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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 shellfish area temporary closures will **take effect immediately**.

It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take any oysters, clams, or mussels or possess, sell, or offer for sale any oysters, clams, or mussels taken from the following polluted areas:

NEW HANOVER / PENDER / PAMLICO COUNTIES

All those waters in Myrtle Grove Sound bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 04.8476' N - 77° 53.0990' W on the mainland; running easterly near IWW Marker "155" to the southern tip of Masonboro Island at 34° 04.8251' N - 77° 52.9092' W; and bordered on the south by Snows Cut.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "149" (34° 06.5162' N - 77° 52.4234' W) near Peden Point and IWW Marker "155" (34° 04.8189' N - 77° 52.9654' W) near Carolina Beach Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

All those waters in Middle Sound bordered on the north by the Figure Eight Island Bridge and bordered on the south by the Wrightsville Beach Bridge, to include Pages Creek.

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.

All those waters near 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 south by a line beginning at a point 35° 11.8658' N - 76° 34.1288' W, running southwesterly through Beacon "27" to a point 35° 11.3152' N - 76° 35.9773' W near Sanders Point, to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Bear Creek, Chadwick Creek, and Gale Creek.

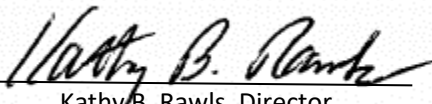
Jones Bay - All those waters in Jones Bay bordered on the west by a line running across the Intracoastal Waterway from a point 35° 13.2876' N - 76° 35.5883' W to a point 35° 13.2846' N - 76° 35.4993' W; and bordered on the east by a line running from Sow Island Point to Bay Point.

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.C. 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 their 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. These temporary closures are due to heavy rainfall and resultant runoff.

BY: 
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