



**PA-7-2020**

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*Governor*

**MICHAEL S. REGAN**  
*Secretary*

**STEPHEN W. MURPHEY**  
*Director*

**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, Friday, February 14, 2020.

All those waters in Brunswick and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the February 1, and February 7, 2020, temporary closures **except the following which will remain closed:**

**CARTERET COUNTY**

**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 line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0460' N - 76° 37.0517' W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W (near the DMF Shrimp Line).

**Ward Creek - All those waters** in Ward Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W, running southerly to a point on the south shore at 34° 45.4556' N - 76° 35.1587' W (near the Ward Creek DMF Shrimp Line).

**The following also remains closed:**

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**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.

**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: Tubbs Inlet, Ocean Isle, Shallotte River, Lockwoods Folly River, a portion of North River, Jarrett Bay, and Nelson Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

February 13, 2020  
1:25 P.M.  
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