

## **SECTION .0700 – OPERATION OF DEPURATION (MECHANICAL PURIFICATION) FACILITIES**

Rules .0701 - .0713 of Title 15A Subchapter 18A of the North Carolina Administrative Code (T15A.18A .0701 - .0713); has been transferred and recodified from Rules .1201 - .1213 of Title 10 Subchapter 10B of the North Carolina Administrative Code (T10.10B .1201 - .1213), effective April 4, 1990.

### **15A NCAC 18A .0701 REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPURATION**

(a) In addition to and to the extent not inconsistent with other applicable provisions of North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission rules, requirements for depuration shall be in accordance with the 2019 Revision of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish chapter titled "Depuration", which is incorporated by reference, not including subsequent amendments and editions. A copy of the reference material is available online at: <https://www.fda.gov/food/federalstate-food-programs/national-shellfish-sanitation-program-nssp>, at no cost.

(b) All laboratory analyses used to evaluate the effectiveness of the depuration process shall be performed by a laboratory found by a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Shellfish Laboratory Evaluation Officer or by an FDA-certified State Shellfish Laboratory Evaluation Officer to conform or provisionally conform to the requirements established under the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP).

(c) If a method is needed for the analysis of depuration process water and shellfish that are used to evaluate the effectiveness of the depuration process and no method approved for use within the NSSP exists, the following may be used:

- (1) a validated Association of Analytical Communities, Bacteriological Analysis Manual, or Environmental Protection Agency method; or
- (2) an Emergency Use Method as set forth in the latest approved edition of the NSSP Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish.

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