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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 changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Saturday, August 22, 2020.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the August 14, August 15, and August 16, 2020, temporary closures **except the following which remains closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between IWW Marker "45A", near Cedar Point, and IWW Beacon "59" (34° 38.5749' N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include Bear Creek, Queens Creek and White Oak River.

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 line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0460' N - 76° 37.0517' W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W (near the DMF Shrimp Line).

Jarrett Bay – All those waters in Jarrett Bay north of a line beginning at a point 34° 47.1861' N - 76° 29.8331' W on the west shore near the mouth of Williston Creek; running easterly across the bay to a point 34° 47.1144' N - 76° 29.4531' W on the eastern shore near Great Creek.

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.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

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.

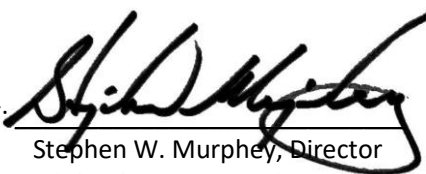
Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678' N - 78° 13.8043' W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621' N - 78° 13.1714' W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 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.

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.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between IWW Marker "45A", near Cedar Point, and IWW Beacon "59" (34° 38.5749' N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include Bear Creek, Queens Creek and White Oak River.

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: Ward Creek, a portion of Jarrett Bay, and South River.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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

August 21, 2020
10:45 A.M.
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