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Data Inclusive Dates:
01/01/21 thru 12/31/23

Classification Change:
 Yes X No

Shoreline Survey Completed: Yes

(I)ncreased/(D)ecreased/(N)one:

Prior Report & Date: 2023 Annual Update

 N Approved
 N Cond. Approved
 N Restricted
 N Prohibited

SUMMARY

Bacteriological sampling data continue to indicate that Shellfish Management Area 02 (SFMA 02) maintain a Restricted classification in its entirety and shellfish in the area should not be used for depuration purposes for the upcoming 2024-2025 shellfish harvesting season.

SFMA 02 is a very densely populated and a very popular tourist destination off the northern coast of South Carolina. The area is under constant construction with new commercial and residential properties being built. This has become a large issue in Horry County mostly because of major storm events that have caused major flooding throughout the county. According to US Census Bureau statistics Horry County is now the 3rd fastest growing county in South Carolina.

The growing area is comprised of three swash areas which are located within these residential and commercial properties. The growing area is not very large and lies adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean and beach tourism areas which are surrounded mostly by oceanfront hotels and condominiums. Most of the harvestable shellfish in the entire area are primarily in the White Point Swash portion of the area.

Nonpoint source pollution and a lack of high salinity water during tidal cycles is the primary reason that water quality data continue to indicate a Restricted Classification throughout the growing area. The area is mostly comprised of smaller finger creek swash canals that run from inland marsh areas to ocean waters. The area does not have any major ocean inlets that could help provide a flushing effect to possibly assist in lowering fecal coliform levels in the bacteriological water quality data.

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The authority to regulate the harvest, sanitation, processing, and handling of shellfish is granted to the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) by Section 44-1-140 of

the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The Department promulgated Regulation 61-47, which provides the rules used to implement this authority and outlines the requirements applied in regulating shellfish sanitation in the State. This regulation specifically addresses classification of shellfish harvesting areas and requires that all areas be examined by sanitary and bacteriological surveys and classified into an appropriate shellfish harvesting classification.

The National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish is used by the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to evaluate state shellfish sanitation programs. The NSSP Model Ordinance requires that a sanitary survey be in place for each growing area prior to its use as a source of shellfish for human consumption and prior to the area's classification as Approved, Conditionally Approved, Restricted, or Conditionally Restricted. Each sanitary survey shall be updated on an annual basis and accurately reflect changes which have occurred within the area. Requirement of the annual reevaluation include, at a minimum, field observations of pollution sources, an analysis of water quality data consisting of the past year's data in combination with appropriate previously collected data, review of reports and effluent samples from pollution sources, and review of performance standards for discharges impacting the growing area. A brief report documenting the findings shall also be provided.

The following criteria consistent with the NSSP Model Ordinance and S.C. Regulation 61-47 are used in establishing shellfish harvesting classifications:

Approved Area - Growing areas shall be classified approved when the sanitary survey concludes that fecal material, pathogenic microorganisms, and poisonous or deleterious substances are not present in concentrations that would render shellfish unsafe for human consumption. Approved classifications shall be determined upon a sanitary survey that includes water samples collected from stations in the designated area adjacent to actual or potential sources of pollution. For waters sampled under adverse pollution conditions, the median fecal coliform Most Probable Number (MPN) or the geometric mean MPN shall not exceed fourteen per one hundred milliliters, nor shall more than ten percent of the samples exceed a fecal coliform MPN of forty-three per one hundred milliliters (per five tube decimal dilution). For waters sampled under a systematic random sampling plan, the geometric mean fecal coliform MPN shall not exceed fourteen per one hundred milliliters, nor shall the estimated ninetieth percentile exceed an MPN of forty-three per one hundred milliliters (per five tube decimal dilution). Computation of the estimated ninetieth percentile shall be determined using National Shellfish Sanitation Program Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish methodology.

Conditionally Approved Area - Growing areas may be classified conditionally approved when they are subject to temporary conditions of actual or potential pollution. When such events are predictable, as in non-point source pollution from rainfall runoff or discharge of a major river, a management plan describing conditions under which harvesting will be allowed shall be adopted by the Department prior to classifying an area as conditionally approved. Where appropriate, the management plan for each conditionally approved area shall include performance standards for sources of controllable pollution (e.g., wastewater treatment and collection systems), evaluation of each source of pollution, and means of rapidly closing and subsequently reopening areas to

shellfish harvesting. Memorandums of agreements shall be a part of these management plans where appropriate. Shellfish shall not be directly marketed from a conditionally approved area until conditions for an approved classification have been met for a period of time likely to ensure the shellfish are safe for consumption. Shellstock from conditionally approved areas that have been subjected to temporary conditions of actual or potential pollution may be relayed to approved areas for purification or depuration through controlled purification operations only by special permit issued by the Department.

Restricted Area - Growing areas shall be classified restricted when sanitary survey data show a moderate degree of pollution or the presence of deleterious or poisonous substances to a degree that may cause the water quality to fluctuate unpredictably or at such a frequency that a conditionally approved classification is not feasible. Shellfish may be harvested from areas classified as restricted only for the purposes of relaying or depuration and only by special permit issued by the Department and under Department supervision. The suitability of restricted areas for harvesting of shellstock for relay or depuration purposes may be determined using comparison studies of background tissue samples with post-process tissue samples, as well as other process verification techniques deemed appropriate by the Department. For restricted areas to be utilized as a source of shellstock for depuration, or as source water for depuration, the fecal coliform geometric mean MPN of restricted waters sampled under adverse pollution conditions shall not exceed eighty-eight per one hundred milliliters nor shall more than ten percent of the samples exceed a MPN of two hundred and sixty per one hundred milliliters for a five tube decimal dilution test. For waters sampled under a systematic random sampling plan, the fecal coliform geometric mean MPN shall not exceed eighty-eight per one hundred milliliters nor shall the estimated ninetieth percentile exceed an MPN of two hundred and sixty (five tube decimal dilution). Computation of the estimated ninetieth percentile shall be obtained using the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish methodology.

Conditionally Restricted Area - Growing areas may be classified conditionally restricted when they are subject to temporary conditions of actual or potential pollution. When such events are predictable, as in the malfunction of wastewater treatment facilities, non-point source pollution from rainfall runoff, discharge of a major river or potential discharges from dock or harbor facilities that may affect water quality, a management plan describing conditions under which harvesting will be allowed shall be prepared by the Department prior to classifying an area as conditionally restricted. Where appropriate, the management plan for each conditionally restricted area shall include performance standards for sources of controllable pollution, e.g., wastewater treatment and collection systems and an evaluation of each source of pollution, and description of the means of rapidly closing and subsequent reopening areas to shellfish harvesting. Memorandums of agreements shall be a part of these management plans where appropriate. Shellfish may be harvested from areas classified as conditionally restricted only for the purposes of relaying or depuration and only by permit issued by the Department and under Department supervision. For conditionally restricted areas to be utilized as a source of shellstock for depuration, the fecal coliform geometric mean MPN of conditionally restricted waters sampled under adverse pollution conditions shall not exceed eighty-eight per one hundred milliliters nor shall more than ten percent of the samples exceed a MPN of two hundred and sixty per one hundred milliliters for a five tube decimal dilution test. For waters sampled under a systematic random sampling plan, the fecal coliform geometric mean MPN shall not exceed

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Prohibited Area - Growing areas shall be classified prohibited if there is no current sanitary survey report or if the sanitary survey report or monitoring data show unsafe levels of fecal material, pathogenic microorganisms, or poisonous or deleterious substances in the growing area or otherwise indicate that such substances could potentially reach quantities that could render shellfish unfit or unsafe for human consumption.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Shellfish Management Area 02 (SFMA 02) is comprised of three separate estuaries. White Point Swash, located in the Windy Hill section of North Myrtle Beach, is bordered to the northwest by U.S. Highway 17 and to the northeast by mainland residential portions of Windy Hill, North Myrtle Beach. White Point Swash is bordered to the southwest by the Town of Briarcliff Acres and to the southeast by the Atlantic Ocean.

Singleton Swash is located approximately six miles south of White Point Swash and is bordered generally to the west by U.S. Highway 17, to the south by Dunes Golf and Beach Club of Myrtle Beach, to the north by Lake Arrowhead Road, and on the east by Shore Drive and the Atlantic Ocean.

Cane Patch Swash is located within the Myrtle Beach City limits and is bordered to the west by U.S. Highway 17, to the north by 68th Avenue North, on the south by 66th Avenue North, and on the east by the Atlantic Ocean. The combined area of shellfish waters in Area 02 is approximately 100 acres. Although the area is small, a substantial shellfish resource does exist, necessitating review and classification.

The harvesting classification of SFMA 02 prior to this sanitary survey was as follows:

PROHIBITED

None

RESTRICTED

1. All waters of White Point Swash;
2. All waters of Singleton Swash;
3. All waters of Cane Patch Swash.

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

None

APPROVED

None

Station Addition/Reactivation/Deactivation/Modification: None

The shellfish industry in South Carolina is based primarily on the harvest of the eastern oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*) and hard clams, which include both the northern clam (*Mercenaria mercenaria*) and several small populations of the southern clam (*Mercenaria campechiensis*). The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) currently does not allow harvesting of oysters and clams within SFMA 02. No relay projects have been permitted within this area during the past three-year review period.

The shellfish harvesting season in South Carolina normally extends from October 1 through May 31. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) has the authority to alter the shellfish harvesting season for resource management purposes and grant permits for year-round mariculture operations. Additionally, SCDES has the authority to prohibit shellfish harvesting when necessary to ensure that shellfish harvested in South Carolina waters are safe for human consumption.

POLLUTION SOURCE SURVEY

SURVEY PROCEDURES

Shoreline surveys of Shellfish Management Area 02 were conducted by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, Pee Dee - Myrtle Beach, Shellfish Sanitation Staff during the survey period and are ongoing. Extensive visual examination of lands adjacent to the waters of SFMA 02 was conducted to determine potential sources of pollution entering shellfish growing waters.

POINT SOURCE POLLUTION

- A. Municipal and Community Waste Treatment Facilities** - The majority of SFMA 02 has municipal wastewater collection systems which are serviced by the cities of Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach. Discharge of effluent from their facilities is to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW) and does not affect the shellfish growing waters in SFMA 02. Also, within SFMA 02 is the Town of Briarcliff Acres and has homes that are serviced by individual sewage treatment and disposal systems (ISTDs). However, growing waters within SFMA 02 are not affected by these ISTDs and those homes located within the flood plains of this area have been connected to public water and sewer.
- B. Industrial Waste** - There are no permitted point source discharges of industrial waste in Area 02.

- C. **Marinas** - In 2007, prompted by the Department's Bureau of Coastal Management (BCM and formally known as the Office of Coastal Resource Management-OCRM) marina definition change, the Shellfish Sanitation Program incorporated the following marina definition. S.C. Regulation 61-47, Shellfish defines Marina as any of the following; (1) locked harbor facility; (2) any facility which provides fueling, pump out, maintenance or repair services (regardless of length); (3) any facility which has effective docking space of greater than 250 linear feet or provides moorage for more than 10 boats; (4) any water area with a structure which is used for docking or otherwise mooring vessels and constructed to provide temporary or permanent docking space for more than ten boats, such as a mooring field; (5) a dry stack facility. There are no marinas located in Area 02 due to lack of navigable channels.
- D. **Radionuclides** - Sources of radionuclides have not been identified within SFMA 02 and no other sources of poisonous or deleterious substances have been identified within the area.

NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION

- A. **Urban and Suburban Stormwater Runoff** - Stormwater runoff from construction activities can have a significant impact on water quality. As stormwater flows over a construction site, it can pick up pollutants like sediment, debris, and chemicals and transport these to a nearby storm sewer system or directly to a river, lake, coastal waterways, or shellfish growing area. Stormwater runoff is an ongoing issue in the majority of SFMA 02 waters due to dense development of the surrounding area. The SCDES Bureau of Water in coordination with the Bureau of Coastal Management ensure that land disturbance activities are permitted accordingly and utilize stormwater best management practices to ensure potential pollutants are not introduced into the environment and nearby water bodies.

Nonpoint source runoff is the apparent primary contributor to elevated fecal coliform bacteria levels in the area. White Point Swash receives drainage from a densely developed portion of the City of North Myrtle Beach (Windy Hill). Development includes an extensive residential area in addition to numerous condominiums, restaurants, gift shops, and other entertainment facilities. Singleton Swash receives drainage from Singleton Lake and several small ponds within the management area. Development is extremely dense, primarily consisting of high-rise and smaller stick-built condominiums, campgrounds, and golf courses. Cane Patch Swash serves as a drainage outlet for northern portions of the City of Myrtle Beach. Drainage is from a series of small lakes located west of the U.S. Highway 17. Development is dense with single and multi-family residences and commercial business properties.

- B. **Agricultural Runoff** - There are no commercial agricultural activities adjacent to the waters of SFMA 02, and sampling for pesticides and herbicides has not been conducted.
- C. **Individual Sewage Treatment and Disposal (ISTD) Systems** - Individual sewage treatment and disposal (ISTD) systems are known to exist in the North Myrtle Beach

areas bordering White Point Swash and Briarcliff Acres; however, exact numbers of these systems are difficult to identify due to various portions of these areas being connected to public water and sewer in recent years.

- D. Wildlife and Domestic Animals** - Wildlife in SFMA 02 primarily consists of birds, small rodents, deer, raccoons, and opossums. These populations, in combination with domestic cats and dogs, are contributors to nonpoint source pollution. In years prior, the town of Briarcliff Acres utilized resource management tools to reduce deer populations within the town limits due to losses of natural habitat for the animals. Briarcliff Acres is approximately one mile southwest of White Point Swash.
- E. Boat Traffic** - The use of watercraft in SFMA 02 is extremely minimal due to the lack of navigable channels within the area.

NATURALLY OCCURRING PATHOGENS

- A. Marine Biotoxins** - During the winter and spring of 1988, South Carolina experienced an occurrence of "Red Tide", specifically *Ptychodiscus brevis* (K. brevis), which affected water quality in SFMA 01 south to SFMA 04. There have been no documented reoccurrences of this organism at levels requiring emergency response in South Carolina waters subsequent to the 1988 event. The Department also has a Marine Biotoxin Contingency Plan in place that must be evaluated and updated annually.
- B. *Vibrio* Management Plan** – Because State water temperatures exceed 81 degrees Fahrenheit (F) during June through September; *Vibrio* management controls must be implemented during these months. Management controls for permitted Aquaculture facilities are specifically addressed in R.61-47. The season for wild-stock harvest of oysters is typically closed from June 1 through September 30th. Because R.61-47 does not specifically address control of wild-stock harvest from waters exceeding 81 degrees F, the Department will recommend to and request of SCDNR that the wild stock harvesting season not be opened until October 1. The Department is currently not opposed to the issuance of special wild-stock harvest permits to Certified Shippers during the closed season as long as special permit conditions are included. Special permit conditions for maricultured triploid oysters during the vibrio control months must include current R.61-47 and NSSP temperature control requirements to be included in the Certified Shipper's HACCP plan.

HYDROGRAPHIC AND METEOROLOGIC CHARACTERISTICS

White Point Swash is approximately 650 by 500 meters and includes approximately 42 acres of habitat suitable for shellfish production. Immediately adjacent to White Point Swash is a series of marsh areas that extend approximately 2,000 meters in a northeast - southwesterly direction and parallel the beachfront. This area averages less than 100 meters in width. This total area is approximately 35 acres. A single shallow swash connects the White Point estuary with the Atlantic Ocean.

Singleton Swash contains approximately 41 acres of bottoms suitable for shellfish production. A single shallow swash immediately adjacent to the Dunes Golf and Beach Club connects the Singleton Swash estuary with the Atlantic Ocean.

Cane Patch Swash contains less than 3 acres of bottoms suitable for shellfish production. This swash connects to the Atlantic Ocean via a shallow ditch and 36-inch drain culvert.

Tides along the beaches in Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach are semidiurnal, consisting of two low and two high tides each lunar day. Mean tidal ranges are 5.00 - 5.06 feet during normal tides and 5.70 - 5.87 feet during spring tides (Tides and Currents for Windows, Version 2.2, Nautical Software Inc.).

In 2017, the collection of rainfall data has been improved for a more consistent, accurate, and reliable data set that can be accessed directly from a shellfish staff member's computer or phone. With assistance from the National Weather Service's, Southeastern River Forecast Center, the development of the South Carolina Shellfish Rainfall Program was introduced and utilized. This new technology provides shellfish program staff with real-time daily updates for rainfall accumulation in each of the South Carolina shellfish growing management areas, as well as providing critical triggers that alert staff to when rainfall thresholds for closures are exceeded.

The 10-year annual rainfall average for this area is 56.47 inches per year, and in 2023 the annual total was 58.5 inches. Major storm events have taken place in South Carolina over the past few years. On July 31, 2023, a major rainfall event produced 5.99 inches of rain during a 24-hour period. On December 18, 2023, another major rainfall event produced 4.34 inches of rain during a 24-hour period. On August 20, 2022, a major rainfall event produced 4.24 inches of rain during a 24-hour period. However, since the area was classified as Restricted before either storm, no special sampling was conducted, and no emergency closures were issued for the area.

Tropical storms and hurricanes occasionally produce extremely large amounts of rainfall. During winter months rainfall is more uniform in nature; heavy, short-term rainfall events are uncommon, yet occasional intense thunderstorms associated with rapidly moving low-pressure systems may generate heavy rains. Precipitation rarely occurs in the form of snow or ice during winter months, and spring weather patterns are often extremely dynamic with associated thunderstorms and severe weather conditions.

Prevailing winds along the northern portion of the South Carolina coast are from the southwest during spring and south/southwest during the summer. During autumn the wind direction is generally from the Northeast. Winter winds fluctuate between the Northeast and Southwest. Wind speeds average less than 10 mph; however, strong weather systems may generate winds in excess of 25 mph. The threat of tropical storms and hurricanes frequently occurs during the hurricane season months of June through October.

There are no rivers near SFMA 02, and freshwater input occurs from localized precipitation and resulting runoff.

WATER QUALITY STUDIES

The Department currently utilizes a systematic random sampling (SRS) strategy within SFMA 02 in lieu of sampling under adverse pollution conditions. In order to comply with NSSP guidelines, a minimum of thirty samples are required to be collected and analyzed from each station during the review period. Sampling dates are computer generated prior to the beginning of each calendar year thereby insuring random selection with respect to tidal stage and weather. Day of week selection criteria is limited to Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays due to shipping requirements and laboratory manpower constraints. Sample schedules are rarely altered.

During July 1998, an updated data analysis procedure was formalized. Samples utilized for classification purposes are limited to those samples collected in accordance with the SRS for a 36-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31. This allows for a maximum of 36 samples per station yet provides a six-sample 'cushion' (above the NSSP required 30 minimum) for broken samples, lab error, breakdowns, etc. This also allows each annual report to meet the NSSP Triennial Review sampling criteria.

One hundred and five (105) surface water quality samples (<1.0 ft. deep) were collected for bacteriological analyses and classification purposes from three active water quality sampling stations in Area 02 during the period 01/01/21 through 12/31/23. The samples were collected in 120 ml amber glass bottles, immediately placed on ice and transported to the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, Lowcountry - Charleston laboratory in North Charleston, South Carolina. An additional 120 ml water sample was included with each shipment as a temperature control. Upon receipt at the laboratory, sample sets that exceeded a 30-hour holding time or contained a temperature control >10 degrees C. were discarded. Samples collected after September 1, 1986 have been analyzed using the five tube/three dilution modified A-1 method described by Nuefeld (1985¹).

Surface water temperatures were measured utilizing hand-held, laboratory-quality calibrated centigrade thermometers. Salinity measurements were measured in the laboratory using automatic temperature compensated refractometers. Additional field data include ambient air temperature, wind direction, tidal stage and date and time of sampling. Tidal stages were determined Nautical Software's Tides and Currents, Version 2.2.

MONITORING RESULTS

The monitoring results during this annual review indicate that no stations in SFMA 02 meet the geometric mean and the estimated 90th percentile standard for an Approved classification.

All stations exceeded a geometric mean (MPN) value of 14.

All stations exceeded the estimated 90th percentile MPN value of 43.

All stations exceeded a geometric mean MPN value of 88.

All stations exceeded a fecal coliform MPN estimated 90th percentile value of 260.

Fecal coliform data collected are summarized in Table #2. Also, included in this report is a long-range trend summary of each station with the estimated 90th percentile values in correlation to annual rainfall totals (Table #3).

CONCLUSIONS

Shellfish Management Area 02 water quality is primarily affected by nonpoint source runoff and is most likely the contributor to elevated fecal coliform bacteria levels in the area. The area is highly developed and continues to see construction of new residential and commercial properties. Although improvements in stormwater best management practices are being utilized in the area, the area does not have a large volume of water within the small marsh swash areas that drain to the Atlantic Ocean. The lack of any ocean inlets and only small, very shallow swashes limits the area's ability for high saline waters to flow into the marsh and creek areas where shellfish exist.

All stations in SFMA 02 exceed a fecal coliform geometric mean in of 88 MPN/100 ml. Also, all stations in SFMA 02 exceeded an estimated ninetieth percentile fecal coliform value of 260 per 100 ml. Therefore, no shellfish in the area should be used for depuration purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon review of the shoreline survey and bacteriological data of Shellfish Management Area 02, it is recommended that SFMA 02 maintain its current Restricted Classification for the entire growing area. Due to the excessive fecal coliform geometric mean and estimated ninetieth percentile values, no depuration activities should be permitted or allowed.

The harvesting classification of SFMA 02 is recommended to remain as follows:

PROHIBITED

None

RESTRICTED

1. All waters of White Point Swash;
2. All waters of Singleton Swash;
3. All waters of Cane Patch Swash.

CONDITIONALL APPROVED

None

APPROVED

None

Station Addition/Reactivation/Deactivation/Modification: None

Additionally, portions of SFMA 01 classified as Approved shall be closed to shellfish harvesting upon receipt of greater than 4.0 inches of rain within a twenty-four (24) hour period of time, as measured by the South Carolina Shellfish Rainfall Program. This methodology is associated with the concept of the Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) estimates for the coastal United States published in a series of hydro-meteorological reports (HMR) by the National Weather Service (National Weather Service). PMP estimates for South Carolina's growing areas are derived from HMR 51, 52, and 53 (National Research Council, 1985).

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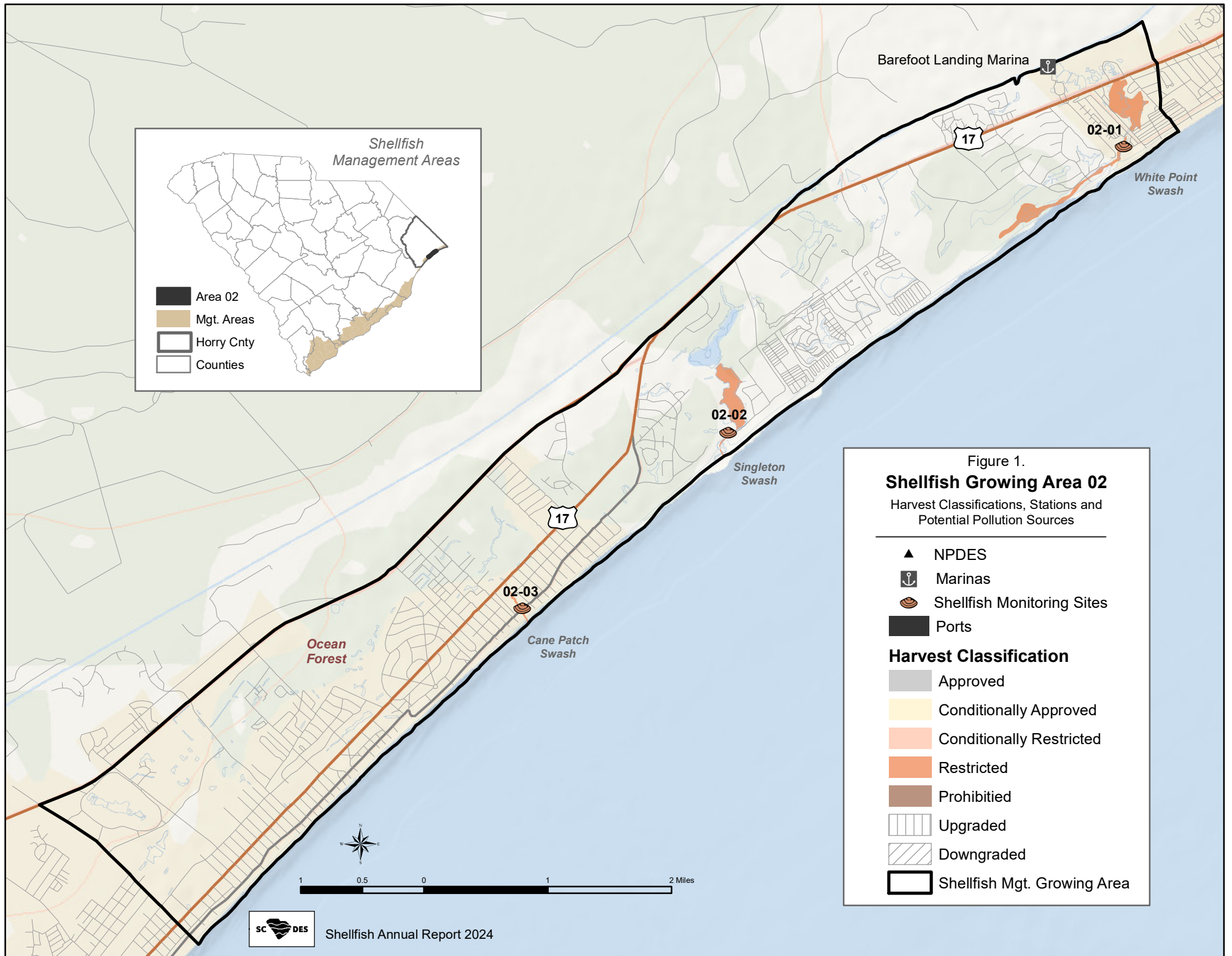


TABLE #1

**Shellfish Management Area 02
WATER QUALITY SAMPLING STATIONS DESCRIPTION**

<u>Station</u>	<u>Description</u>
02-01	White Point Swash
02-02	Singleton Swash
02-03	Cane Patch Swash
(Total 3)	

TABLE #2

**Shellfish Management Area 02
Fecal Coliform Bacteriological Data Summary
From Shellfish Water Quality Sampling Stations between
January 01, 2021 to December 31, 2023**

Station #	1	2	3
SAMPLES	35	35	35
GEOMEAN	112.4	77.8	427.7
90TH %ILE	1083	640	2797
WATER QLTY	RND	RND	RND
CLASSIFICATION	RND	RND	RND

A - Approved **CA** - Conditionally Approved **R** - Restricted
RND - Restricted/No Depuration **P** - Prohibited

TABLE #3											
Fecal Coliform Historical Trend Sheet											
Area 02 Stations 90 th ile Values for Annual Updates Related to Rainfall											
Station #	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
02-01	1083	998	1980	2393	1940	1164	920	2033	2439	2647	1465
02-02	640	754	1037	1087	1559	912	1299	1467	1604	1639	1412
02-03	2797	2943	3228	3213	3113	2374	2296	2903	3472	3838	3492
Annual Rainfall (inches)	58.5	57.1	55.9	57.9	53.5	66.9	43.2	56.1	74.7	40.9	48.6
ND = No Data Red = Impaired Water Quality											

TABLE #4

**WATER QUALITY
SAMPLING STATION DATA**

Shellfish Management Area 02

Detailed data for each shellfish monitoring station listed in this report's "Fecal Coliform Bacteriological Data Summary Table" and in other shellfish reports can be obtained by writing South Carolina's Department of Environmental Services – Freedom of Information office at the address below.

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TABLE # 5

RAINFALL DATA

Shellfish Management Area 02

SOURCE:

2021 – 2023 Data

*NOAA National Weather Service - Southeastern River Forecast Center
Location: North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*

2021 Annual Rainfall Summary
Source: National Weather Service - Southeastern River Forecast Center
Location: North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

2021	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	2.21	1.72		0.55				0.11		0.09		
2	0.50	0.13	0.11			0.16		0.33	0.10			
3	0.36		0.66			0.02	0.58	0.21				
4	0.01		0.31		1.28	0.37		3.89				
5		0.01			0.13	1.13						
6	0.06	0.06				0.04		0.55		0.15	0.02	
7		0.93				1.75		0.34	0.02	0.07	1.53	
8	0.65				0.01		1.55	0.13				0.09
9	0.01					0.01	1.02		0.23			1.18
10		0.39		0.11		0.10			0.94	0.88		
11				1.37								0.02
12	0.12	0.02			0.17	0.14	0.09				0.21	0.42
13		0.61			0.09	0.27	0.02					
14	0.05	0.88	0.14			0.02	0.10					
15		1.25		0.02			0.02					
16	0.17	0.57	0.04	0.05		0.48		0.03				
17			0.82					0.18	0.02			
18								1.16	0.02			
19		1.65	0.02				0.27	0.02				
20		0.69				0.76	2.67		0.16			0.09
21			0.05			0.97	0.15	1.21	1.20			0.02
22	0.01	0.07				0.13		0.38	0.16			0.98
23		0.25				0.12		0.13	0.47		0.05	
24			0.04									
25				0.16						0.24		
26	0.08			0.01		0.01	0.15			0.09	0.06	
27	0.38		0.01			2.12	0.44				0.02	
28	0.55		0.01				0.27					
29			0.23		0.01	0.40	0.07			0.28		
30					0.08							
31												0.22
Total	5.16	9.23	2.44	2.27	1.77	9.00	7.40	8.67	3.32	1.80	1.89	3.02
*Days highlighted indicate 4 or more inches of rain in a 24-hour period. Blank fields indicate no rainfall.												
*Sample dates are indicated in blue.						ND = No Data			ANNUAL RAINFALL		55.97	

2022 Annual Rainfall Summary
Source: National Weather Service - Southeastern River Forecast Center
Location: North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1				0.19			0.02	0.35		2.79		0.22
2							0.38	0.19				
3	1.93				0.01	0.07	0.28					
4		0.01				0.47	0.02		0.22			0.02
5		0.50			0.01	0.94	1.87					
6	0.01			1.12	0.13		0.01		0.11		0.01	0.05
7		0.02		0.72	0.02							
8		0.26		0.11	0.01			0.18	1.57			
9			0.43			0.07	0.12	0.22	0.17			0.16
10	0.29		0.54			0.07		0.01	0.44			0.03
11							1.81		0.76		1.97	
12			0.08			0.06		0.01	1.00		0.10	0.03
13			0.84		0.15	0.09	0.33	0.78	0.33	1.00		
14		0.13			0.04		0.32			0.07		
15					0.01		0.49					0.15
16	0.20						0.34	2.16			0.65	0.24
17	1.95		0.72	0.25	0.49	0.35	0.14	0.20				
18		0.06		0.35		0.46	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01		
19		0.18	0.02	1.18			0.32	0.23				
20					0.01		0.03	*4.24				
21	0.14											0.62
22	0.30	0.02					0.02	0.49				0.95
23					0.36		2.28	0.10	0.02		0.31	0.68
24			0.79				1.10				0.03	
25			0.95		0.04						0.74	
26							0.02	0.05			0.04	
27				0.63				0.04			0.04	
28		0.28			0.63	0.29					0.06	
29	0.04				0.01	0.10		0.10		0.09		
30	0.01					0.07		0.08	1.58	0.12		
31							0.12	0.08		0.02		
Total	4.87	1.46	4.37	4.55	1.92	3.04	10.07	9.52	6.21	4.10	3.95	3.15
*Days highlighted indicate 4 or more inches of rain in a 24-hour period. Blank fields indicate no rainfall.												
*Sample dates are indicated in blue.						ND = No Data			ANNUAL RAINFALL		57.21	

2023 Annual Rainfall Summary
Source: National Weather Service - Southeastern River Forecast Center
Location: North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	0.08			0.03	1.24	0.01		0.87				
2						0.04	0.01	0.16				
3		0.43				0.20						0.03
4		0.08		0.15			0.34	0.45				0.03
5	0.07						0.10	0.60		0.01		
6	0.01	0.39					1.31			0.01		
7						0.01	0.05			0.32		
8				0.17		0.66	0.11	0.53		0.01		
9				1.74	0.20	0.03		0.10	0.22			
10			0.01	0.4	0.42		0.27		0.53			0.01
11		0.54	0.39				0.55		0.08		0.11	0.86
12		2.38				0.20		0.45		1.00	0.89	
13	0.14	0.20	0.32			0.23	0.02			0.55	0.39	
14				0.35					0.55	0.14		
15				0.36	0.49	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.13		
16							0.07	0.07				
17				0.01			0.22	0.20				0.64
18	0.01	0.07	0.0		1.51				1.59		0.06	4.34
19			0.29		0.54							
20					0.27	0.35	0.16					
21						0.42	0.97		0.16	0.51		
22	0.09			0.12	0.08	0.17			0.70		0.49	
23	1.80		0.05	0.97		0.94		0.05	0.88		0.76	
24						0.63	0.40		0.03			
25		0.32									0.02	
26	0.40	0.07	0.04		0.12							0.04
27			0.14	0.06	0.65	0.21		0.15			0.36	1.24
28			0.03	0.32	1.08			0.08				0.27
29			0.02	0.03	0.18		0.23					
30	0.67			0.67			0.25	0.05				
31	0.14						0.46	5.99				
Total	3.41	4.48	1.49	5.02	6.78	4.11	5.55	9.78	4.75	2.68	3.08	7.46

*Days highlighted indicate 4 or more inches of rain in a 24-hour period. Blank fields indicate no rainfall.

*Sample dates are indicated in blue. ND = No Data **ANNUAL RAINFALL 58.59**

TABLE #6

**SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT AREA 02
Precautionary & Pollution Event Closures
2021 – 2023**

Event	Date(s)	Sample Date(s)	Opening Date	Comments
Rainfall Event	8/20/2022	N/A	N/A	SFMA 02 received 4.24 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. Open shellfish harvesting season was closed during this time.
Rainfall Event	7/31/2023	N/A	N/A	SFMA 02 received 5.99 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. Open shellfish harvesting season was closed during this time.
December 2023 Nor'easter Rainfall Event	12/18/2023	N/A	N/A	SFMA 02 received 4.34 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. No special sampling was conducted because the entire area has a Restricted Classification.