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## PROCLAMATION

### RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

John G. Batherson, Acting 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, February 26, 2021.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the February 14, February 15, and February 19, 2021, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

### ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

**All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland,** in Stump Sound between the North Topsail High Rise Bridge and Beacon "49" near Morris Landing.

**All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland,** between IWW Beacon "49" (34° 40.2621' N - 77° 07.9802' W) near Swansboro, and IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749' N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include Queens Creek.

**White Oak River - All those waters** in White Oak River upstream of the Highway 24 Bridge at Swansboro.

**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).

**Ward Creek - All those waters in Ward Creek** upstream of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W, running southerly to a point on the south shore at 34° 45.4556' N - 76° 35.1587' W (near the Ward Creek DMF Shrimp Line).

**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.

**Jarrett Bay - All those waters in Jarrett Bay** upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 45.9213' N - 76° 29.2047' W on the east shore of Spit Bay; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.7944' N - 76° 29.3623' W at the northern tip of Davis Island; thence in a straight line to a point 34° 45.5281' N - 76° 30.1032' W at the "Chimney" near Jump Run Creek.

**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.

**The following also remains closed:**

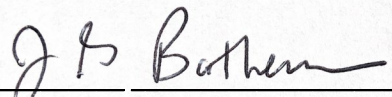
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**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 Tubbs Inlet.

**All those waters** between IWW Beacon "1" near Southport and the permanent closure line near the Holden Beach Bridge and IWW Beacon "51A", to include Lockwoods Folly River and the Lockwoods Folly Inlet area.

**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: Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, and Bogue Sound.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
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DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

February 25, 2021  
2:25 P.M.  
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