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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, July 29, 2026.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 25, 2026, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

Sleepy Creek – All those waters in Sleepy Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.2745' N - 76° 31.4600' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.2672' N - 76° 31.2792' W on the east shore.

Adams Creek - All those waters in Adams Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 57.2754' N - 76° 42.4146' W near Great Neck Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 58.0929' N - 76° 40.5944' W near Winthrop Point.

South River - All those waters in South River upstream of a line beginning at Sandy Point; running easterly near Beacon "1" to Horton Point.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW / CRAVEN / BEAUFORT / HYDE / DARE COUNTIES

All those waters between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678' N - 78° 13.8043' W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621' N - 78° 13.1714' W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 55.2284' N - 78° 12.7791' W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Horse and Sheep Islands.

All those waters in Myrtle Grove Sound bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 07.7706' N - 77° 52.0833' W on the mainland near Peden Point; running easterly near IWW Marker "141" to a point 34° 07.6007' N - 77° 51.0328' W on Masonboro Island; and bordered on the south by Snows Cut.

All those waters in Middle Sound bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 19.5068' N - 77° 42.9887' W on the mainland; running southerly near IWW Marker "105" and following the eastern shore of Green Channel to the southern tip of Hutaff Island near Rich Inlet; and bordered on the south by the Wrightsville Beach Bridge, to include Pages Creek and all of Green Channel.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 24.7539' N – 77° 35.6463' W on the mainland near Sloop Point, running southwesterly near IWW Marker "86" to a point 34° 24.6325' N - 77° 35.6860' W near Beacon "BC"; and bordered on the south by IWW Marker "105" (34° 19.4274' N - 77° 42.9507' W) near Green Channel, to include the Intracoastal Waterway and Olde Topsail Creek.

All those waters in Stump Sound bordered on the north by the North Topsail High Rise Bridge; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge.

All those waters between the Onslow Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006' N - 77° 19.0487' W), to include Salliers Bay.

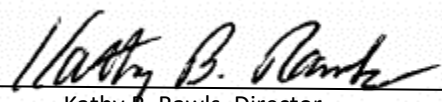
Adams Creek - All those waters in Adams Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 57.2754' N - 76° 42.4146' W near Great Neck Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 58.0929' N - 76° 40.5944' W near Winthrop Point.

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.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 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. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Newport River and Core Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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