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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 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 / NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

**All those waters** between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

**All those waters** in Middle Sound bordered on the north by the Figure Eight Island Bridge and bordered on the south by the Wrightsville Beach Bridge, to include Pages Creek.

**All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland**, between the Surf City Bridge and IWW Marker "98A" (34° 21.3210' N - 77° 40.8610' W) near Forest Sound Marina, to include Old Topsail Creek and Virginia Creek.

**All those waters** in Stump Sound bordered on the north 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; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge.

### The following also remains closed:

### CARTERET COUNTY

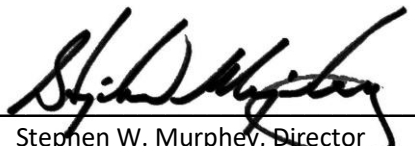
**Bogue Sound – All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland**, between the Atlantic Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon "19", near Gales Creek.

**Newport River - All those waters in Newport River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 44.8271' N - 76° 42.1709' W on the south shore near Crab Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore of Core 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 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. These temporary closures are due to rainfall and resultant runoff.

BY:   
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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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