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## 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 shellfish area temporary **closures will take effect immediately**.

It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take any oysters, clams or mussels or possess, sell or offer for sale any oysters, clams or mussels taken from the following polluted areas:

### CARTERET COUNTY

**Newport River - All those waters in Newport River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.6960' N - 76° 43.5180' W on the south shore near Penn Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 46.5733' N - 76° 42.6350' W on the north shore near the Hardesty Farms subdivision (near the Newport River DMF Shrimp Line).

**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.

**South River - 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 / NEW HANOVER / CARTERET COUNTIES

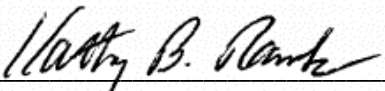
**All those waters** bordered on the north by the Figure Eight Island Bridge and bordered on the south by the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, Shallotte River Inlet area, Lockwoods Folly River, and Lockwoods Folly River Inlet area, Cape Fear River, Bald Head Island, Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, Middle Sound, and Pages Creek.

**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.

### **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. These temporary closures are due to rainfall and resultant runoff.

BY:   
Kathy B. Rawls, Director  
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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