



PA-21-2020

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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, Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the February 21, 2020, temporary closures, and as described in PA-PC-2020, **except the following which will remain closed:**

ONSLow / CARTERET COUNTIES

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 Highrise Bridge, to include Alligator Bay and Chadwick Bay.

Queens 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.

White Oak River - All those waters in White Oak River upstream of the Highway 24 Bridge at Swansboro.

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

North River – All those waters in North River upstream of a line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0460' N - 76° 37.0517' W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W (near the DMF Shrimp Line).

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).

Sleepy Creek – All those waters in Sleepy Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.2745' N - 76° 31.4600' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.2672' N - 76° 31.2792' W on the east shore.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER 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"; running southerly to a point 33° 54.1932' N - 78° 23.6426' W on Ocean Isle Beach near Ferry Landing Park; and bordered on the west by the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

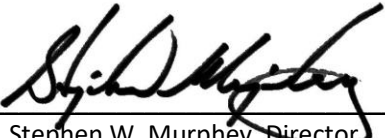
Shalotte River – All those waters in Shalotte River upstream of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.3874' N - 78° 22.2861' W on the western shore of the Shalotte River approximately 650 yards south of The Swash; running easterly to a point 33° 55.3385' N - 78° 21.7279' W on the eastern shore of the Shalotte River approximately 650 yards south of Shalotte Creek.

Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters 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 in Back Channel near Money Point within 250 yards of the dredge spoil discharge pipe, bounded by a line beginning at a point 34° 12.0275' N - 77° 49.2434' W, running southwesterly across the channel to a point 34° 11.9910' N - 77° 49.2549' W and continuing to the northwest corner of US Army Corps of Engineers Spoil Island #251, thence running easterly to a point in the marsh at 34° 11.8291' N - 77° 48.9775' W, thence running northerly across the channel to a point 34° 12.0861' N - 77° 48.9214' W.

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: Intracoastal Waterway near Shellrock Landing, Intracoastal Waterway near Cedar Point, a portion of North River, and Oyster Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

March 10, 2020
11:00 A.M.
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