



**PA-39-2020**

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*Governor*

**MICHAEL S. REGAN**  
*Secretary*

**STEPHEN W. MURPHEY**  
*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 change in a shellfish harvesting area will take effect at sunrise, Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

All those waters in Brunswick County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the April 24, 2020, temporary closure.

**The following remains closed:**

**PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES**

**All those waters** bordered on the north by the North Topsail Beach Highrise Bridge and bordered on the south by the new Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound.

**Bear Creek – All those waters in Bear Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 38.0080'N - 77° 12.2906' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 38.0599'N - 77° 12.1801' W on the east shore.

**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.

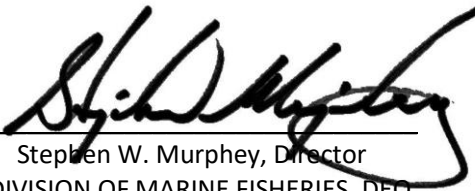
**Newport River - All those waters in Newport River** upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

**North River - All those waters in North River** upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 42.1449' N - 76° 36.2801' W at the permanent closure line near Channel Marker #56B; running northeasterly to a point 34° 43.2724' N - 76° 34.5238' W on the mainland at the Harker's Island Bridge at The Straits, to include Ward Creek.

**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 area to normal closure boundaries: Lockwoods Folly River.
- F. This reopening is due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

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11:55 A.M.  
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