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PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Stephen W. Murphey, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Betsey Tilson, M.D., M.P.H., 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, February 13, 2020.

All those waters in Pender, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the February 7, 2020, temporary closures **except the following which will remain closed:**

ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters in Stump Sound and Alligator Bay bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227' N - 77° 22.3142' W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon "15" to a point 34° 31.0527' N - 77° 22.2654' W on North Topsail Beach, near Galleon Bay; and bordered on the south by a line beginning at a point 34° 28.2180' N - 77° 30.5521' W on the mainland near Morris Landing, running southeasterly near Beacon "49" to a point on Topsail Island at 34° 27.273' N - 77° 29.937' W, to include Permuda Island.

New River – All those waters in New River upstream of the Highway 172 Bridge.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749' N - 77° 10.8033' W) and IWW Beacon "65A" (34° 32.7006' N - 77° 19.0487' W), to include Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, and Bear Creek.

All those waters bordered on the northeast by a line beginning at a point 34° 40.3668' N - 77° 08.0478' W on the mainland; running southerly near Beacon "49" to a point 34° 38.6092' N - 77° 07.4558' W on the eastern tip of Bear Island; and bordered in the southeast by a line beginning at a point 34° 38.6293' N - 77° 10.83473' W on the mainland near Goose Creek (Onslow County); running southerly near IWW Beacon "55" and following the eastern shore of Sanders Creek to the western tip of Bear Island, to include Cow Channel and Queens Creek.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between IWW Marker "19" near Gales Creek and IWW Beacon "49" near Swansboro, to include White Oak River, Deer Creek, Goose Creek, Sanders Creek, Broad Creek, Gales Creek, and all other creeks and tributaries within said boundaries.

Newport River - All those waters in Newport River upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

North River - All those waters in North River upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 42.1449' N - 76° 36.2801' W at the permanent closure line near Channel Marker #56B; running northeasterly to a point 34° 43.2724' N - 76° 34.5238' W on the mainland at the Harker's Island Bridge at The Straits.

Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.9213' N - 76° 29.2047' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.7944' N - 76° 29.3623' W at the northern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.5281' N - 76° 30.1032' W at the "Chimney" near Jump Run Creek.

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 COUNTY


All those waters bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.2904' N - 78° 23.6416' W on the mainland near the Bricklanding Road Public Boat Ramp; running southerly near IWW Beacon "84" to a point 33° 54.1932' N - 78° 23.6426' W on Ocean Isle Beach near Ferry Landing Park, and bordered on the west by the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

Shalotte River – All those waters in Shalotte River upstream of a line beginning at a point 33° 54.8302' N - 78° 22.3626' W near Bowen Point; running southeasterly to a point 33° 54.6139' N - 78° 21.7667' W on Long Point.

Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678' N - 78° 13.8043' W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621' N - 78° 13.1714' W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 55.2284' N - 78° 12.7791' W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Horse and Sheep Islands.

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 his 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: Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, Becky's Creek, Topsail Sound, a portion of Stump Sound, Chadwick Bay, a portion of New River, Brown's Inlet, and Bogue Inlet.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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