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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 change in a shellfish harvesting area will take effect at sunrise, Saturday, June 20, 2020.

All those waters in New Hanover County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the May 21, and June 13, 2020 temporary closures **except the following which will remain closed:**

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 04.8476' N - 77° 53.0990' W on the mainland; running easterly near IWW Marker "155" to the southern tip of Masonboro Island at 34° 04.8251' N - 77° 52.9092' W; and bordered on the south by the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet, Ocean Isle, Shallotte River, Holden Beach, Lockwoods Folly River, Cape Fear River, Bald Head Island, and a portion of Myrtle Grove Sound.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland in Myrtle Grove Sound between IWW Marker "141" (34° 07.7515' N - 77° 51.9560' W) near Peden Point and IWW Marker "155" (34° 04.8189' N - 77° 52.9654' W) near Carolina Beach Inlet.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 07.7706' N - 77° 52.0833' W on the mainland near Peden Point; running easterly near IWW Marker "141" to a point 34° 07.6007' N - 77° 51.0328' W on Masonboro Island; and bordered on the south by the South Carolina State Line, to include Myrtle Grove Sound, Cape Fear River, Bald Head Island, Lockwoods Folly River area, Holden Beach, Shallotte River, Ocean Isle, and Tubbs Inlet.

All those waters bordered in the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 41.2885' N - 77° 01.0408' W on the mainland near Humphrey Point, running southerly to a point 34° 40.5620' N - 77° 00.7983' W on Emerald Isle near Archer Point; and bordered in the south by the Surf City Bridge, to include Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, Chadwick Bay, New River, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, White Oak River, Deer Creek, Hunting Island Bay, and a portion of Bogue Sound.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland in Bogue Sound between IWW Marker "19" and Humphrey Point near Goose Creek, to include Goose Creek, Sanders Creek, Gales Creek, and a portion of Bogue Sound.

Bogue Sound - All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland in Bogue Sound between the permanent closure line near 16th St. in Morehead City and IWW Marker "8", near Peletier Creek.

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.

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.

Brett Bay - All those waters in Brett Bay upstream of a straight line from Piney Point to King Point.

Nelson Bay - All those waters in Nelson Bay upstream of a line from Drum Point to the northern tip of Fulchers Creek.

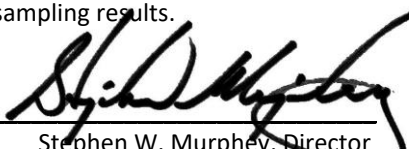
Adams Creek - All those waters in Adams Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 57.2754' N - 76° 42.4146' W near Great Neck Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 58.0929' N - 76° 40.5944' W near Winthrop Point.

South River - All those waters in South River upstream of a line beginning at Sandy Point; running easterly near Beacon "1" to Horton Point.

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. This proclamation returns the following area to normal closure boundaries: a portion of Myrtle Grove Sound.
- E. This reopening is due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:


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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ