PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT AREA

Preston P. Pate, Jr., Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at sunrise, Friday, January 19, 2007 the following Shellfish Management Area will open to the taking of oysters and clams subject to the restrictions placed on shellfish harvested from public bottoms:

I. AREA DESCRIPTION

CARTERET COUNTY

The Wards Creek Management Area from the Highway 70 Bridge downstream to North Leopard Creek as shown on the attached map.

II. 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 Marine Fisheries Rules 15A NCAC 3H .0103 and 3K .0103. Marine Fisheries Rules 15A NCAC 3K Sections .0100 et seq. and .0200 et seq. specify conditions, restrictions and authority granted to the Fisheries Director for management of oyster stocks.

B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Rule 15A NCAC 3H .0103.

C. This proclamation supersedes SF-4-96/97 dated October 22, 1996.

By: ______________________________

Preston P. Pate, Jr., Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES