



PA-23-2020

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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, Friday, March 13, 2020.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the February 21, and March 6, 2020, temporary closures, and as described in PA-PC-2020, **except the following which will remain closed:**

ONSLow / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters in Alligator Bay bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227' N - 77° 22.3142' W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon "15" to a point 34° 31.0527' N - 77° 22.2654' W on North Topsail Beach, near Galleon Bay; and bordered on the south by the North Topsail Beach High-rise Bridge.

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 a line beginning at a point 34° 45.6960' N - 76° 43.5180' W on the south shore near Penn Point; running northerly to a point 34° 46.5349' N - 76° 43.5087' W on the west shore of Harlowe Creek.

The following also remains closed:


NEW HANOVER COUNTY

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: Chadwick Bay, Queens Creek, and a portion of Newport River.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

March 12, 2020
12:10 P.M.
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