



**PA-75-2024**

**ROY COOPER**  
*Governor*

**ELIZABETH S. BISER**  
*Secretary*

**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, Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

All those waters in New Hanover, Pender, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 19, July 20, July 26, July 27, August 3, August 7, August 8, and August 10, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

**NEW HANOVER / PENDER / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**All those waters** between the Snows Cut 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, and Bald Head Island.

**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.

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** between IWW Marker "129" (34° 11.5153'N - 77° 49.5764' W) near Shinn Creek and IWW Marker "141" (34° 07.7515'N - 77° 51.9560' W) near Peden Point, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

**All those waters** between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and the Surf City Bridge, to include 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** in Bogue Sound between IWW Beacon "24" and IWW Beacon "33", to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Sanders Creek, and Broad Creek.

**Newport River – 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.

**The following also remains closed:**

**BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW COUNTIES**

**All those waters** between the Snows Cut 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, and Bald Head Island.

**All those waters** between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, New River, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, the Bogue Inlet Area, and White Oak River.

**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, Middle Sound, Pages Creek, Topsail Sound, Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, Beckys Creek, a portion of Newport River, Core Creek, North River, Ward Creek, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, Oyster Creek, Brett Bay, and Nelson Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
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August 20, 2024  
12:30 P.M.  
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