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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, December 11, 2020.

All those waters in Brunswick and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the November 13, November 23, November 27, and November 30, 2020, temporary closures **except the following which will remain closed:**

BRUNSWICK / CARTERET COUNTIES

Shallotte River – All those waters in **Shallotte River** upstream of a 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.

All those waters bordered on the north by Snows Cut; and bordered on the south by the permanent closure line at Howells Point near IWW Marker "33", to include Cape Fear River and Bald Head Island.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge and IWW Beacon "59" (34° 37.3978' N - 77° 12.6533' W), to include Bear Creek, Queens Creek and White Oak River.

North River – All those waters in **North River** upstream of the North River Bridge.

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).

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:

NEW HANOVER / PENDER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the north by Snows Cut; and bordered on the south by the permanent closure line at Howells Point near IWW Marker "33", to include Cape Fear River and Bald Head Island.


All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934' N - 77° 21.6926' W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly near Marker "76" to New River Inlet Channel Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

New River - All those waters in New River upstream of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at 34° 36.6599' N - 77° 23.8406' W; running southeasterly near Marker "33" to a point on the south shore at 34° 36.0504' N - 77° 23.5911' W.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between the Emerald Isle High-rise Bridge and IWW Beacon "59" (34° 37.3978' N - 77° 12.6533' W), to include Bear Creek, Queens Creek and White Oak River.

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: Tubbs Inlet, Newport River, Core Creek, a portion of North River, Whitehurst Creek, a portion of Jarrett Bay, and Nelson Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
Stephen W. Murphey, Director
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December 10, 2020
1:00 P.M.
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