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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, Saturday, September 16, 2023.

All those waters in Pender and Onslow Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the August 31, 2023 temporary closures, **except the following which remains closed:**

ONSLOW COUNTY

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland in Stump Sound between the North Topsail High Rise Bridge and Beacon "49" near Morris Landing, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / HYDE 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.

All those waters in West Bluff Bay and Juniper Bay upstream of a line beginning at Bluff Point, running westerly to the southern tip of Great Island Marsh; thence running northerly to a point 35° 20.4723' N - 76° 16.1193' W on the mainland.

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: A portion of Stump Sound, Alligator Bay.
- E. These openings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: _____

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

September 15, 2023
11:00 A.M.
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