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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, Friday, October 17, 2025.

All those waters in Pender, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the October 12, 2025, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

### **ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**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.

**All those waters in White Oak River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 41.9497' N - 77° 06.9846' W on the west shore; running easterly near the northern tip of Jones Island to a point 34° 41.9395' N - 77° 05.6599' W on the east shore.

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** in Bogue Sound between IWW Marker "14" and IWW Marker "17", to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** in Bogue Sound between the permanent closure line near 16<sup>th</sup> St. in Morehead City and the Atlantic Beach Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

**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.

**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.

**Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.8170' N - 76° 28.7579' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.3229' N - 76° 29.1273' W at the southern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line near Flashing Beacon #36 to a point 34° 43.7805' N - 76° 30.0180' W the southeast end of Bells Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 43.5461' N - 76° 30.3917' W on the Marshallberg shoreline.

**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.

**Brett Bay - All those waters in Brett Bay** upstream of a straight line from Piney Point to King Point.

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

**All those waters in South River** upstream of a line beginning at Sandy Point; running easterly near Beacon "1" to Horton Point.

**The following also remains closed:**

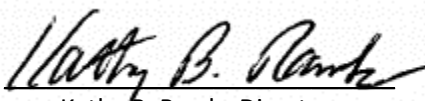
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**All those waters** bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.2904' N - 78° 23.6416' W on the mainland near the Bricklanding Road Public Boat Ramp and IWW Beacon "84"; running southerly to a point 33° 54.1932' N - 78° 23.6426' W on Ocean Isle Beach near Ferry Landing Park; and bordered on the west by the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

**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.

**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, Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, a portion of White Oak River, and a portion of North River.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
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