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KATHY B. RAWLS
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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 shellfish area temporary **closures** will **take effect immediately**.

It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take any oysters, clams or mussels or possess, sell or offer for sale any oysters, clams or mussels taken from the following polluted areas:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, the Shallotte Inlet Area, Lockwoods Folly River, the Lockwoods Folly Inlet Area, Cape Fear River, Bald Head Island, Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, Middle Sound, Pages Creek, Topsail Sound, Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, Beckys Creek, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, New River, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, the Bogue Inlet Area, and White Oak River.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "19" and the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Deer Creek, Hunting Island Bay, Goose Creek, Sanders Creek, Broad Creek, and Gales Creek.

The following also remains closed:

CARTERET COUNTY

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 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).

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.

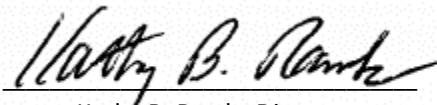
Brett Bay - All those waters in Brett Bay upstream of a straight line from Piney Point to King Point.

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

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. These temporary closures are due to heavy rainfall and resultant runoff associated with Tropical Storm Debby.

BY:



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

August 8, 2024
8:10 A.M.
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