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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 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:

BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / PAMLICO 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.

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934' N - 77° 21.6926' W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker "76" to New River Inlet Channel Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south 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"; thence running southerly following Banks Channel near Green Markers "21" and "19" to a point 34° 24.0765' N - 77° 35.2697' W on Topsail Beach near Beacon "18", to include a portion of Topsail Sound, Virginia Creek, Beckys Creek, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

All those waters in Bay River and Jones Bay bordered on the east by a line running from Sow Island Point to Bay Point to Maw Point.

The following also remains closed:

NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET / CRAVEN COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the north by the Figure Eight Island Bridge and bordered on the south by the Wrightsville Beach Bridge, to include Middle Sound and 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 bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934' N - 77° 21.6926' W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker "76" to New River Inlet Channel Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south 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"; thence running southerly following Banks Channel near Green Markers "21" and "19" to a point 34° 24.0765' N - 77° 35.2697' W on Topsail Beach near Beacon "18", to include a portion of Topsail Sound, Virginia Creek, Beckys Creek, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Beacon "49" (34° 40.2621' N - 77° 07.9802' W), near Swansboro, and IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749' N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include the Intracoastal Waterway and Queens Creek.

Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 48.8185' N - 76° 26.9761' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 48.9768' N - 76° 26.6340' W on the east shore.

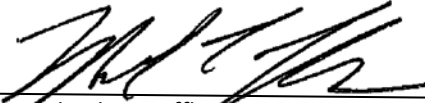
Adams Creek - All those waters in Adams Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 57.2754' N - 76° 42.4146' W near Great Neck Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 58.0929' N - 76° 40.5944' W near Winthrop Point.

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

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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