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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, Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

All those waters in Pender, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the August 22, August 24, August 25, and August 30, 2026, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

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 from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland bordered on the north by the Surf City Bridge; 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", to include the Intracoastal Waterway, Virginia Creek, and Beckys Creek.

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227' N - 77° 22.3142' W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon "15" to a point 34° 31.0527' N - 77° 22.2654' W on North Topsail Beach, near Galleon Bay; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound and Alligator 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.

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.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / CRAVEN / 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 the Figure Eight Island Bridge and bordered on the south by the Wrightsville Beach Bridge, to include Middle Sound and Pages Creek.

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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.

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: A portion of Topsail Sound, Chadwick Bay, Oyster Creek, and South River.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:


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