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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, Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

All those waters in New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 31, August 1, August 2, August 7, August 11, and August 15, 2025, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "105" (34° 19.4274' N - 77° 42.9507' W) near Green Channel and IWW Marker "122" (34° 15.2045' N - 77° 46.7760' W) near Howe Creek, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Pages Creek, and Futch Creek.

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, Kings Creek, and Turkey Creek.

All those waters in Chadwick Bay 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 a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227' N - 77° 22.3142' W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon "15" to a point 34° 31.0527' N - 77° 22.2654' W on North Topsail Beach.

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 a straight line beginning at a point 34° 45.6646' N - 76° 44.0603' W on the south shore near Lawton Point, running northerly to a point 34° 46.5724' N - 76° 44.3786' W on the north shore just upstream of Hammock Rock.

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

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / 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.

Shallotte River – All those waters in Shallotte 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.

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.

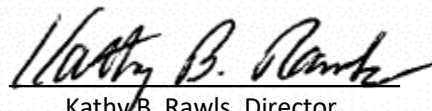
Jones Bay - All those waters in Jones Bay bordered on the west by a line running across the Intracoastal Waterway from a point 35° 13.2876' N - 76° 35.5883' W to a point 35° 13.2846' N - 76° 35.4993' W; and bordered on the east by a line running from Sow Island Point to Bay Point.

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: A portion of Middle Sound, a portion of Topsail Sound, a portion of Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, a portion of Newport River, Core Creek, Whitehurst Creek, and Sleepy Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:



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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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