PROCLAMATION

RE: 2012 SHRIMPING AND CRAB TRAWLING

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that the following areas **SHALL OPEN** to shrimp and crab trawling effective **5:00 P.M. Sunday, October 21, 2012**:

I. AREAS: CARTERET COUNTY

A. **Jarrett Bay** – See Map
B. **Brett Bay** – See Map
C. **Nelson Bay** – See Map
D. **East Thorofare Bay-Barry Bay** - See Map
E. **Cedar Island Bay** – See Map
F. **Long Bay - Ditch Bay** – See Map
G. **West Thorofare Bay** – See Map
H. **Turnagain Bay** – See Map

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 181; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103, 03L .0101, 03L .0202, and 03N .0105.

B. It is unlawful to violate the 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 action will allow the harvest of white shrimp prior to the onset of cooler winter temperatures and reduced availability of shrimp in the affected areas.

D. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03O .0211 provides that it is unlawful to use any bottom disturbing fishing gear on any shellfish lease or franchise unless it has been duly authorized by the Fisheries Director. Also, pursuant to Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03O .0204(f), the Division has no duty to protect any shellfish bottom lease, franchise, or water column lease not marked in accordance to 15A NCAC 3O .0204(a).

E. Hatched areas on the attached maps indicate areas closed to shrimping and crab trawling.

F. This proclamation supersedes portions of Proclamation SH-4-2012, dated May 24, 2012 that pertain to the affected areas. **The special secondary nursery areas listed above will close pursuant to Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03N .0105.**

BY:_____
Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

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