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RS-2-2020

PROCLAMATION

RE: RESEARCH SANCTUARY- PINE KNOLL SHORES AQUARIUM

This proclamation establishes a closure to the harvest of shellfish and all fishing gear in a Research Sanctuary in Bogue Sound adjacent to the Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium.

Stephen W. Murphey, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at **12:01 A.M., Thursday, July 30, 2020** in the areas described below, **the following restrictions apply:**

I. AREA DESCRIPTION

CARTERET COUNTY

The research sanctuary is located in Bogue Sound adjacent to the Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium property. The total area is approximately 2.498 acres in size and delineated by poles and buoys with signs as shown on the attached map. The location of the poles and buoys the research sanctuary are as follows:

Piling 1	34° 42.0900' N	76° 49.9820' W
Piling 2	34° 42.1330' N	76° 49.9220' W
Piling 3	34° 42.0780' N	76° 49.8930' W
Piling 4	34° 42.0540' N	76° 49.9330' W

II. RESTRICTIONS

A. It is unlawful to use fishing gear in the area described in I.
B. 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 East Carolina University to study the resilience of the living shoreline post hurricanes.
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 the harvest of shellfish and all fishing gear in a Research Sanctuary in in Bogue Sound adjacent to the Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium.**

By: _____

Stephen W. Murphey, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

July 27, 2020
12:07 A.M.