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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, Thursday, October 15, 2026.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the October 4, October 11, and October 12, 2026, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

ONSLow / CARTERET COUNTIES

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 the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound, Alligator Bay and Chadwick Bay.

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.

Sleepy Creek – All those waters in Sleepy Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.2745' N - 76° 31.4600' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.2672' N - 76° 31.2792' W on the east shore.

Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.8170' N - 76° 28.7579' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence running in a straight line to a point 34° 45.3229' N - 76° 29.1273' W at the southern tip of Davis Island; thence running in a straight line near Flashing Beacon #36 to a point 34° 43.7805' N - 76° 30.0180' W the southeast end of Bells Island; thence running in a straight line to a point 34° 43.5461' N - 76° 30.3917' W on the Marshallberg shoreline.

Brett Bay - All those waters in Brett Bay upstream of a straight line from Piney Point to King Point.

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

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / 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 in Myrtle Grove Sound from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "149" (34° 06.5162' N - 77° 52.4234' W) near Peden Point and IWW Marker "155" (34° 04.8189' N - 77° 52.9654' W) near Carolina Beach Inlet, to include the Intracoastal Waterway.

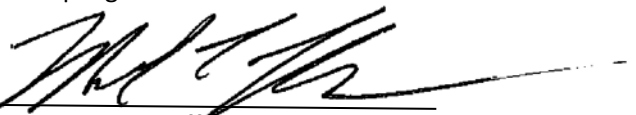
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Bay River - All those waters in Bay River upstream of a line beginning at a point 35° 10.7969' N - 76° 36.7833' W on the north shore near Spencer Point, running southerly to a point 35° 09.6952' N - 76° 36.6683' W on the south shore.

Gale Creek – All those waters in Gale Creek and the Intracoastal Waterway bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 35° 13.2876' N - 76° 35.5883' W on the west shore near the mouth of Jumpover Creek, running easterly across the Intracoastal Waterway to a point 35° 13.2846' N - 76° 35.4993' W on the east shore; and bordered on the south by a line beginning at a point 35° 12.3751' N - 76° 35.3209' W on the west shore, running northeasterly to a point 35° 12.4543' N - 76° 35.0832' W on the east shore near the mouth of Ditch 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, North River, Ward Creek, Whitehurst Creek, and Oyster Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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October 14, 2026
11:40 A.M.
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