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RS-3-2019

PROCLAMATION

RE: RESEARCH SANCTUARY- HEWLETT'S CREEK - UNC-WILMINGTON

This Proclamation establishes a closure to shellfishing in a Research Sanctuary area in Hewlett's Creek.

Stephen W. Murphey, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., Wednesday, January 1, 2020**, in the area described below, **the following restrictions apply:**

I. **AREA DESCRIPTION**

NEW HANOVER COUNTY
In Hewlett's Creek on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway across from Masonboro Island, and north of Carolina Beach Inlet. The area is approximately 18.6 acres in size and is delineated by pilings and signs as shown on the attached map. The location of the pilings are as follows:

Piling 1	34° 10.720'N	77° 50.624'W
Piling 2	34° 10.698'N	77° 50.591'W
Piling 3	34° 10.685'N	77° 50.565'W
Piling 4	34° 10.666'N	77° 50.516'W
Piling 5	34° 10.596'N	77° 50.479'W
Piling 6	34° 10.559'N	77° 50.469'W
Piling 7	34° 10.490'N	77° 50.505'W
Piling 8	34° 10.517'N	77° 50.578'W
Piling 9	34° 10.531'N	77° 50.620'W
Piling 10	34° 10.640'N	77° 50.655'W

II. **RESTRICTIONS**
It is unlawful to take shellfish in the area described in I.

III. **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 03I .0109.
B. It is unlawful to violate provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
C. This area will be used by the UNC-Wilmington Center for Marine Science to conduct research on shellfish biology, oyster growth and survival.
D. Contact N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557; 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632 for more information or visit our website at www.ncmarinefisheries.net.
E. 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.

F. In accordance with N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03I .0109 (a) (2), any closure or restriction in the Research Sanctuary shall be for no more than one year, subject to renewal at the discretion of the Fisheries Director.

G. **This proclamation establishes a closure to shellfishing in a Research Sanctuary area in Hewlett's Creek.**

By: _____
Stephen W. Murphey, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

December 17, 2019
9:52 A.M.