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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:

ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between the permanent closure line near 16th St. in Morehead City and IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006' N - 77° 19.0487' W), located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, White Oak River, Deer Creek, Hunting Island Bay, Goose Creek, Sanders Creek, Broad Creek, Gales Creek, and a portion of Bogue Sound.

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.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

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 bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 21.4312' N - 77° 40.8731' W on the mainland near Forest Sound Marina; running southerly near IWW Markers "98A" and "99A" and following the western shore of Black Mud Channel to the northern tip of Hutaff Island near New Topsail Inlet; and bordered on the south by the Wrightsville Beach Bridge, to include Middle Sound, Pages Creek, and a portion of Topsail Sound.

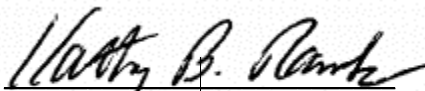
All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934' N - 77° 21.6926' W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker "76" to New River Inlet Channel Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound, Alligator Bay and Chadwick Bay.

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.

Wade Creek – All those waters in Wade Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 46.3043' N - 76° 30.0493' W on the north shore; running southerly to a point 34° 46.0324' N - 76° 30.0743' W on the south shore.

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: 
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