

## 15A NCAC 03R .0117 OYSTER SANCTUARIES

The Oyster Sanctuaries referenced in 15A NCAC 03K .0209 are delineated in the following Coastal Fishing Waters:

- (1) Pamlico Sound area:
  - (a) Croatan Sound: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 48.2842' N - 75° 38.3360' W; running southerly to a point 35° 48.1918' N - 75° 38.3360' W; running westerly to a point 35° 48.1918' N - 75° 38.4575' W; running northerly to a point 35° 48.2842' N - 75° 38.4575' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (b) Crab Hole: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 43.6833' N - 75° 40.5083' W; running southerly to a point 35° 43.5000' N - 75° 40.5083' W; running westerly to a point 35° 43.5000' N - 75° 40.7500' W; running northerly to a point 35° 43.6833' N - 75° 40.7500' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (c) Pea Island: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 40.0800' N - 75° 36.7998' W; running southerly to a point 35° 39.8400' N - 75° 36.7998' W; running westerly to a point 35° 39.8400' N - 75° 37.0800' W; running northerly to a point 35° 40.0800' N - 75° 37.0800' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (d) Long Shoal: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 33.8600' N - 75° 49.7670' W; running southerly to a point 35° 33.7510' N - 75° 49.7670' W; running westerly to a point 35° 33.7510' N - 75° 49.9000' W; running northerly to a point 35° 33.8600' N - 75° 49.9000' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (e) Gibbs Shoal: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 27.3550' N - 75° 55.9190' W; running southerly to a point 35° 27.1010' N - 75° 55.9190' W; running westerly to a point 35° 27.1010' N - 75° 56.2300' W; running northerly to a point 35° 27.3550' N - 75° 56.2300' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (f) Gull Shoal: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 23.4520' N - 75° 58.0533' W; running southerly to a point 35° 22.9481' N - 75° 58.0721' W; running westerly to a point 35° 22.9596' N - 75° 58.5359' W; running northerly to a point 35° 23.4638' N - 75° 58.5173' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (g) Deep Bay: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 22.9126' N - 76° 22.1612' W; running southerly to a point 35° 22.7717' N - 76° 22.1612' W; running westerly to a point 35° 22.7717' N - 76° 22.3377' W; running northerly to a point 35° 22.9126' N - 76° 22.3377' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (h) West Bluff: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 18.3160' N - 76° 10.0690' W; running southerly to a point 35° 18.1290' N - 76° 10.0690' W; running westerly to a point 35° 18.1290' N - 76° 10.2960' W; running northerly to a point 35° 18.3160' N - 76° 10.2960' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (i) Middle Bay: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 14.1580' N - 76° 30.1780' W; running southerly to a point 35° 14.1150' N - 76° 30.1780' W; running westerly to a point 35° 14.1150' N - 76° 30.3320' W; running northerly to a point 35° 14.1580' N - 76° 30.3320' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (j) Swan Island: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 05.6414' N - 76° 26.7651' W; running southerly to a point 35° 05.4846' N - 76° 26.7638' W; running westerly to a point 35° 05.4992' N - 76° 27.5033' W; running northerly to a point 35° 05.6554' N - 76° 27.5041' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (k) Raccoon Island: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 05.4760' N - 76° 23.4040' W; running southerly to a point 35° 05.3680' N - 76° 23.4040' W; running westerly to a point 35° 05.3680' N - 76° 23.5370' W; running northerly to a point 35° 05.4760' N - 76° 23.5370' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (l) Cedar Island: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 03.4632' N - 76° 22.5603' W; running southerly to a point 35° 03.1653' N - 76° 22.5699' W; running westerly to a point 35° 03.1731' N - 76° 22.9321' W; running northerly to a point 35° 03.4710' N - 76° 22.9226' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
  - (m) West Bay: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 34° 58.8517' N - 76° 21.3632' W; running southerly to a point 34° 58.7661' N - 76° 21.3632' W; running westerly to a point 34° 58.7661' N - 76° 21.4735' W; running northerly to a point 34° 58.8517' N - 76° 21.4735' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
- (2) Neuse River area:

- (a) Little Creek: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 02.6940' N - 76° 30.7940' W; running southerly to a point 35° 02.5380' N - 76° 30.7940' W; running westerly to a point 35° 02.5380' N - 76° 30.9840' W; running northerly to a point 35° 02.6940' N - 76° 30.9840' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.
- (b) Neuse River: within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 00.4910' N - 76° 31.9350' W; running southerly to a point 35° 00.3750' N - 76° 31.9350' W; running westerly to a point 35° 00.3750' N - 76° 32.0750' W; running northerly to a point 35° 00.4910' N - 76° 32.0750' W; running easterly to the point of beginning.

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