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 / ONSLOW COUNTIES

All those waters between IWW Beacon “1” near Southport and the permanent closure line near the Holden Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon “51A”, to include Lockwoods Folly River and the Lockwoods Folly Inlet area.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between IWW Beacon “59” (34° 37.3978’N - 77° 12.6533’W) and IWW Beacon “65A” (34° 32.7006’N - 77° 19.0487’W), to include Salliers Bay and Freeman 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.

The following also remains closed:

CARTERET COUNTY

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.

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: ____________________________

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

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