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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 changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Saturday, August 16, 2025.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the August 1, August 2, August 7, August 11, and August 15, 2025, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

### **ONSLow / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**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.

**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.

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** between the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge and IWW Marker "45A" (34° 40.3904' N - 77° 05.9365' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

**All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland** in Bogue Sound between IWW Beacon "29" and IWW Beacon "33", to include the Intracoastal Waterway and Sanders Creek.

**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.

**North River – All those waters** in North River upstream of the North River Bridge.

**Whitehurst Creek – All those waters in Whitehurst Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.5146' N - 76° 33.3428' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.5511' N - 76° 33.1664' W on the east shore.

**Sleepy Creek – All those waters in Sleepy Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.2745' N - 76° 31.4600' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.2672' N - 76° 31.2792' W on the east shore.

**The following also remains closed:**

### **BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / PAMLICO 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 and Ocean Isle Beach.

**Shalotte River – All those waters in Shalotte River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 33° 54.8302' N - 78° 22.3626' W near Bowen Point; running southeasterly to a point 33° 54.6139' N - 78° 21.7667' W on Long Point.

**All those waters** bordered in the east by IWW Beacon “1” near Southport and bordered in the west by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.6855' N - 78° 21.3550' W on the mainland; running southerly through IWW Marker “71” to a point 33° 54.4311' N - 78° 21.2898' W on Holden Beach near the end of Sea View Drive, 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.

**Bay River - All those waters in Bay River** bordered on the north by a line running across the Intracoastal Waterway from a point 35° 13.2876' N - 76° 35.5883' W to a point 35° 13.2846' N - 76° 35.4993' W; and bordered on the east by a line running from Bay Point to Maw Point.

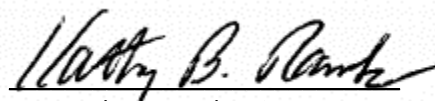
**Jones Bay - All those waters in Jones Bay** bordered on the west by a line running across the Intracoastal Waterway from a point 35° 13.2876' N - 76° 35.5883' W to a point 35° 13.2846' N - 76° 35.4993' W; and bordered on the east by a line running from Sow Island Point to Bay Point.

**All those waters** in Oyster Creek, James Creek, Middle Prong, and Clark Creek bordered on the north by a line beginning at Beard Island Point, running northwesterly to a point on the eastern tip of Cedar Island at 35° 19.4905' N - 76° 32.2801' W; thence running westerly to the tip of Pine Hammock; and bordered on the southeast by a line across Mouse Harbor Ditch from a point 35° 17.8461' N - 76° 30.1404' W to a point 35° 17.8219' N - 76° 30.1512' W.

#### 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. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, White Oak River, and a portion of Bogue Sound.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:



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