



PA-43-2020

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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, Saturday, May 9, 2020.

All those waters in Brunswick County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the May 1, 2020, temporary closures, **except the following, which will remain closed:**

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**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.

**All those waters** between IWW Beacon "48A" (33° 55.2179' N - 78° 14.5628' W) and the permanent closure line near the Holden Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon "51A".

**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.

**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 Inlet area.
- F. This reopening is due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

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

May 8, 2020  
1:30 P.M.  
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