



**PA-35-2020**

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*Governor*

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*Director*

**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, April 24, 2020.

All those waters in Onslow County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the April 14, 2020, temporary closures.

**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. It should be noted that leases or franchises closed on or after April 8, 2020, to allow relaying of shellfish from closed areas remain closed.
- E. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Bear Creek and Queens Creek.
- F. These reopenings are due to completion of dredging activities.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Stephen W. Murphey, Director  
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