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JOHN G. BATHERSON
Acting Director

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, Saturday, February 27, 2021.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the February 1, 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, 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 a straight line beginning at a point 34° 45.6646' N - 76° 44.0603' W on the south shore near Lawton Point, running northerly to a point 34° 46.5724' N - 76° 44.3786' W on the north shore just upstream of Hammock Rock.

Core Creek – All those waters in Core Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore, running easterly near IWW Marker "25" to a point 34° 46.2251' N - 76° 40.5919' W on the east shore near the mouth of Ware 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: Stump Sound, a portion of Newport River, North River, Ward Creek, Whitehurst Creek, Jarrett Bay, Brett Bay, and Nelson Bay.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: 
John G. Batherson, Acting Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

February 26, 2021
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