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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, November 20, 2020.

All those waters New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the November 13, 2020, temporary closures, **except the following which will remain closed:**

NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters between Snows Cut and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, Lockwoods Folly River, Cape Fear River, and Bald Head Island.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland bordered on the north 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"; and bordered in the south by IWW Marker "98A" (34° 21.3210'N - 77° 40.8610' W) near Forest Sound Marina, to include Old Topsail Creek.

All those waters bordered in the north by Fl. Beacon "65A", located just west of Salliers Bay, near New River Inlet, and bordered in 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, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, and New River.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between IWW Marker "45A", near Cedar Point, and IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749'N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include Queens Creek and White Oak River.

Bogue Sound - All those waters bordered in the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 43.6158' N - 76° 52.7718' W on the mainland, running southwesterly to IWW Marker "19"; thence running southerly to a point 34° 41.5263' N - 76° 52.6905' W at the permanent closure line off of Salter Path; thence running southeasterly to a point on Bogue Banks at 34° 41.4488' N - 76° 52.6498' W; and bordered on the south by the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge.

Bogue Sound - All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between the Atlantic Beach High-rise Bridge and IWW Marker "14" near Gull Harbor.

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.

Ward Creek - All those waters in Ward Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W, running southerly to a point on the south shore at 34° 45.4556' N - 76° 35.1587' W (near the Ward Creek DMF Shrimp Line).

Whitehurst Creek – All those waters in Whitehurst Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.5146' N - 76° 33.3428' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.5511' N - 76° 33.1664' W on the east shore.

Wade Creek – All those waters in Wade Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 46.3043' N - 76° 30.0493' W on the north shore; running southerly to a point 34° 46.0324' N - 76° 30.0743' W on the south shore.

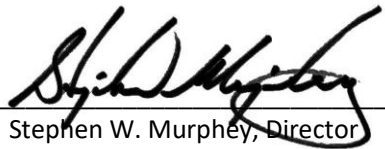
The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

All those waters between Snows Cut and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Shallotte River, Lockwoods Folly River, Cape Fear River, and Bald Head Island.

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: Myrtle Grove Sound, Masonboro Sound, Middle Sound, Pages Creek, a portion of Topsail Sound, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Browns Inlet, and Bogue Inlet.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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