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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, Wednesday, October 7, 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, September 18, September 26, and September 30, 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.

All those waters 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.

Queens Creek - All those waters in Queens Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 39.8479' N - 77° 09.1171' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 40.2031' N - 77° 08.4408' W on the east shore near the State Park Boat Ramp.

White Oak River – All those waters upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 41.9497' N - 77° 06.9846' W on the west shore, running easterly near the northern tip of Jones Island to a point 34° 41.9395' N - 77° 05.6599' W on the east shore.

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.

Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek upstream of the Highway 70 Bridge.

The following also remains closed:

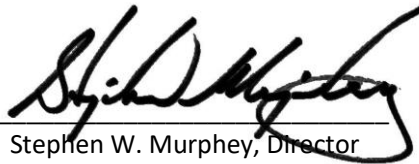
PENDER COUNTY

All those waters 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.

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: Shallotte River, Bear Creek, Intracoastal Waterway near Shellrock Landing, a portion of Newport River, Whitehurst Creek, and Sleepy Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:



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

October 6, 2020
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