



PA-57-2026

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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 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:

CARTERET COUNTY

All those waters in Newport River east of a line beginning at a point 34° 46.2251' N - 76° 40.5919' W on the shore near the mouth of Ware Creek; running westerly to a point 34° 46.2981' N - 76° 41.0951' W near IWW Beacon "24"; thence running southeasterly following the Intracoastal Waterway to IWW Beacon "28"; running southwesterly following the Intracoastal Waterway to IWW Beacon "34"; running southwesterly following the Intracoastal Waterway to IWW Beacon "38"; running southerly following the Intracoastal Waterway to the Morehead High Rise Bridge; to include Core Creek, the eastern part of Newport River, and the Causeway Bays.

Core Creek – All those waters in Core Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore, running easterly near IWW Marker "25" to a point 34° 46.2251' N - 76° 40.5919' W on the east shore near the mouth of Ware Creek.

The following also remains closed:

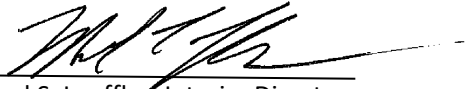
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Nelson Bay - All those waters in Nelson Bay upstream of a line from Drum Point to the northern tip of Fulchers Creek.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.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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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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8:10 A.M.
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