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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, October 22, 2025.

All those waters in Brunswick, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the October 12, 2025, temporary closures except the following which remain closed:

CARTERET COUNTY

<u>All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland</u> in Bogue Sound between IWW Marker "14" and IWW Marker "17", to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

<u>All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland</u> in Bogue Sound between the permanent closure line near 16th St. in Morehead City and the Atlantic Beach Bridge, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

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

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: Tubbs Inlet, Lockwoods Folly River, Queens Creek, White Oak River, Newport River, Core Creek, a portion of North River, Ward Creek, Jarrett Bay, Oyster Creek, and South River.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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