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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, Friday, August 30, 2024.

All those waters in Brunswick, New Hanover, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 12, July 13, July 14, July 19, July 20, July 26, July 27, August 3, August 7, August 8, August 10, and August 21, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

### **BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**All those waters** between IWW Beacon "48A" (33° 55.2179' N - 78° 14.5628' W) and the permanent closure line between the Holden Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon "51".

**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.

**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.

### **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: Cape Fear River, Bald Head Island, White Oak River, and Bogue Sound.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

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