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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, Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

All those waters in 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, September 5, September 13, September 14, September 15, and September 17, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

### **ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTY**

**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.

**All those waters** bordered on the northeast by the Atlantic Beach Bridge, and bordered on the southwest by IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006' N - 77° 19.0487' W), located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, White Oak River, and a portion of Bogue Sound.

**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.

**North River - All those waters** upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 44.4581' N - 76° 37.3826' W on the shore south of Cow Pen Creek; running easterly near the old Fl. "Danger" Beacon to a point 34° 44.4929' N - 76° 35.3320' W on the northwest shore of Goose Bay, to include all of Ward Creek.

**Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.9213' N - 76° 29.2047' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.7944' N - 76° 29.3623' W at the northern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.5281' N - 76° 30.1032' W at the "Chimney" near Jump Run Creek.

**Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 48.8185' N - 76° 26.9761' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 48.9768' N - 76° 26.6340' W on the east shore.

**Thorofare Bay - 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 South River upstream of a line beginning at Sandy Point; running easterly near Beacon "1" to Horton 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.

**The following also remains closed:**

**BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / CRAVEN / PAMLICO COUNTIES**

**All those waters** bordered on the north by the Figure Eight Island Bridge and bordered on the south by 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, Bald Head Island, Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, Middle Sound, and Pages Creek.

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** between the Surf City Bridge and the Figure Eight Island Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, a portion of Topsail Sound, Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, and Beckys Creek.

**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.

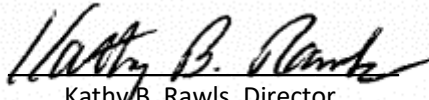
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**Bay River - All those waters in Bay River and Jones Bay** bordered on the northwest by the Hobucken Bridge; and bordered on the east by a line running from Sow Island Point to Bay Point to Maw Point.

**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. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, New River, a portion of Bogue Sound, Tar Landing Bay, a portion of North River, Back Sound, Straits, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, a portion of Jarrett Bay, Brett Bay, Nelson Bay, and Rumley Bay.

E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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1:15 P.M.  
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