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PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Dr. Lawrence Greenblatt, 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, June 21, 2025.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the May 12, May 13, May 14, May 21, May 28, June 6, June 15, and June 17, 2025, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

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All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland in Stump Sound between the North Topsail High Rise Bridge and Beacon "49" near Morris Landing, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227' N - 77° 22.3142' W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon "15" to a point 34° 31.0527' N - 77° 22.2654' W on North Topsail Beach, near Galleon Bay; and bordered on the south by the North Topsail High Rise Bridge, to include Alligator Bay.

Salliers Bay – All those waters in Salliers Bay upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 33.1889' N - 77° 18.4769' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 33.3700' N - 77° 18.1223' W on the east shore.

Bear Creek – All those waters in Bear Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 38.0080' N - 77° 12.2906' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 38.0599' N - 77° 12.1801' W on the east shore.

Queens Creek - All those waters in Queens Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 39.8479' N - 77° 09.1171' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 40.2031' N - 77° 08.4408' W on the east shore near the State Park Boat Ramp.

Newport River - All those waters in Newport River upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 45.6646' N - 76° 44.0603' W on the south shore near Lawton Point, running northerly to a point 34° 46.5724' N - 76° 44.3786' W on the north shore just upstream of Hammock Rock.

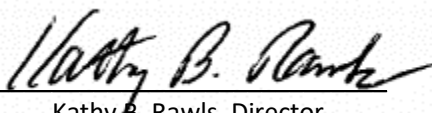
The following also remains closed:

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

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.

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: The Intracoastal Waterway between the Onslow Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon "65A", a portion of the Newport River.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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