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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 closure 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 area:

CARTERET COUNTY

Newport River - All those waters in Newport River within a boundary beginning at Crab Point (34° 44.8242' N - 76° 42.1718' W), running easterly to IWW Beacon "32", running southwesterly to IWW Beacon "34", running southwesterly to IWW Beacon "36", running southerly across the IWW to a point 34° 43.7680' N - 76° 41.3084' W at the southern tip of Phillips Island, to include Crab Point Thorofare and a portion of the Newport River Marshes.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / ONSLOW / 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 bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227' N - 77° 22.3142' W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon "15" to a point 34° 31.0527' N - 77° 22.2654' W on North Topsail Beach, near Galleon Bay; and bordered on the south by the North Topsail High Rise Bridge, to include Alligator Bay.

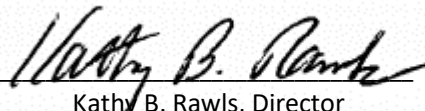
All those waters bordered in the northeast by the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge; and bordered on the southwest by a line beginning at a point 34° 39.6119' N - 77° 09.3095' W on the mainland; running southeasterly near the Turn Marker at Cow Channel and following the eastern shore of Cow Channel to the Ferry Landing at Hammocks Beach, to include White Oak River, Queens Creek, West Channel, Coast Guard Channel, and Bogue Inlet.

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.

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 temporary closure must remain in place due to a sewer spill at the Morehead City Wastewater Treatment Plant that occurred on August 10th, 2024.

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

August 21, 2024
4:15 P.M.
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