



Shellfish Lease Public Hearing

NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

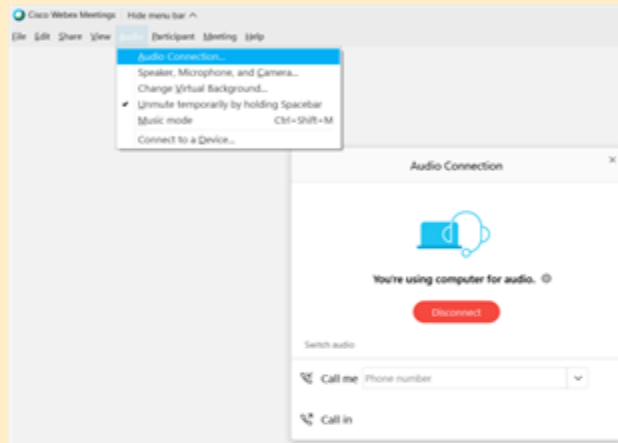
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Written comments will be accepted up to 24 hours following this hearing and may be submitted by mail or online at:

N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
Shellfish Lease and Aquaculture Program
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557



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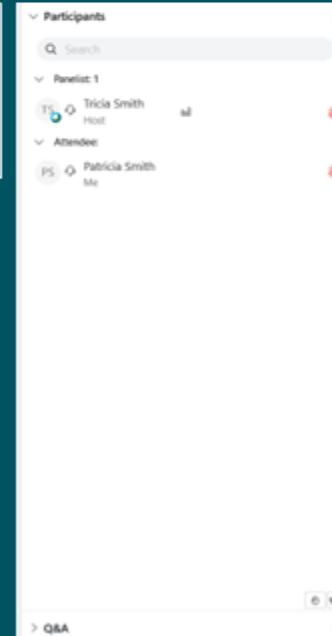


N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Public Hearing on Proposed Shellfish Leases in Carteret County March 13, 2025, at 6 p.m.

We will take attendance at the beginning of the meeting and ask if you would like to speak. Later in the meeting, we will call the names of those who indicated they would like to speak. After we complete the list, we will ask anyone else who wants to speak to raise their hands.

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Shellfish Leasing Process

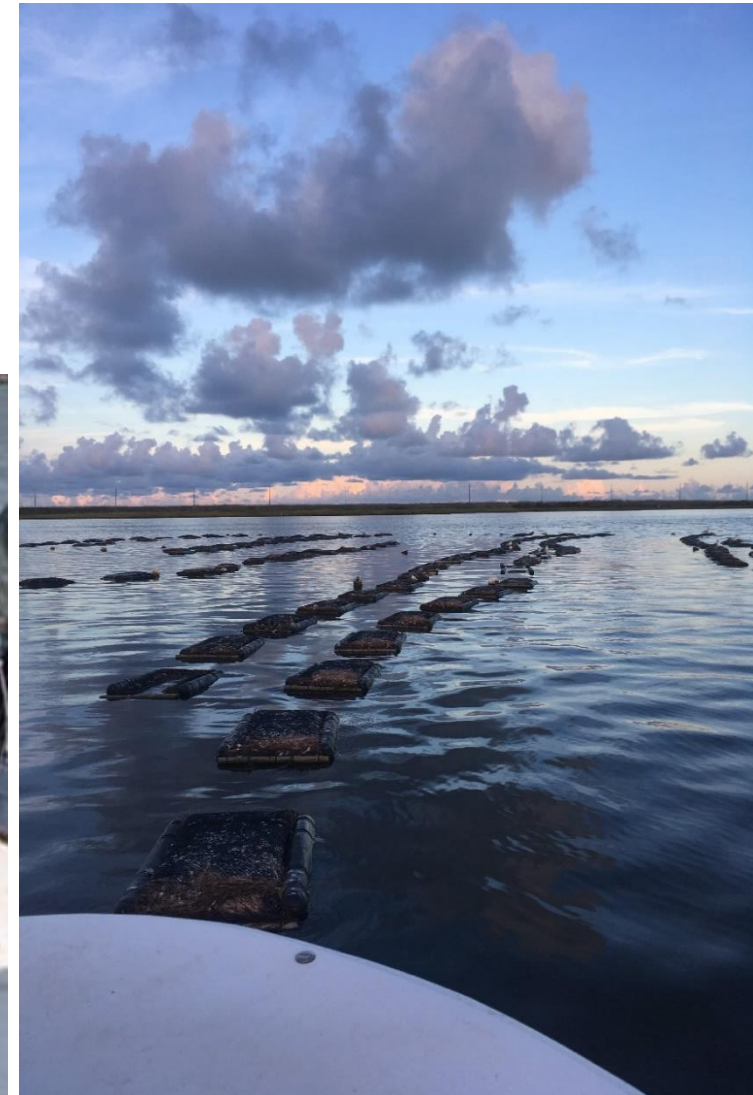
Role of Public Hearing and Public Comment

Zach Harrison | NC Division of Marine Fisheries



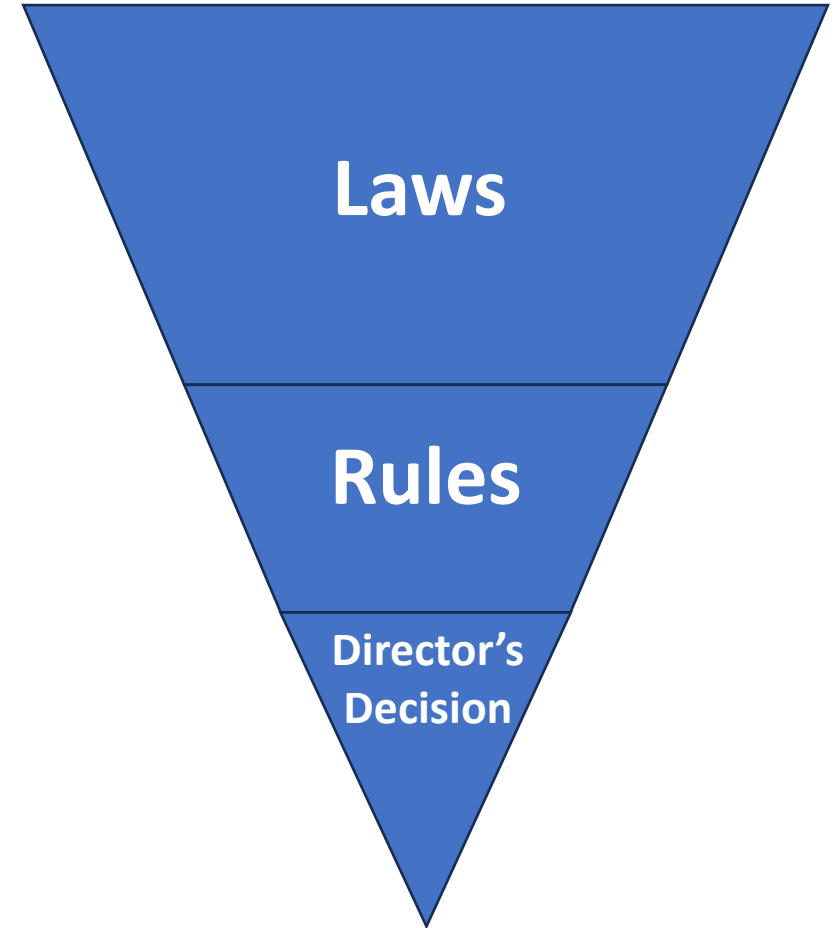
Shellfish Leases Basics

- Public Trust Waters Leased for Shellfish Aquaculture
 - Artificially Propagated Stocks
 - Reared in “Controlled Environment”
 - Leases give private rights to shellfish in an area
 - Water is still navigable at your own risk

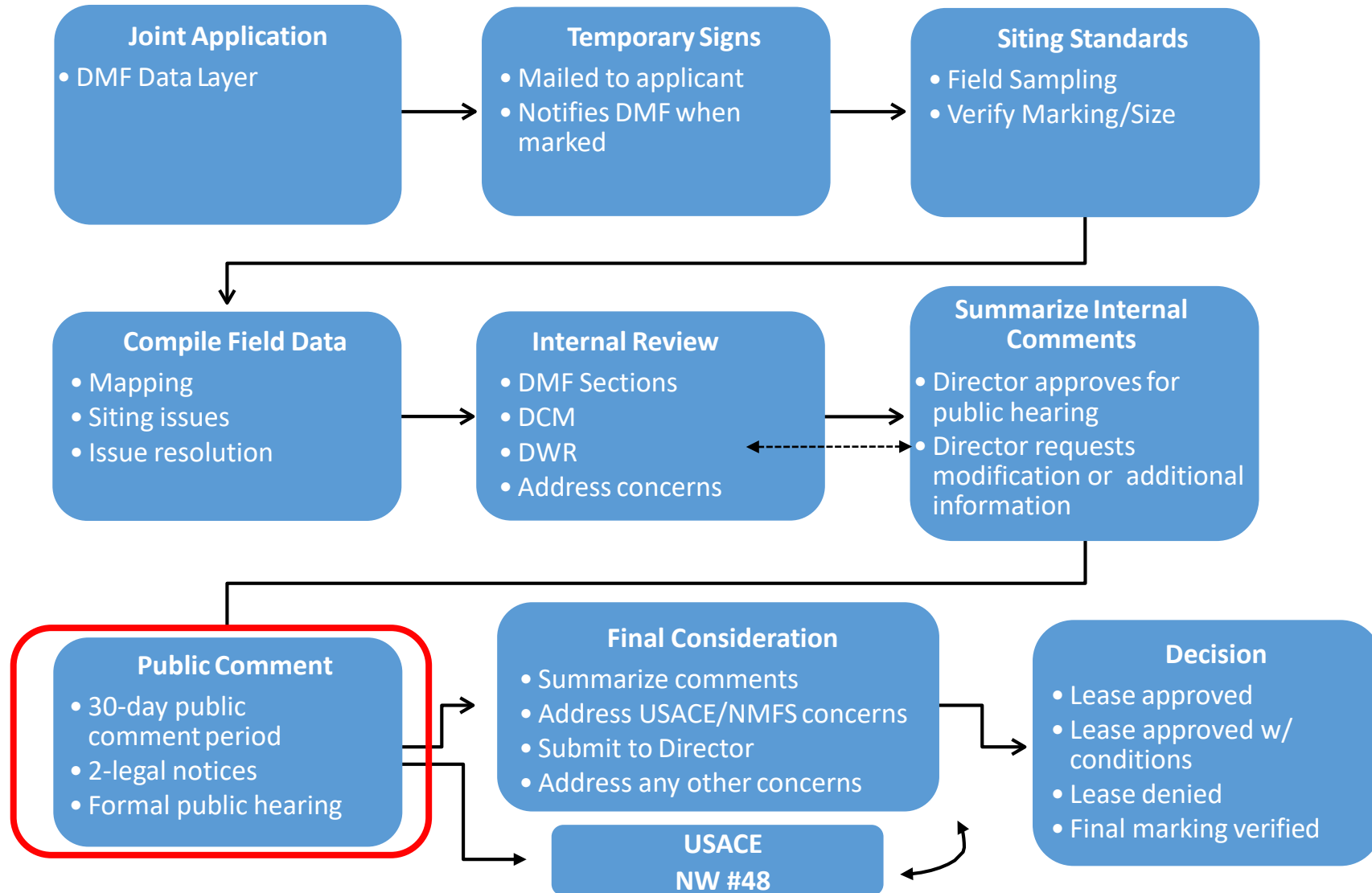


Shellfish Leases are Governed by Law

- Shellfish Leases in General Statutes
 - NCGS Chapter 113 Article 16
 - Changes to Shellfish Leases
 - 26 Session Laws Since 1997 (FRA)
 - 48 Total Changes to General Statutes

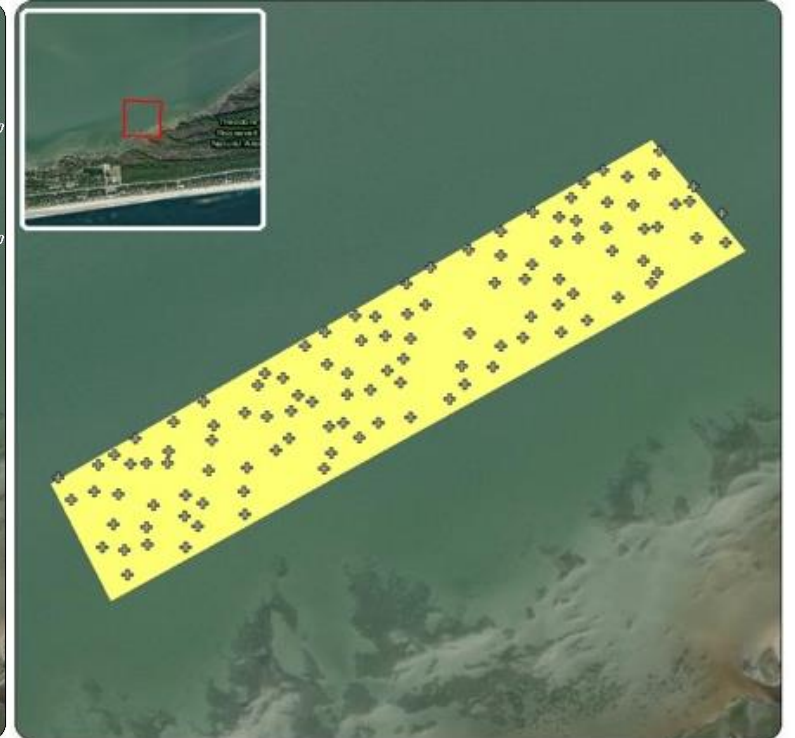


Shellfish Lease Application Process



Shellfish Lease Investigation

- Marking Poles and Acreage
- Biological (SAV/Natural Shellfish)
- Navigation and Depth





Public Comment

- Evaluate Compatibility
 - Determine Effects on Public Trust Usage
 - Direct Impacts
 - Not a Vote
- Public Comment Collected
 - Comments at Public Hearing
 - Online and Letters During PC Period

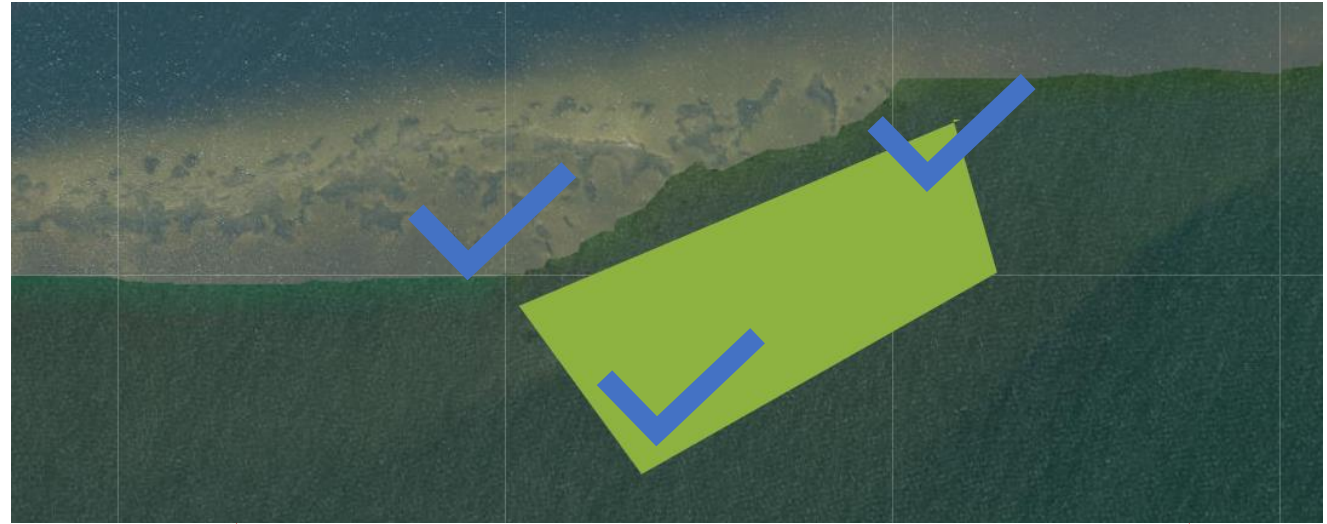
Director's Decision

- Compatibility with Public Trust Usage
 - Navigation
 - Commercial Fishing
 - Recreational Fishing
 - Other Recreation
- Director's Decision
 - Approve
 - Approve with Conditions
 - Deny



How to Make Public Comments

- Specific Uses of that Location
- Not General Waterbody Comments





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2. C.I. Salts Oyster Company, LLC, Ralph W. Brittingham Jr. (Agent) applied for a Shellfish Bottom Lease (24-007BL) with a Water Column Amendment (24-008WC) in North Bay for 4.22 acres.
3. 35 North Mariculture, LLC, Isaiah L. Smith (Agent) applied for a Shellfish Bottom Lease (24-0011BL) with a Water Column Amendment (24-0012WC) in North Bay for 5.2 acres.



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5. Beaufort Shellfish Farms, LLC, Tiffany W. Smith and Jason B. Smith (Agents) applied for a Shellfish Bottom Lease (24-030BL) with a Water Column Amendment (24-031WC) in North River below Hwy 70 bridge for 5.01 acres.
6. Bryan L. Snyder applied for a Shellfish Bottom Lease (24-032BL) with a Water Column Amendment (24-033WC) in White Oak River for 2.98 acres.



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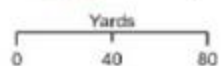


Proposed Lease ID/Number: 24-005BL/24-006WC
 Jacob Milchuck

Date: 7/12/2024



▲ Proposed Corner Points
 ■ Proposed Lease Area Acreage: 6.17



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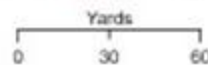
Proposed Lease ID/Number: 24-007BL/24-008WC
 C.I. Salts Oyster Company, LLC- Ralph W. Brittingham, Jr.

Date: 2/5/2025



▲ Proposed Corner Points
 ■ Proposed Lease Area

Acreage: 4.22

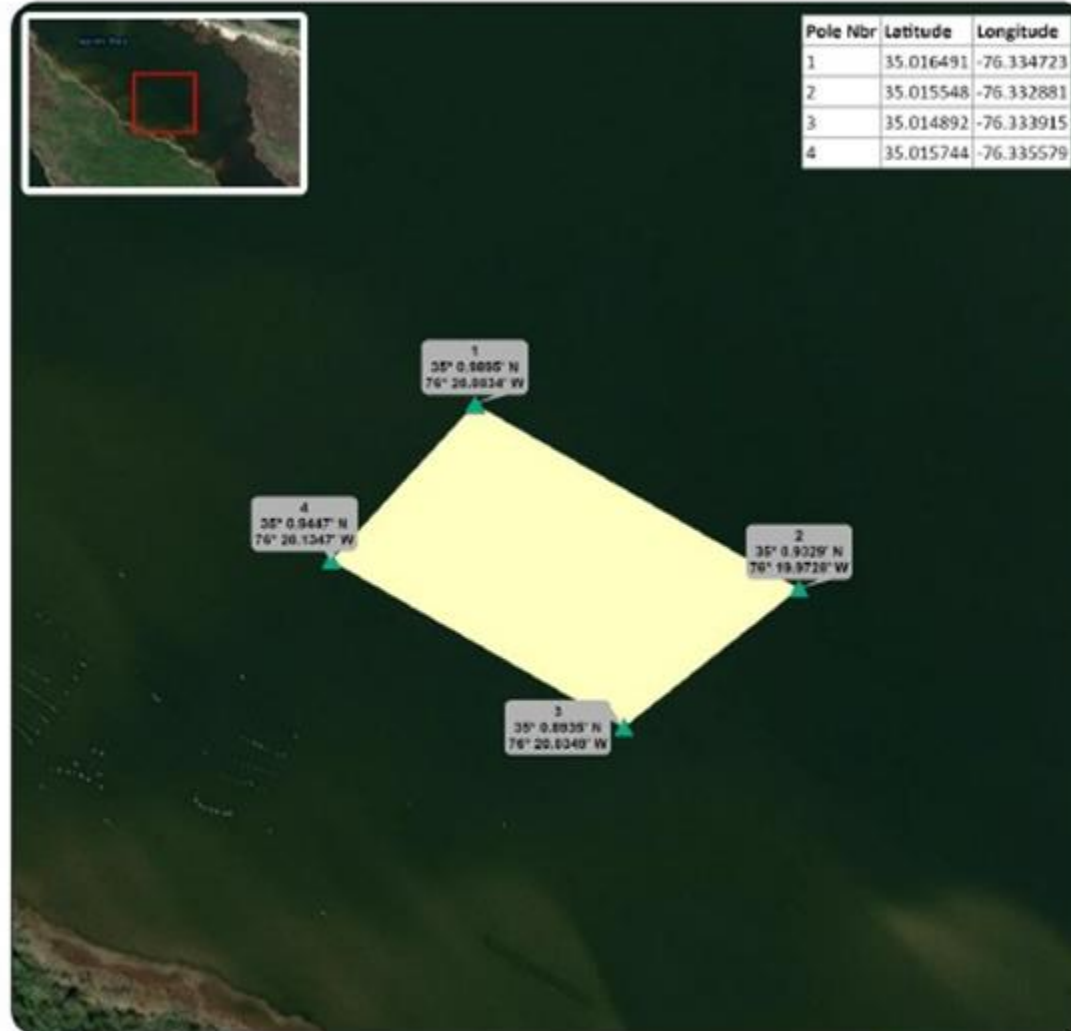


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Proposed Lease ID/Number: 24-011BL/24-012WC
 35 North Mariculture, LLC, Isaiah L. Smith

Date: 12/19/2024



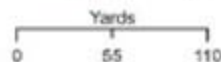
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1	35.016491	-76.334723
2	35.015548	-76.332881
3	35.014892	-76.333915
4	35.015744	-76.335579

1
 35° 0.8095' N
 76° 26.8834' W

2
 35° 0.9329' N
 76° 19.9729' W

3
 35° 0.8935' N
 76° 20.6349' W

4
 35° 0.9447' N
 76° 26.1247' W



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Acreage: 5.20

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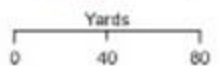


Proposed Lease ID/Number: 24-017BL/24-018WC
Peerless Oyster, LLC, Frank Milchuck

Date: 5/9/2024



▲ Proposed Corner Points
 ■ Proposed Lease Area Acreage: 5.78

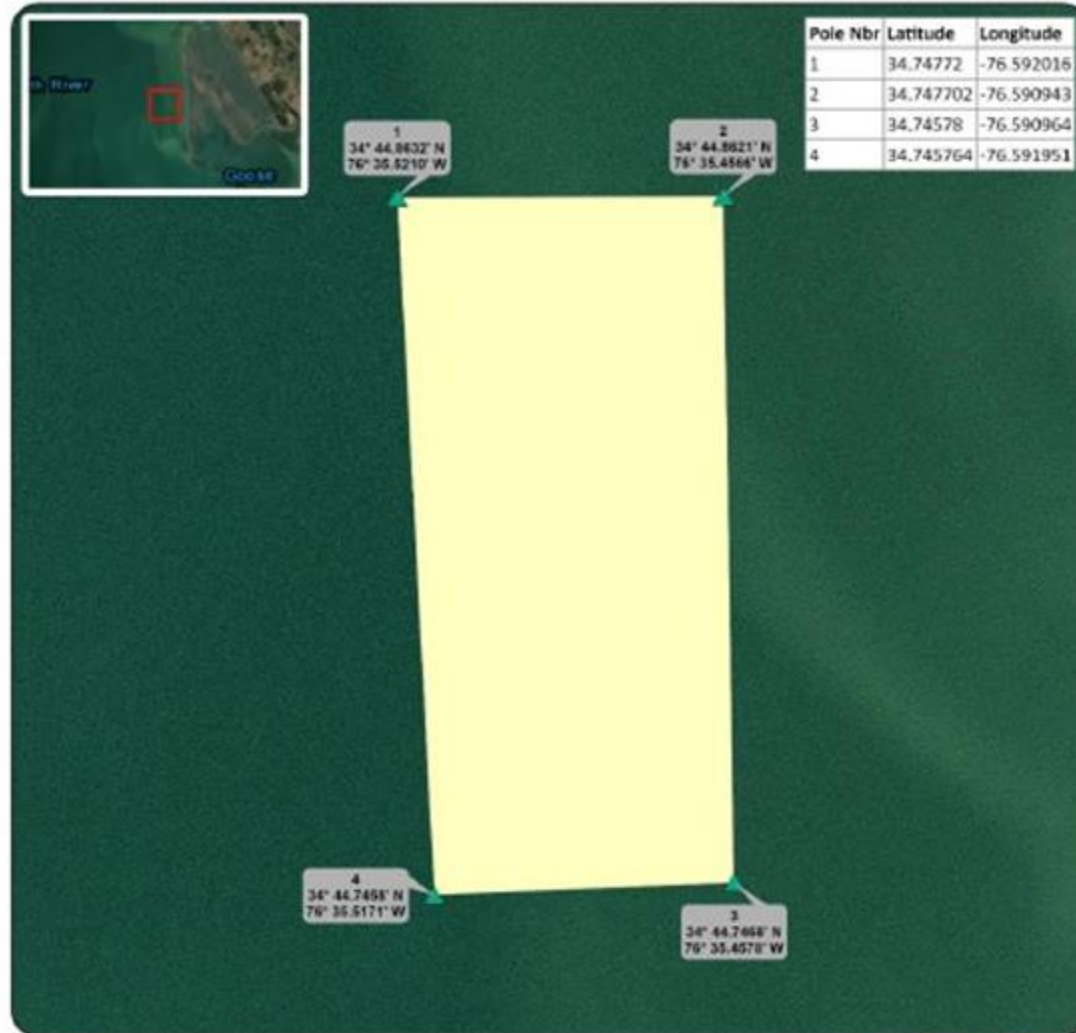


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Proposed Lease ID/Number: 24-030BL/24-031WC
 Beaufort Shellfish Farms, LLC – Tiffany W. Smith & Jason B. Smith

Date: 12/19/2024



▲ Proposed Corner Points
 ■ Proposed Lease Area

Acreage: 5.01

Coordinate System: NAD 1983 2011 StatePlane North Carolina FIPS 3200 FT US



Proposed Lease ID/Number: 24-032BL/24-033WC

Bryan L. Snyder

Date: 9/19/2024



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Acreage: 2.98

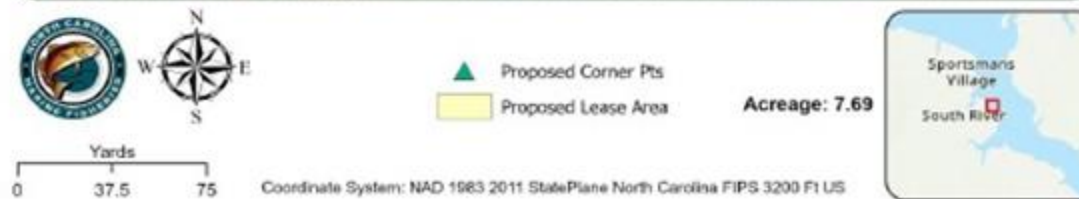


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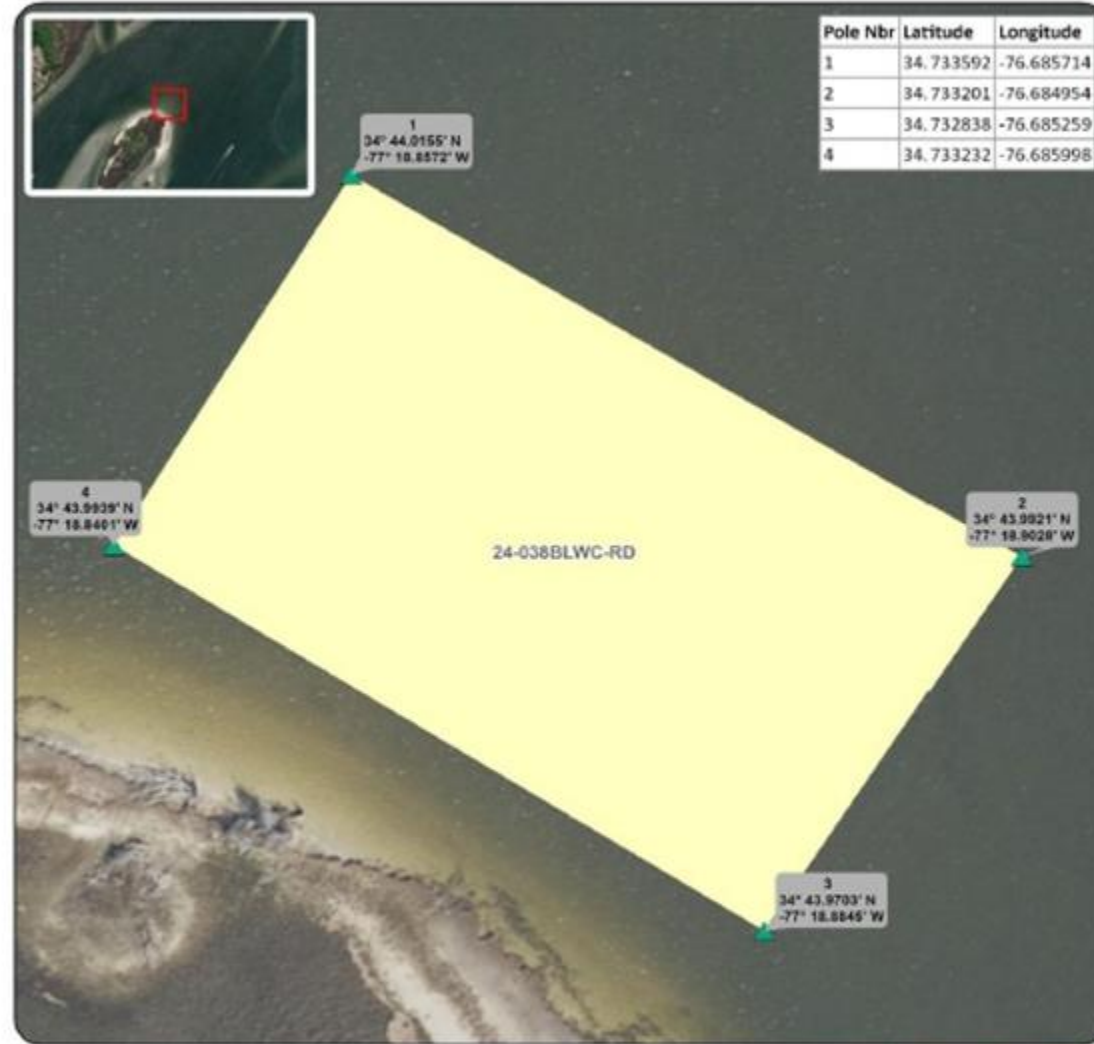
Proposed Lease ID/Number: 24-036BL/24-037WC
 Changing Tide Renovations, LLC – Mason H. Allen

Date: 10/25/2024



Proposed Lease ID/Number: 24-038BLWC-RD
 UNC – IMS Demonstration Lease Thomas J. Clerkin

Date: 12/19/2024



Pole Nbr	Latitude	Longitude
1	34.733592	-76.685714
2	34.733201	-76.684954
3	34.732838	-76.685259
4	34.733232	-76.685998



▲ Proposed Corner Pts
 ■ Proposed Lease Area

Acreage: 0.97

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NC DMF Shellfish Leasing Tool

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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