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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, Saturday, September 7, 2024.

All those waters in Brunswick, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 26, July 27, August 3, August 7, August 8, August 10, August 21, September 3, and September 5, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

<u>Core Creek – All those waters in Core Creek</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore, running easterly near IWW Marker "25" to a point 34° 46.2251' N - 76° 40.5919' W on the east shore near the mouth of Ware 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 proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Holden Beach, New River, Bogue Sound, Deer Creek, and Hunting Island Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results. Additionally, a more detailed assessment of the sewer spill in Wallace Creek determined that impacts did not extend beyond the permanent closure boundary in New River.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

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