

PROCLAMATION**RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA**

Braxton Davis, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Randall Williams, M.D., State Health Director, Department of Health and Human Services, hereby announces that the following shellfish area temporary closures will **take effect immediately**:

It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take any oysters, clams or mussels or possess, sell or offer for sale any oysters, clams or mussels taken from the following polluted areas:

CARTERET COUNTY

Newport River - All those waters in Newport River upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

All those waters in North River upstream of a line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0383' N - 76° 37.0633' W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2667' N - 76° 35.4933' W. (North River DMF Shrimp Line).

Oyster Creek - All those waters in Oyster Creek upstream of a straight line across the mouth.

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 / PENDER / ONSLOW / CARTERET / HYDE COUNTIES**

All those waters between IWW Beacon "84" and the South Carolina Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

All those waters between IWW Fl. Beacon "51A" near the Holden Beach Bridge and IWW Fl. Beacon "71A" near Long Point.

All those waters bordered on the northeast by a straight line from Swan Point through IWW Channel Marker #4 to the eastern tip of West Onslow Beach, (south shore of the New River Inlet), and bordered on the southwest by a line beginning at a point on the mainland at Forest Sound Marina, running southerly through Beacon "98A", and following the eastern shore of Black Mud Channel to the southern tip of Topsail Beach, to include Old Topsail Creek, Virginia Creek, Topsail Sound, Stump Sound, Alligator Bay, and Chadwick Bay.

All those waters, from the IWW to the mainland, between IWW Beacon "47", near Swansboro, and the Turn Marker at Cow Channel, to include Queens Creek.

White Oak River - All those waters in the White Oak River north of a line beginning at a point 34° 41.9497' N - 77° 06.9846' W on the west shore, running easterly near the northern tip of Jones Island, to a point 34° 41.9395' N - 77° 05.6599' W on the east shore.

All those waters in Germantown Bay upstream of a line beginning at Spencer Point, running southeasterly to Short Point.

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. These temporary closures are due to rainfall and resultant runoff.

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