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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:

### **ONSLow COUNTY**

**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 a line beginning at a point 34° 28.2180' N - 77° 30.5521' W on the mainland near Morris Landing, running southeasterly near Beacon "49" to a point on Topsail Island at 34° 27.273' N - 77° 29.937' W, to include a portion of Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

**All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland**, between IWW Marker "49", near Swansboro, and IWW Marker "65A", located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, and all other creeks and tributaries within said boundaries.

### **The following also remains closed:**

### **BRUNSWICK / CARTERET COUNTIES**

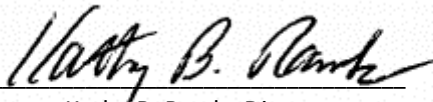
**All those waters** between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

**Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek** upstream of the Highway 70 Bridge.

### **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:   
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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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