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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 changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

All those waters in Brunswick and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the January 23 and January 30, 2023 temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:** 

## **CARTERET COUNTY**

North River – All those waters in North River upstream of a line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0460′ N - 76° 37.0517′ W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2731′ N - 76° 35.4724′ W (near the DMF Shrimp Line).

## **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 their 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: Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, the Intracoastal Waterway behind Holden Beach, Lockwoods Folly River, Ward Creek, and Whitehurst Creek.
- E. These openings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

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