

ROY COOPER Governor MICHAEL S. REGAN Secretary

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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 **closure** 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 area:

PENDER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

<u>All those waters</u> bordered on the northeast by the North Topsail Beach High-rise Bridge, and bordered on the southwest by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / CARTERET / CRAVEN COUNTIES

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

<u>Shallotte River - All those waters in Shallotte River</u> upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 33° 55.3874′ N – 78° 22.2861′ W on the western shore of the Shallotte 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 Shallotte River approximately 650 yards south of Shallotte Creek.

<u>All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland</u>, between IWW Marker "45A", near Cedar Point, and IWW Beacon "59" (34° 37.3978'N - 77° 12.6533' W), to include Bear Creek, Queens Creek and White Oak River.

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

<u>Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay</u> 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.

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

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<u>Adams Creek - All those waters in Adams Creek</u> 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.

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 temporary closure is due to rainfall and resultant runoff.

Stephen W. Murphey, Director
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