PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Dr. Louis B. Daniel III, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Laura Gerald, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Director, Department of Health and Human Services, hereby announces that the following change in shellfish harvesting areas will **take effect at sunrise, Friday, March 9, 2012**:

All those waters in **Brunswick, Onslow and Carteret Counties** that were temporarily closed will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the March 4, 2012 temporary closures, **except the following which will remain closed**:

BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

Shallotte River - **All those waters** in Shallotte River upstream of a straight line from Bowen Point to Long Point.

All those waters in the Intracoastal Waterway between IWW marker "71A" near Long Point and FL Beacon "48A" near Lockwoods Folly Inlet.

Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters north of a line beginning on the west shore at a point 33°55.7954' N - 78°13.3096' W approximately midway between Genoes Point and Spring Creek; running southeasterly to a point 33°55.2284' N - 78°12.7791' W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include the open portion of the Atlantic Intracoastal Water Way north of Horse Island.

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

Newport River - All those waters in Newport River upstream of a line beginning at a point on the south shore at 34°45.7044' N -76° 43.4977' W near Penn Point; running northerly to a point on the west shore of Harlowe Creek at 34°46.6935' N -76° 43.4719' W.

The following also remains closed:

NEW HANOVER / PENDER COUNTIES

All those waters within 100 yards from the dredge spoils effluent pipe located approximately 240 yards northwest of IWW Channel Marker "140".

All those waters bordered on the northeast by the North Topsail High Rise Bridge, and bordered on the southwest by the Surf City Bridge.

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 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 Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.

C. This proclamation returns the following area to normal closure boundaries: All those waters between IWW #84, near Ocean Isle, and the SC line, to include the Tubbs Inlet area, a portion of Shallotte River, a portion of Lockwoods Folly River, Salliers Bay, Bear Creek, Queens Creek, White Oak River, a portion of Newport River, and North River.

D. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

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