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PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Jonathan Howell, 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 COUNTY

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

The following will remain open on a temporary basis:

CARTERET COUNTY

Harlowe Creek – All those waters in Harlowe Creek downstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 47.0675' N - 76° 43.5585' W on the western shore near the end of Dowty Road, running easterly to a point 34° 47.0377' N - 76° 43.2703' W on the eastern shore.

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. These temporary closures are due to heavy rainfall and resultant runoff.

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