PA-26-2020

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 shellfish area temporary closures will take effect immediately.

It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take any oysters, clams or mussels or possess, sell or offer for sale any oysters, clams or mussels taken from the following polluted areas:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

All those waters between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker “89” in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

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.

The following also remains closed:

NEW HANOVER / CARTERET COUNTIES

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.

Newport River - All those waters in Newport River upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 45.6646’ N – 76° 44.0603’ W on the south shore near Lawton Point, running northerly to a point 34° 46.5724’ N -76° 44.3786’ W on the north shore just upstream of Hammock Rock.

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. These temporary closures are due to rainfall and resultant runoff.

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By: ______________________________
Stephen W. Murphey, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

March 18, 2020
7:45 A.M.
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