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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:

BEAUFORT / HYDE / DARE COUNTIES

Pungo River - All those waters in the Pungo River upstream of a line running from Wades Point to Willow Point.

All those waters upstream of a line beginning at Sandy Point, running southwesterly through Parched Corn Point to Long Shoal Point; thence running southwesterly to the southern tip of Hog Island; thence running southwesterly to Bluff Point; thence running westerly to the southern tip of Great Island Marsh; thence running northwesterly to a point 35° 20.4427' N - 76° 21.2603' W on Swanquarter Island; thence running northwesterly to Roos Point, to include Spencer Bay, Germantown Bay, Rose Bay, Swanquarter Bay, Juniper Bay, West Bluff Bay, East Bluff Bay, Wysocking Bay, Long Shoal River, Parched Corn Bay, and Sandy Bay.

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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