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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 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:

### PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

**All those waters** bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 33.0934' N - 77° 21.6926' W on the mainland near Hatch Point, running easterly through Marker "76" to Beacon "12", thence running southerly following the dredged channel to the eastern tip of North Topsail Beach at New River Inlet; and bordered on the south by the North Topsail Beach High-rise Bridge to include Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

**All those waters** bordered on the east by a line beginning at a point 34° 43.6158' N - 76° 52.7718' W on the mainland, running southwesterly to IWW Marker "19"; thence running southerly to a point 34° 41.5263' N - 76° 52.6905' W at the permanent closure line off of Salter Path; thence running southeasterly to a point on Bogue Banks at 34° 41.4488' N - 76° 52.6498' W and bordered on the west by IWW Beacon "65A", including Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, White Oak River, Deer Creek, Hunting Island Bay, Goose Creek, Sanders Creek, Gales Creek, and a portion of Bogue Sound.

**Bogue Sound – All those waters** from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between the Morehead City permanent closure line near 16th Street and IWW Marker "14".

**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.

**Whitehurst Creek – All those waters in Whitehurst Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.5146' N - 76° 33.3428' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.5511' N - 76° 33.1664' W on the east shore.

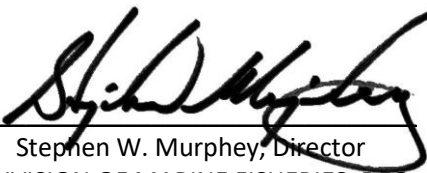
**Sleepy Creek – All those waters in Sleepy Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 43.2745' N - 76° 31.4600' W on the west shore; running easterly to a point 34° 43.2672' N - 76° 31.2792' W on the east shore.

**Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.8170' N - 76° 28.7579' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.3229' N - 76° 29.1273' W at the southern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line near Flashing Beacon #36 to a point 34° 43.7805' N - 76° 30.0180' W the southeast end of Bells Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 43.5461' N - 76° 30.3917' W on the Marshallberg shoreline.

**Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 48.8185' N - 76° 26.9761' W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 48.9768' N - 76° 26.6340' W on the east shore.

**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 heavy rainfall and resultant runoff from TS Arthur.

BY:   
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