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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 / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / CARTERET / PAMLICO COUNTIES

All those waters between IWW Beacon “1” near Southport, and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, Shallotte Inlet, Lockwoods Folly River, and Lockwoods Folly Inlet.

All those waters in Myrtle Grove Sound bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 04.8476’N - 77° 53.0990’ W on the mainland; running easterly near IWW Marker “155” to the southern tip of Masonboro Island at 34° 04.8251’N - 77° 52.9092’ W; and bordered on the south by Snows Cut.

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.

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.

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

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

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.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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