

ROY COOPER
*Governor*JOHN NICHOLSON
*Interim Secretary*KATHY B. RAWLS
*Director***PROCLAMATION****RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA**

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Betsey Tilson, M.D., M.P.H., 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 9, 2021.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the May 30, and June 4, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which will remain closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge and IWW Channel Marker # 65A, located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, and White Oak River.

Ward Creek - All those waters in Ward Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W, running southerly to a point on the south shore at 34° 45.4556' N - 76° 35.1587' W (near the Ward Creek DMF Shrimp Line).

Wade Creek – All those waters in Wade Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 46.3043' N - 76° 30.0493' W on the north shore; running southerly to a point 34° 46.0324' N - 76° 30.0743' W on the south 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.

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.

The following also remains closed:**BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW COUNTIES**

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.

Shalotte River – All those waters in Shalotte River upstream of a line beginning at a point 33° 54.8302' N - 78° 22.3626' W near Bowen Point; running southeasterly to a point 33° 54.6139' N - 78° 21.7667' W on Long Point.

All those waters between IWW Beacon “1” near Southport and the permanent closure line near the Holden Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon “51A”, to include Lockwoods Folly River and the Lockwoods Folly Inlet area.

All those waters between the Figure Eight Island Bridge and Snows Cut, to include Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, Middle Sound, and Pages Creek.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between IWW Marker “98A” (34° 21.3210’N - 77° 40.8610’ W) near Forest Sound Marina and the Figure Eight Island Bridge.


All those waters in Topsail Sound bordered on the north by the Surf City Bridge and bordered on the south by a line beginning at a point 34° 21.4312’N - 77° 40.8731’ W on the mainland near Forest Sound Marina; running southerly near IWW Markers “98A” and “99A” and following the western shore of Black Mud Channel to the northern tip of Hutaff Island near New Topsail Inlet, to include all of Black Mud Channel, Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, and Beckys Creek.

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934’ N - 77° 21.6926’ W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker “76” to New River Inlet Channel Beacon “12”, thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge and IWW Channel Marker # 65A, located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include 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 areas to normal closure boundaries: Newport River, Core Creek, a portion of North River, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, a portion of Jarrett Bay, and will reopen those leases in Newport River and North River that were closed exclusively for relaying.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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