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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, Saturday, December 12, 2020.

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

ONSLow / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, in Stump Sound between the North Topsail High Rise Bridge and Beacon "49" near Morris Landing

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 North Topsail Beach High-rise Bridge, to include 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 IWW Beacon "49" (34° 40.2621' N - 77° 07.9802' W), near Swansboro, and IWW Beacon "59" (34° 37.3978' N - 77° 12.6533' W), to include Bear Creek and Queens Creek.

All those waters in White Oak River 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.

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:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER COUNTIES

Shalotte River – **All those waters in Shalotte River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.3874' N - 78° 22.2861' W on the western shore of the Shalotte 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 Shalotte River approximately 650 yards south of Shalotte 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.

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: a portion of Stump Sound, a portion of White Oak River, and the Intracoastal Waterway area near Cedar Point.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 

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