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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 23, 2025.

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

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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.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER COUNTIES

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 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 from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker “105” (34° 19.4274' N - 77° 42.9507' W) near Green Channel and the Figure Eight Island Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, a portion of Topsail Sound, and Futch Creek.

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: Stump Sound and Chadwick Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

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