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## PROCLAMATION

### RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Kathy B. Rawls, 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, October 4, 2024.

All those waters in New Hanover, Onslow, and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the July 19, July 20, July 26, July 27, August 3, August 7, August 8, August 10, August 21, September 3, September 5, September 13, September 14, September 15, September 16, and September 17, 2024, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

### NEW HANOVER / CARTERET COUNTIES

**All those waters** in Myrtle Grove Sound 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 Snows Cut.

**Wade Creek – All those waters in Wade Creek** upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 46.3043' N - 76° 30.0493' W on the north shore; running southerly to a point 34° 46.0324' N - 76° 30.0743' W on the south shore.

### 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.


**Shalotte River – All those waters in Shalotte River** upstream of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.3874' N - 78° 22.2861' W on the western shore of the Shalotte 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 Shalotte River approximately 650 yards south of Shalotte Creek.

**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.

**Bald Head Creek - All those waters** in Bald Head Creek upstream of a line beginning at a point on the north shore at 33° 53.1270' N - 77° 59.5261' W, running southerly to a point on the south shore at 33° 52.9652' N - 77° 59.7954' W.

**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: A portion of Myrtle Grove Sound, Queens Creek, White Oak River, and Bogue Sound.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY:   
Kathy B. Rawls, Director  
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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