

### 15A NCAC 03R .0110 CRAB SPAWNING SANCTUARIES

The crab spawning sanctuaries within which the taking of crabs may be restricted or prohibited are described as follows:

- (1) In the Oregon Inlet Area. Beginning at a point on the Atlantic Ocean shore of Bodie Island 35° 47.7054' N - 75° 32.3522' W; running northeasterly to a point in the Atlantic Ocean 35° 47.9833' N - 75° 31.8500' W; running southerly to a point in the ocean 35° 46.3500' N - 75° 30.6666' W; running westerly to a point on the Atlantic Ocean shore at 35° 46.1037' N - 75° 31.2785' W; running northerly along the Atlantic shore of Pea Island to and around South Point and continuing southerly along the shore of Pamlico Sound to a point on the south point of Eagle Nest Bay at 35° 43.7085' N - 75° 30.8009' W; running westerly to a point in Pamlico Sound at 35° 43.7100' N - 75° 32.2113' W; running northerly to a point 35° 47.3992' N - 75° 34.1650' W in Pamlico Sound; running northerly to a point on Bodie Island 35° 48.5740' N - 75° 33.8722' W; running southerly along the shore to and around North Point at Oregon Inlet and then northerly on the Atlantic shore to the point of beginning;
- (2) In the Hatteras Inlet Area. Beginning at a point on the Pamlico Sound shoreline of Hatteras Island 35° 12.0846' N - 75° 43.3514' W; running northwesterly to a point in Pamlico Sound 35° 13.6361' N - 75° 45.4451' W; running southwestly to a point near Outer Green Island 35° 11.0794' N - 75° 48.4440' W; running southeasterly to a point on the Pamlico Sound shore of Ocracoke Island 35° 10.7004' N - 75° 47.9094' W; running northeasterly along the shoreline to a point on the northeastern tip of Ocracoke Island 35° 11.2340' N - 75° 46.3051' W; running southeasterly to a point in the Atlantic Ocean at 35° 10.6644' N - 75° 44.5221' W; running northeasterly to a point on the ocean shoreline of Hatteras Island 35° 11.7894' N - 75° 43.5946' W; running southwestly around the tip of Hatteras Island to the point of beginning;
- (3) In the Ocracoke Inlet Area. Beginning at a point on Ocracoke Island 35° 06.2555' N - 75° 59.3722' W; running westerly through Shellcastle Island to a point in Pamlico Sound 35° 05.8599' N - 76° 04.3639' W; running southerly to a point on Portsmouth Island 35° 03.7378' N - 76° 04.7850' W; running northeasterly along the shore of Pamlico Sound around the western side of Ocracoke Inlet and southwestly along the shore of the Atlantic Ocean to a point 35° 03.0500' N - 76° 03.0833' W; running southeasterly offshore to a point in the Atlantic Ocean 35° 02.6333' N - 76° 02.7166' W; running northeasterly to a point in the ocean 35° 03.9666' N - 75° 59.3000' W; running northwesterly to a point on the Atlantic shore of Ocracoke Island 35° 04.7402' N - 75° 59.7124' W; running southwestly along the shore around the eastern side of Ocracoke Inlet and northeasterly along the shore to the point of beginning;
- (4) In the Drum Inlet Area. Beginning at a point on the Core Sound shore of Core Banks 34° 52.81101' N - 76° 17.1780' W; running northwesterly to a point in Core Sound 34° 53.7347' N - 76° 18.0439' W; running southwestly to a point in Core Sound 34° 50.8286' N - 76° 21.2515' W; running southeasterly to a point on the Core Sound shore of Core Banks 34° 50.1496' N - 76° 20.3924' W; following the shoreline in a northeasterly direction around the western side of Drum Inlet then along the Atlantic Ocean shoreline to a point on Core Banks 34° 50.0049' N - 76° 20.3741' W; running southeasterly to a point in the Atlantic Ocean 34° 49.4995' N - 76° 19.8407' W; running northeasterly to a point in the Atlantic Ocean 34° 52.2167' N - 76° 16.7476' W; running northwesterly to a point on the ocean shore of Core Banks 34° 52.6147' N - 76° 17.0705' W; running southwestly toward and around the eastern side of Drum Inlet, then in a northeasterly direction along the Core Sound shore of Core Sound to the point of beginning;
- (5) In the Bardens Inlet Area. Beginning at a point on Core Banks near the southern side of Hogpen Bay 34° 40.7047' N - 76° 29.6108' W; running westerly to a point near Marker "35" at 34° 40.7071' N - 76° 31.5922' W; running southwestly to a point on Shackleford Banks 34° 38.9974' N - 76° 32.4858' W; running southeasterly around the eastern end of Shackleford Banks and then northwesterly along the ocean shoreline to a point on shore 34° 38.5608' N - 76° 32.6863' W; running southwestly through Buoy "4" to Buoy "2" at the end of the Cape Lookout Jetty 34° 37.1272' N - 76° 33.7381' W; running southeasterly to the base of the Cape Lookout Jetty 34° 36.7836' N - 76° 33.1569' W; running northerly to the end of Power Squadron Spit, around Lookout Bight and northerly up Core Banks to the point of beginning.

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