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KATHY B. RAWLS
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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, Thursday, September 26, 2024.

All those waters in New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, Carteret, and Pamlico Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 19, July 20, July 26, July 27, August 3, August 7, August 8, August 10, August 21, September 3, September 5, September 13, September 14, September 15, September 16, and September 17, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

NEW HANOVER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the north by the Wrightsville Beach 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, and Masonboro Sound.

All those waters bordered on the northeast by a line beginning at a point 34° 37.4184' N - 77° 12.7498' W on the mainland, running southeasterly near IWW Beacon "59" and following the western shore of Shacklefoot Channel to a point on Browns Island at 34° 36.7600' N - 77° 12.1416' W; and bordered on the southwest IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006' N - 77° 19.0487' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek and Browns Inlet.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Beacon "45A" (34° 40.3904' N - 77° 05.9365' W) and IWW Beacon "59" (34° 37.3978' N - 77° 12.6533' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, and White Oak River.

All those waters in Bogue Sound bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 34° 43.6158' N - 76° 52.7718' W on the mainland, running southwesterly to IWW Marker "19"; thence running southerly to a point 34° 41.5263' N - 76° 52.6905' W at the permanent closure line off of Salter Path; thence running southeasterly to a point on Bogue Banks at 34° 41.4488' N - 76° 52.6498' W, and bordered on the west by a line beginning at a point 34° 40.4490' N - 77° 05.9501' W on the mainland, running southerly near Marker "45A" and following the eastern shore of Coast Guard Channel near Buoys "A" and "2" to a point 34° 39.1597' N - 77° 05.7070' W along the Coast Guard Channel on Emerald Isle.

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:

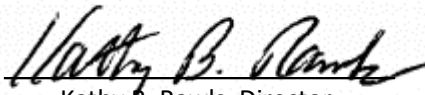
BRUNSWICK / CRAVEN COUNTIES

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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: Middle Sound, Pages Creek, Topsail Sound, Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, Beckys Creek, Stump Sound, Bear Inlet, Bogue Inlet, a portion of Bogue Sound, Bay River, and Jones Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
Kathy B. Rawls, Director
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