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, August 14, 2020.

All those waters in Brunswick County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the August 4, 2020, temporary closures except the following which remains closed:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

All those waters between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker “89” in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

All those waters upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 33° 55.3874’ N – 78° 22.2861’ W on the western shore of the Shallotte River approximately 650 yards south of The Swash; running easterly to a point 33° 55.3385’ N - 78° 21.7279’ W on the eastern shore of the Shallotte River approximately 650 yards south of Shallotte Creek.

The following also remains closed:

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker “129” (34° 11.5153’N - 77° 49.5764’ W) near Shinn Creek and IWW Marker “141” (34° 07.7515’N - 77° 51.9560’ W) near Peden 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 areas to normal closure boundaries: Ocean Isle, a portion of Shallotte River, Holden Beach, and Lockwoods Folly River.

E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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Stephen W. Murphey, Director
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