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 7:12 A.M., Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

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 / PENDER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.2904’ N - 78° 23.6416’ W on the mainland near the Bricklanding Road Public Boat Ramp and IWW Beacon “84”; and bordered on the west by the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet Area.

Shallotte River – All those waters in Shallotte River upstream of a line beginning at a point 33° 54.8302’ N - 78° 22.3626’ W near Bowen Point; running southeasterly to a point 33° 54.6139’ N - 78° 21.7667’ W on Long Point.

All those waters bordered on the east by the permanent closure line near IWW Beacon “69”; and bordered on the west by a line beginning at a point 33° 54.6855’ N - 78° 21.3550’ W on the mainland; running southerly through IWW Marker “71” to a point 33° 54.4311’ N - 78° 21.2898’ W on Holden Beach near the end of Sea View Drive.

Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters in Lockwoods Folly River north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678’ N - 78° 13.8043’ W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621’N - 78° 13.1714’ W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 55.2284’N - 78° 12.7791’ W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Horse and Sheep Islands.

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 lists areas that remain temporarily closed to shellfish harvest after issuance of PA-PC-2-2020.

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

October 13, 2020
1:00 P.M.
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