

PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT AREA

Preston P. Pate, Jr., Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **sunrise, Friday, January 19, 2007** the following Shellfish Management Area **will open to the taking of oysters and clams subject to the restrictions placed on shellfish harvested from public bottoms:**

I. **AREA DESCRIPTION**

CARTERET COUNTY

The **Wards Creek Management Area** from the Highway 70 Bridge downstream to North Leopard Creek as shown on the attached map.

II. **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 Marine Fisheries Rules 15A NCAC 3H .0103 and 3K .0103. Marine Fisheries Rules 15A NCAC 3K Sections .0100 *et seq.* and .0200 *et seq.* specify conditions, restrictions and authority granted to the Fisheries Director for management of oyster stocks.
- B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Rule 15A NCAC 3H .0103.
- C. This proclamation supersedes SF-4-96/97 dated October 22, 1996.

By: _____
Preston P. Pate, Jr., Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

January 16, 2007
3:10 P.M.
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