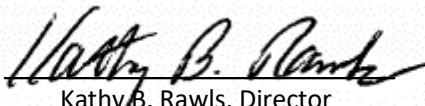
### **BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**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.

**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, Masonboro Sound, Middle Sound, Pages Creek, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, White Oak River, a portion of Bogue Sound, Deer Creek, Hunting Island Bay, Goose Creek, Sanders Creek, Broad Creek, a portion of Newport River, Core Creek, and a portion of North River.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
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11:05 A.M.  
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