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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, Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

All those waters in Onslow County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the May 28, June 6, and June 15, 2025, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:** 

## **ONSLOW COUNTY**

<u>All those waters</u> 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.

<u>Queens Creek - All those waters in Queens Creek</u> 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.

## The following also remain closed:

## **NEW HANOVER / CARTERET COUNTIES**

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.

<u>Newport River</u> - 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.

# **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: Stump Sound, Salliers Bay, and Bear Creek.

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

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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