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PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Kelly Kimple, M.D., M.P.H., Interim State Health Director, Department of Health and Human Services, hereby announces that the following change in a shellfish harvesting area will take effect at sunrise, Saturday, May 31, 2025.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the May 13, May 14, May 21, and May 28, 2025, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and 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, and White Oak 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.

Jarrett Bay – All those waters in Jarrett Bay upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 47.1861' N - 76° 29.8331' W on the west shore near the mouth of Williston Creek; running easterly across the bay to a point 34° 47.1144' N - 76° 29.4531' W on the eastern shore near Great Creek.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / PENDER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

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 bordered on the northeast by IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006'N - 77° 19.0487' W), located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, and bordered on the southwest by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, and New River.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and 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, and White Oak River.

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 area to normal closure boundaries: Oyster Creek.
- E. This reopening is due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:



Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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