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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 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 COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.2904' N - 78° 23.6416' W on the mainland near the Bricklanding Road Public Boat Ramp and IWW Beacon "84"; running southerly to a point 33° 54.1932' N - 78° 23.6426' W on Ocean Isle Beach near Ferry Landing Park; and bordered on the west by the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

Shallotte River – All those waters in Shallotte River upstream of a line beginning at a point 33° 54.8302' N - 78° 22.3626' W near Bowen Point; running southeasterly to a point 33° 54.6139' N - 78° 21.7667' W on Long Point.

Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678' N - 78° 13.8043' W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621' N - 78° 13.1714' W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 55.2284' N - 78° 12.7791' W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Horse and Sheep Islands.

All those waters in Myrtle Grove Sound bordered on the north 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; and bordered on the south by Snows Cut.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "149" (34° 06.5162' N - 77° 52.4234' W) near Peden Point and IWW Marker "155" (34° 04.8189' N - 77° 52.9654' W) near Carolina Beach Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

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 in Stump Sound bordered on the north by the North Topsail High Rise Bridge; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge.

The following also remains closed:

ONSLow / CARTERET / CRAVEN / PAMLICO COUNTIES

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge and IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749' N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Queens Creek, and White Oak River.

All those waters in Bogue Sound bordered on the east by the permanent closure line near Fort Macon; and bordered on the west by a line beginning at a point 34° 43.5386' N - 76° 47.4167' W on the mainland, running southerly near IWW Marker "8" to a point on Bogue Banks at 34° 42.2519' N - 76° 47.4558' W.

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.

All those waters bordered on the east and south by a line beginning at a point 34° 54.2203' N - 76° 18.8592' W near Hall Point in Atlantic, running southeasterly to Beacon "20"; thence running southwesterly to Beacon "33" in Core Sound; thence running southwesterly to Green Marker "37" off Jarrett Bay; thence running southwesterly to Shell Point on Harkers Island; thence running westerly following the south shore of Harkers Island to a point 34° 42.0981' N - 76° 35.0718' W; thence running westerly to a point 34° 42.1302' N - 76° 36.0815' W at the permanent closure line near Beacon "5", to include North River, Ward Creek, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, the Straits, Jarrett Bay, Oyster Creek, Brett Bay, Nelson Bay, and a portion of Core Sound.

All those waters in Thorofare Bay west of a line beginning at Lookout Point, running across Thorofare Bay to Hall Point near Atlantic.

All those waters in Rumley Bay upstream of a line running from Long Point to Lookout Point.

Adams Creek - All those waters in Adams Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 57.2754' N - 76° 42.4146' W near Great Neck Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 58.0929' N - 76° 40.5944' W near Winthrop Point.

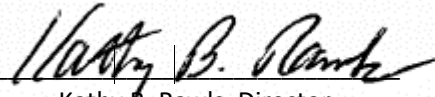
Bay River - All those waters in Bay River and Jones Bay bordered on the northwest by the Hobucken Bridge; and bordered on the east by a line running from Sow Island Point to Bay Point to Maw Point.

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.

BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy B. Rawls", is written over a horizontal line.

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

September 15, 2024
7:40 A.M.
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