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PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Braxton Davis, 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, Thursday, December 14, 2017.

All those waters in Carteret County will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the December 9, 2017, temporary closures **except the following which will remain closed:**

CARTERET COUNTY

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 the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

North River – 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).

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / NEW HANOVER / ONSLOW COUNTIES

All those waters between IWW Marker "84" near Ocean Isle and the South Carolina State Line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area.

All those waters bordered on the north by the Figure Eight Island Bridge, and bordered on the south by a line beginning at a point 34°11.5660'N -77°49.6758' W on the mainland, running southeasterly near IWW Channel Marker #129 to a point on the south shore of Shinn Creek at 34°11.3991'N -77°49.3386' W, thence running southeasterly to a point 34°10.9146'N -77°48.9429' W on the northern tip of Masonboro Island.

All those waters from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland between IWW Marker "49", near Swansboro, and IWW Marker "65A", located just west of Salliers Bay near New River Inlet, to include Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, and all other creeks and tributaries within said boundaries.

White Oak River - All those waters in White Oak River upstream of the Highway 24 Bridge at Swansboro.

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.

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- 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: Wards Creek and a portion of North River.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

BY: _____
Braxton C. Davis, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

December 13, 2017
11:00 A.M.
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