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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, July 12, 2025.

All those waters in Brunswick, Pender, and Onslow Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 6 and July 11, 2025, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

### **ONSLOW COUNTY**

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** between IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749'N - 77° 10.8033' W) and the Onslow Beach Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Freeman Creek, and Bear Creek.

**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.

**The following also remains closed:**

### **NEW HANOVER / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**All those waters in Myrtle Grove Sound** bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 07.7706'N - 77° 52.0833' W on the mainland near Peden Point; running easterly near IWW Marker "141" to a point 34° 07.6007'N - 77° 51.0328' W on Masonboro Island; and bordered on the south by a line beginning at a point 34° 04.8476'N - 77° 53.0990' W on the mainland; running easterly near IWW Marker "155" to the southern tip of Masonboro Island at 34° 04.8251'N - 77° 52.9092' W.

**Core Creek – All those waters in Core Creek** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore, running easterly near IWW Marker "25" to a point 34° 46.2251' N - 76° 40.5919' W on the east shore near the mouth of Ware Creek.

**Whitehurst Creek – All those waters in Whitehurst Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.5146' N - 76° 33.3428' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.5511' N - 76° 33.1664' W on the east shore.

**Sleepy Creek – All those waters in Sleepy Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.2745' N - 76° 31.4600' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.2672' N - 76° 31.2792' W on the east shore.

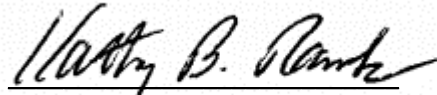
**Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 48.8185' N - 76° 26.9761' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 48.9768' N - 76° 26.6340' W on the east shore.

**Nelson Bay - All those waters in Nelson Bay** upstream of a line from Drum Point to the northern tip of Fulchers Creek.

**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: Tubbs Inlet, Ocean Isle Beach, Shallotte River, Shallotte Inlet, Lockwoods Folly River, Lockwoods Folly Inlet, and Stump Sound.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:



Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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