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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, Friday, September 25, 2020.

All those waters in Brunswick, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the September 14, September 17, and September 18, 2020 temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / CARTERET 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.

Shalotte River - All those waters in Shalotte River upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 33° 55.3874' N – 78° 22.2861' W on the western shore of the Shalotte River approximately 650 yards south of The Swash; running easterly to a point 33° 55.3385' N - 78° 21.7279' W on the eastern shore of the Shalotte River approximately 650 yards south of Shalotte Creek.

All those waters 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 a line beginning at a point 34° 24.7539' N – 77° 35.6463' W on the mainland near Sloop Point, running southwesterly near IWW Marker "86" to a point 34° 24.6325' N - 77° 35.6860' W near Beacon "BC"; thence running southerly following Banks Channel near Green Markers "21" and "19" to a point 34° 24.0765' N - 77° 35.2697' W on Topsail Beach near Beacon "18", to include a portion of Topsail Sound, Virginia Creek, Beckys Creek, and a portion of Stump Sound.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between the North Topsail High Rise Bridge and Beacon "49" near Morris Landing.

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.

Sleepy Creek – All those waters in Sleepy Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.2745' N - 76° 31.4600' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.2672' N - 76° 31.2792' W on the east shore.

Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.8170' N - 76° 28.7579' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.3229' N - 76° 29.1273' W at the southern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line near Flashing Beacon #36 to a point 34° 43.7805' N - 76° 30.0180' W the southeast end of Bells Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 43.5461' N - 76° 30.3917' W on the Marshallberg shoreline.

South River - All those waters in South River upstream of a line beginning at Sandy Point; running easterly near Beacon "1" to Horton Point.

Adams Creek - All those waters in Adams Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 57.2754' N - 76° 42.4146' W near Great Neck; running northeasterly to a point 34° 58.0929' N - 76° 40.5944' W near Winthrop Point.

The following also remains closed:


PENDER / CRAVEN COUNTIES

All those waters 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 a line beginning at a point 34° 24.7539' N - 77° 35.6463' W on the mainland near Sloop Point, running southwesterly near IWW Marker "86" to a point 34° 24.6325' N - 77° 35.6860' W near Beacon "BC"; thence running southerly following Banks Channel near Green Markers "21" and "19" to a point 34° 24.0765' N - 77° 35.2697' W on Topsail Beach near Beacon "18", to include a portion of Topsail Sound, Virginia Creek, Beckys Creek, and a portion of Stump Sound.

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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: Ocean Isle Beach, a portion of Shallotte River, Lockwoods Folly River, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, White Oak River, North River, Whitehurst Creek, Oyster Creek, Brett Bay, and Nelson Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
Stephen W. Murphey, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

September 24, 2020
1:20 P.M.
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