



PA-56-2026

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MICHAEL S. LOEFFLER
Interim Director

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, September 24, 2026.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the September 19 and September 23, 2026, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

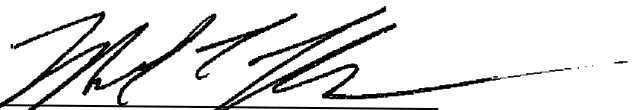
CARTERET COUNTY

Nelson Bay - All those waters in Nelson Bay upstream of a line from Drum Point to the northern tip of Fulchers Creek.

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: Queens Creek, White Oak River, Deer Creek, and Hunting Island Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:


Michael S. Loeffler, Interim Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

September 23, 2026
11:45 A.M.
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