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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 shellfish area temporary **closures** will **take effect immediately**:

No person shall 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

All those waters from the ICWW to the mainland between the Morehead City State Port permanent closure line near 16th Street and the Atlantic Beach High-rise Bridge.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK / ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

All those waters within 100 yards from the dredge spoils effluent pipe near Bald Head Island located approximately 200 yards north of the mouth of Bald Head Creek.

All those waters in Stump Sound between IWW Channel Marker #29 near Turkey Creek and IWW Channel Marker #45, near Kings Creek.

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

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.

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. This temporary closure is being implemented as a precautionary measure due to unregulated movement of shellstock from a prohibited area near Morehead City to an open shellfishing area.

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