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PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Kathy B. Rawls, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Dr. Lawrence Greenblatt, 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:

NEW HANOVER / ONSLOW / CARTERET / CRAVEN COUNTIES

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between the Wrightsville Beach Bridge and IWW Marker "155" (34° 04.8189' N - 77° 52.9654' W) near Carolina Beach Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

Salliers Bay – All those waters in Salliers Bay upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 33.1889' N - 77° 18.4769' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 33.3700' N - 77° 18.1223' W on the east shore.

Freeman Creek – All those waters in Freeman Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 35.5265' N - 77° 14.9948' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 35.7875' N - 77° 14.7136' W on the east shore.

Newport River - All those waters in Newport River upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

All those waters bordered in the east by a line beginning at a point 34° 54.2203' N - 76° 18.8592' W near Hall Point, running southeasterly to Beacon "20"; thence running southwesterly to Beacon "33" in Core Sound; thence running southwesterly to Green Marker "37" off Jarrett Bay; thence running southwesterly to Shell Point on Harkers Island; and bordered in the west by a line beginning at a point along the southwestern tip of Harkers Island at 34° 42.0981' N - 76° 35.0718' W; running in a straight line to the permanent closure line near Beacon "5", to include North River, Ward Creek, Whitehurst Creek, Sleepy Creek, Straits, Westmouth Bay, Jarrett Bay, Oyster Creek, Brett Bay, Nelson Bay, and a portion of Core Sound.

All those waters bounded in the north and east by a line beginning at a point 34° 59.1474' N - 76° 16.3156' W on Hog Island, running southeasterly to a point 34° 58.9645' N - 76° 16.1410' W; thence following the shoreline to Hog Island Point; thence running southwesterly to Long Point, thence running southwesterly to Lookout Point; thence running southwesterly to Hall Point, to include Thorofare Bay, Rumley Bay, Lewis Creek, and Cedar Island Bay.

All those waters bounded by a line beginning at Great Neck Point; thence running northwesterly to a point 34° 58.3128' N - 76° 43.7327' W in the Neuse River; thence running northeasterly to Fl. Beacon "NR"; thence running southeasterly to Point of Marsh; thence running southeasterly to Point of Grass, thence following the shoreline of Cedar Island to the Cedar Island Ferry Terminal, to include Adams Creek, South River, a portion of Neuse River, Turnagain Bay, Long Bay, West Bay, West Thorofare Bay, and North Bay.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.2904' N - 78° 23.6416' W on the mainland near the Bricklanding Road Public Boat Ramp and IWW Beacon "84"; running southerly to a point 33° 54.1932' N - 78° 23.6426' W on Ocean Isle Beach near Ferry Landing Park; and bordered on the west by the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

All those waters between IWW Beacon "1" near Southport and the permanent closure line near the Holden Beach Bridge, to include Lockwoods Folly River and the Lockwoods Folly Inlet area.

All those waters in Myrtle Grove Sound bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 04.8476' N - 77° 53.0990' W on the mainland; running easterly near IWW Marker "155" to the southern tip of Masonboro Island at 34° 04.8251' N - 77° 52.9092' W; and bordered on the south by Snows Cut.

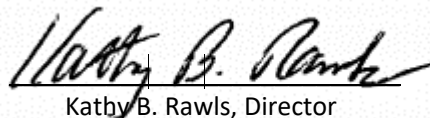
Bear Creek – All those waters in Bear Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 38.0080' N - 77° 12.2906' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 38.0599' N - 77° 12.1801' W on the east shore.

Queens Creek - All those waters in Queens Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 39.8479' N - 77° 09.1171' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 40.2031' N - 77° 08.4408' W on the east shore near the State Park Boat Ramp.

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 heavy rainfall and resultant runoff.

BY:



Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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