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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, Thursday, December 11, 2025.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the December 3, 2025, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

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 IWW Marker "45A" (34° 40.3904'N - 77° 05.9365' W) and IWW Beacon "47" (34° 40.9816'N - 77° 07.3016' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway and the White Oak River.

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, Core Creek, North River, Ward Creek, and Nelson Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:

Kathy B. Rawls, Director

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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3:00 P.M.
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