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PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Michael S. Loeffler, Interim 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, August 6, 2026.

All those waters in Hyde and Dare Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 24, 2026, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

HYDE COUNTY

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

Rose Bay - All those waters in Rose Bay upstream of a line beginning at a point 35° 23.0917' N - 76° 23.0814' W on Judith Marsh, running westerly to a point 35° 23.3434' N - 76° 26.2727' W on the eastern shore of Striking Bay.

Swanquarter Bay - All those waters in Swanquarter Bay upstream of a line beginning at a point 35° 20.4723' N - 76° 16.1193' W on the mainland, running southerly 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 northerly to a point 35° 20.8961' N - 76° 21.4036' W on Judith Island.

Juniper Bay - All those waters in West Bluff Bay and Juniper Bay upstream of a line beginning at Bluff Point, running westerly to the southern tip of Great Island Marsh; thence running northerly to a point 35° 20.4723' N - 76° 16.1193' W on the mainland.

Otter Creek - All those waters in Otter Creek upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 35° 33.1656' N - 75° 54.5327' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 35° 33.9216' N - 75° 54.2224' W on the east shore.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / BEAUFORT COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.2904' N - 78° 23.6416' W on the mainland near the Bricklanding Road Public Boat Ramp and IWW Beacon "84"; running southerly to a point 33° 54.1932' N - 78° 23.6426' W on Ocean Isle Beach near Ferry Landing Park; and bordered on the west by the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

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

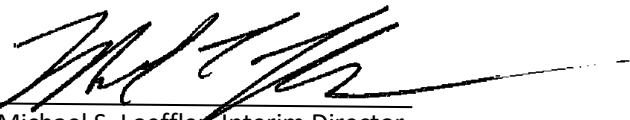
Queens Creek - All those waters in Queens Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 39.8479'N - 77° 09.1171' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 40.2031'N - 77° 08.4408' W on the east shore near the State Park Boat Ramp.

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

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: Spencer Bay, Germantown Bay, East Bluff Bay, Wysocking Bay, Pamlico Sound, and Long Shoal River.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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