

Carteret County Public Hearing (2/8/2022) Comments				
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1/5/2022 13:55	nancy	tebeau	North Carolina	Regarding application for shellfish lease 21-027BL and 21-028WC - It is getting very difficult to kayak and paddleboard through this area of the Newport river due to the numerous leases. Adding an additional 5.62 acres in that area just makes it even more difficult. There needs to be consideration of the use of public waters for recreation. The cluster of leases in this small area (less than 0.6 miles of shoreline, approx 90 acres) will increase to 34 acres. Where is the balance? thank you.
1/18/2022 12:34	Chris	Mccaffity	North Carolina	Carteret County Shellfish Leasing Public Comment The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) gives citizens effected by environmental policies a way to voice concerns and offer mitigation options. The law gives me standing in this case as a licensed commercial and recreational fisherman with a State Registered boat. Please keep an open heart and mind while considering the concerns and mitigation options listed below. Leasing public waters for private production restricts the public's freedom to access our waters and natural resources. This is especially true with water column leases that effectively eliminate access to public waters for navigation or anything else. New leases should be limited to the bottom so we can still use most of our public waters for recreational and commercial purposes. Public Shellfish Gardens should be created equal to the areas of leased bottom to offset our loss of access to public resources. Public Shellfish Gardens should be stocked with native shellfish that can naturally reproduce. Shellfish grown on leased bottom should also be native and able to naturally reproduce. We should not be introducing genetically sterilized or otherwise modified species in public waters for obvious reasons. Please do not approve any new public water column leases and require all introduced shellfish to be native and natural. Public water mariculture really should be limited to stocking local seafood that can naturally reproduce for the benefit of everyone and our environment. Sincerely, Chris McCaffity
1/26/2022 19:24	Stuart	Creighton	North Carolina	It is nice to see that some truly sustainable commercial fishing practices are underway in North Carolina. Oyster mariculture holds promise to provide a viable economic option for commercial fishermen, growing more oysters has the potential to take the pressure off our few remaining natural reefs, allowing them the chance to rebuild, and additional oysters will only improve our water quality. I open with that statement to assure all involved that practices such as this are key to the future of commercial fishing in North Carolina. However, for the potential Stump Sound locations, and for other future sites, several issues need to be addressed BEFORE the permits are granted. First, and most importantly, water column leases should not be issued if the oyster locations are going to interfere with traditionally productive fishing areas. Stump Sound already has a number of such locations that are impeding opportunities to fish productive shorelines. Granting several more acres of water column leases in the same general area will only further deny access to these important sites. Perhaps a possible solution is to increase the setback location from shore far enough so that boats can easily enter these areas without disturbing the floating cages of the oyster farms. There is a lot of water out there and I am sure that other suitable sites exist nearby that will not interfere with productive fishing areas. Also, specific guidelines should be put in place and enforced with regard to clean up of these operations following damage from storms. Several of the existing operations have already experienced such damage, and have not been cleaned up. Not only is it unsightly to see old cages, pvc pipes, etc... littering the shoreline, but it is also a navigation hazard to have remnant gear scattered throughout relatively shallow navigable water. Related to this is also the consideration of having floating structures attached to these farming operations for processing. This is a bad idea that goes against long standing DMF policy. Such structures would be unsightly and would pose a significant hazard on numerous levels if they were allowed to be attached to existing and future oyster farming operations. Finally, as more of these operations are approved (60 acres under consideration this time), a conservation equivalency should be established. For every acre of public trust water that is leased away for a private commercial operation, an equal acreage of water should be set aside where bottom disturbing gears (trawlers, kickers, and dredges) are no longer allowed to operate. Doing so would have the greatest measurable impact on restoring habitat and restoring important fishing grounds that have been severely damaged and scarred by the repeated actions of such gear. In conclusion, it would be best if these leases under consideration NOT BE GRANTED at this time. Too much prime fishing area will be lost, there is a real safety concern with damage to these operations when hit by storms, there are real concerns associated with the possibility of adding processing platforms to these areas, and conservation equivalencies should be established to payback the ever increasing acreages of public trust waters that will be lost as the numbers of these operations increases in the future. Sincerely, Stuart Creighton ████████ NC
1/28/2022 15:12	Shane	Bartus	North Carolina	The message is in opposition to the following shellfish leases in Onslow County: Lease 385, Lease 21-006BL/21-007WC, Lease 21-060WC Alligator Bay We own five properties and two houses on Alligator Bay where we, and members of our family, live year round. We feel there has been very limited studies done regarding environmental impact of this farming method. Aside from potential environmental impacts, the farms which have already started to spring up are of significant visual detraction which will undoubtedly have an adverse effect on property values. Moreover, the large size of these farms will restrict my ability to safely navigate stretches of water which already have known shoaling issues. The formation of new shoals, degree of shoaling and locations will also be effective and I have yet to locate any studies on this farming method as a hazard to navigation.
1/30/2022 16:29	Susan	Ehringhaus	North Carolina	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important environmental issue. I am a property owner at Atlantic Beach, at 8 1/2 Marina Village. Owning property at Atlantic Beach is a privilege, and I and my co-owners are committed to responsible stewardship of that property as well as that of our neighbors. It is on that basis that we strongly object to the location of the shellfish lease # 21-061BL/21-062WC. The unsightly PVC pipes that are sticking out of Money Island Bay are ruining the view that makes owning property at Atlantic Beach enjoyable and desirable. Additional unsightly white PVC pipes or any structures will harm the recreational use and visual appeal of long-established properties that are dependent on these conditions. This lease is likely to lower property values which are based on the location and the views, and in turn lower tax revenues for Carteret County and Atlantic Beach. We support fishing and do not object to shellfish harvesting that avoids structures above water level and unsightly pipes extremely close to residential property. For the good of North Carolina, the Town of Atlantic Beach, and for Carteret County, please do not allow this lease or others located so very close to well established personal residences. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Susan H. Ehringhaus
1/31/2022 10:01	ralph	mccrery	North Carolina	I am against any additional shellfish leases in the waters between the icw and 8 1/2 marina condominiums on Atlantic Beach, NC Any additional unnecessary structures in this area would be better located in areas where there are not highly developed properties and high use recreational boating activities. This area would not be a good option for any additional structures floating, anchored, or submerged. The additional addition of any structures would be create an unnecessary hazard to navigation as well as impair the pristine view enjoyed by Thousands of renters and home owners on the sound side of Atlantic Beach. There are many areas that would be better without the negatives associated in this area. Please do not permit any leases or structures in this area. Thank you for your consideration. Captain, Ralph McCrery (USCG master with towing)

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2/3/2022 7:42	Martha	Troxler	North Carolina	As a resident of Harkers Island I am in full support of Chadwick's Seafood LLC lease. I consider the lease an asset to the Downeast community. The need for this type of farming is great because of the sustainable nature of oyster farming. The lease is in an area that doesn't inhibit other water activities such as fishing. When I see oyster farms it is really no different than seeing barns or corn fields. I know what is going on and know that it is
2/3/2022 7:44	Matt	Troxler	North Carolina	I see only benefits to increasing oyster farms I NC waters. The ecological benefits are numerous and increase the sustainability of the oyster populations. Therefore, cleaner water! I have been to oyster farms and see no significant distraction to our shores.
2/3/2022 7:48	Matt	Troxler	North Carolina	Specifically, I have been to Chadwicks oyster farm operation and found it to be well run and non intrusive to the area of Wards Creek.
2/3/2022 12:36	Blair	Baker	North Carolina	Tyler Chadwick is a wonderful member of our community and our family is definitely pro-Chadwick's Seafood LLC's proposed shellfish lease.
2/3/2022 18:36	Shannon	Woodward	North Carolina	I oppose the proposed shellfish lease application #21-061BL located behind 8-1/2 Marina on the Bogue Sound. This is an area that my family uses for fishing and kayaking. I believe that if this location were to end up with a permanent floating structure, it would be a nuisance to our recreational activities. Please consider an alternate location where there is a lower concentration of recreational activities. Thank you for your consideration.
2/3/2022 19:10	Bob	Buttermore	North Carolina	In regard to shellfish farms near the 8 and a half marina in Atlantic beach would greatly interfere with water recreation including boats, jet skis, and tubing. It would also interfere with neighborhood fishing and shell collecting. You have already allowed a large shell farm about 1/4 mile away from 8 and 1/2 Marina which already a nuisance installed a few months ago. I enjoy shell fish but would be better to have in a less populated area. The 8 1/2 Marina was built in the 1970s and have some 2nd and 3rd generations enjoying this great place. I do spend a lot of time there even though I am in my middle 70s. My daughter and grandchildren now own my unit. Concerned! Bob Buttermore, ██████████, NC, ██████████
2/3/2022 20:04	Randy	Fichera	North Carolina	I oppose the proposed shellfish lease application (#21-061BL/21-062WC), which is located on the south shore of Bogue Sound, Atlantic Beach and behind 8 1/2 Marina for the following reasons. 1. The location of this proposed lease is in one of the most, if not the most, heavily populated and heavily used areas of our state's public sound waters. 2. This area has been and is heavily used by both residents and visitors for boating, fishing, kayaking and jet skiing. A lease in this specific location would be a nuisance to these recreational activities. 3. This specific location is extremely close to many residences on shore (8 ½ Marina). This is a conflict problem in itself; however, this specific location would become especially problematic if the proposed shellfish floating structure rules are approved by the Coastal Resources Commission. 4. Bogue sound, specifically this eastern end, is heavily used for all sorts of recreation and is also a densely populated residential area. To reduce user conflicts, DMF should consider one of the many other areas that have a much lower concentration of other users. In consideration of all the above items, I ask that the shellfish application #21-061BL/21-062WC NOT be approved by the Division of Marine Fisheries.
2/3/2022 20:04	Lori	Fichera	North Carolina	I oppose the proposed shellfish lease application (#21-061BL/21-062WC), which is located on the south shore of Bogue Sound, Atlantic Beach and behind 8 1/2 Marina for the following reasons. 1. The location of this proposed lease is in one of the most, if not the most, heavily populated and heavily used areas of our state's public sound waters. 2. This area has been and is heavily used by both residents and visitors for boating, fishing, kayaking and jet skiing. A lease in this specific location would be a nuisance to these recreational activities. 3. This specific location is extremely close to many residences on shore (8 ½ Marina). This is a conflict problem in itself; however, this specific location would become especially problematic if the proposed shellfish floating structure rules are approved by the Coastal Resources Commission. 4. Bogue sound, specifically this eastern end, is heavily used for all sorts of recreation and is also a densely populated residential area. To reduce user conflicts, DMF should consider one of the many other areas that have a much lower concentration of other users. In consideration of all the above items, I ask that the shellfish application #21-061BL/21-062WC NOT be approved by the Division of Marine Fisheries.
2/3/2022 20:05	Kinsley	Fichera	North Carolina	I oppose the proposed shellfish lease application (#21-061BL/21-062WC), which is located on the south shore of Bogue Sound, Atlantic Beach and behind 8 1/2 Marina for the following reasons. 1. The location of this proposed lease is in one of the most, if not the most, heavily populated and heavily used areas of our state's public sound waters. 2. This area has been and is heavily used by both residents and visitors for boating, fishing, kayaking and jet skiing. A lease in this specific location would be a nuisance to these recreational activities. 3. This specific location is extremely close to many residences on shore (8 ½ Marina). This is a conflict problem in itself; however, this specific location would become especially problematic if the proposed shellfish floating structure rules are approved by the Coastal Resources Commission. 4. Bogue sound, specifically this eastern end, is heavily used for all sorts of recreation and is also a densely populated residential area. To reduce user conflicts, DMF should consider one of the many other areas that have a much lower concentration of other users. In consideration of all the above items, I ask that the shellfish application #21-061BL/21-062WC NOT be approved by the Division of Marine Fisheries.
2/3/2022 20:21	Judy	Cozart	North Carolina	This area has been and is heavily used by both residents and visitors for boating, fishing, kayaking and jet skiing. My grandchildren sail the sunfish sail boat exactly in this specific area. It is extremely dangerous to have poles and lifted oyster beds in this area. A lease in this specific location would be a nuisance to these recreational activities.
2/3/2022 20:25	Claire	Edwards	North Carolina	This specific location is extremely close to many residences on shore (8 ½ Marina where we spend our time boating. This is a conflict problem in itself; however, this specific location would become especially problematic if the proposed shellfish floating structure rules are approved by the Coastal Resources Commission. The Bogue sound, specifically this eastern end, is heavily used for all sorts of recreation and is also a densely populated residential area. To reduce user conflicts, DMF should consider one of the many other areas that have a much lower concentration of other users. In consideration of all the above items, I ask that the shellfish application #21-061BL/21-062WC NOT be approved by the Division of Marine Fisheries.
2/3/2022 20:32	Judy	Cozart	North Carolina	I oppose the proposed shellfish lease application (#21-061BL/21-062WC), which is located on the south shore of Bogue Sound, Atlantic Beach and behind 8 1/2 Marina for the following reasons. The location of this proposed lease is in one of the most, if not the most, heavily populated and heavily used areas of our state's public sound waters. This area has been and is heavily used by both residents and visitors for boating, fishing, kayaking and jet skiing. A lease in this specific location would be a nuisance to these recreational activities. My grandchildren sail the sunfish sail boats directly through these exact locations. The white plastic poles protruding sideways at the shellfish Locations are an eye sore and a danger to sailor boaters etc.

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2/3/2022 20:36	James	Edwards	North Carolina	<p>I oppose the proposed shellfish lease application (#21-061BL/21-062WC), which is located on the south shore of Bogue Sound, Atlantic Beach and behind 8 1/2 Marina for the following reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The location of this proposed lease is in one of the most, if not the most, heavily populated and heavily used areas of our state's public sound waters. 2. This area has been and is heavily used by both residents and visitors for boating, fishing, kayaking and jet skiing. A lease in this specific location would be a nuisance to these recreational activities. 3. This specific location is extremely close to many residences on shore (8 ½ Marina). This is a conflict problem in itself; however, this specific location would become especially problematic if the proposed shellfish floating structure rules are approved by the Coastal Resources Commission. 4. Bogue sound, specifically this eastern end, is heavily used for all sorts of recreation and is also a densely populated residential area. To reduce user conflicts, DMF should consider one of the many other areas that have a much lower concentration of other users. <p>In consideration of all the above items, I ask that the shellfish application #21-061BL/21-062WC NOT be approved by the Division of Marine Fisheries.</p>
2/3/2022 20:48	Billy	Kornegay	North Carolina	<p>The area being considered has historically been used for recreation and with the creation of these leases changes the HISTORICAL USE and prevents the recreational use.</p>
2/4/2022 8:48	Preston	Godwin	North Carolina	<p>I am unable to attend the public hearing regarding shellfish application #21-061BL/21-062WC scheduled for February 8th, but I write to you as a concerned resident of 8 1/2 Marina in Atlantic Beach. It is my understanding that the aforementioned shellfish lease will allow for floating barges covered by roof that house cleaning equipment for the commercial harvest of oysters and will be permitted to float for extended period of time in an area that all 8 1/2 Marina residents use for recreational activities like boating, kayaking, fishing, and skiing. Additionally the eastern end of Bogue Sound is arguably one the most heavily populated coastal areas in North Carolina. I would like to go on record that in no way am I against anyone working to earn a living from the water, but it seems odd that this area would even be considered when taking into account the large population of people on the eastern end of Bogue Sound, especially with so many other less populated areas available in Carteret County. The lease would be a nuisance to all and I strongly urge the Department of Marine Fisheries to chose one of the many other surrounding areas with much lower concentrations of people.</p> <p>Respectfully, Preston Godwin, [REDACTED], NC</p>
2/4/2022 8:55	Jim	Scott	North Carolina	<p>I oppose the shellfish application #21-061BL/21-062WC for the same common sense reasons that I offered at the time other leases were granted in this area: this area is heavily utilized by residents and visitors who boat, paddle board, fish, crab, kayak and jet ski. It is a primary path for my family and countless others as we head to fish and picnic by boat, and was a primary reason that we settled on 8 1/2 Marina Village as our second home. We dodge the existing leases, particularly when traveling by boat in the early morning or at dusk, and this will only exacerbate the issue. With miles of existing, underutilized and non-populated waters available, I was and continue to be shocked by the decision to grant leases in this area and am discouraged by the fact that this privilege granted to a very few takes priority over the many users and residents of this area. Finally, as a resident with strict town, county and homeowner restrictions on use of property and building guidelines, the proposal to allow "shelters" on these leases is both unnecessary and a clear infringement on the rights of residents and visitors utilizing these waters. I submitted a letter to each member of the Commission and thank those of you who responded, and also thank each of you for the time that you commit to being the voice of residents/taxpayers and visitors as you make decisions regarding our beautiful coast.</p>
2/4/2022 12:59	David	Stowe	North Carolina	<p>This email is to address my concerns with proposed shellfish lease #21-061BL/21-062WC located adjacent to 8 1/2 Marina Village. The proposed lease is sited in an area that has historically and continues to be used for recreational activities to include kayaking, power boating, jet skis, etc. There is a definite possibility of safety issues with the location of this lease. There are long term residential areas very close to the proposed lease. There is a very real possibility that property values will suffer with a shellfish lease in what has to date been an unobstructed view of the sound. I think there are many other places in the sound where a lease of this type would not be found objectionable. Please register my OPPOSITION to lease #21-061BL/21-062WC.</p>
2/4/2022 14:22	Lynn	Schultz	North Carolina	<p>I OPPOSE the proposed Bogue Sound shellfish lease behind 8 1/2 Marina because it would interfere with our public water use rights for the private advantage of a single business.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is in a heavily populated area where we wadefish, kayak fish, jetski and run our skiffs. We already play "dodgeball" out there with all the other leases, and this one would just add to that problem due to its close proximity to us. 2. That particular area is home to a large population of REDFISH. We fish for them by wading out to the shallow spot at low tide, and we kayak fish in the marsh. Redfish are very shy fish and migrate away from noise and heavy water disruptions likely at leases, therefore potentially running them out of the area. 3. That lease is also too close to the mouth of our little bay area. Pieces of the existing leases come loose and frequently wash up into the marshes between us and Triple S, as well as onto the westernmost 8 1/2 shores, and must be cleaned up so boat props aren't damaged. Any debris or silting from this particular lease would likely be sucked into our bay by the tides, potentially at the detriment of the small boats which come in there daily to fish or pleasure cruise. <p>Please move it to a less populated area, or deny it's approval. Thank you, Lynn Schultz [REDACTED]</p>
2/5/2022 16:44	Madison	Smith	North Carolina	<p>As a resident of Carteret County, I support Chadwick Seafood LLC for their proposed Shellfish Lease! I look forward to the state granting this lease for Chadwick Seafood for bettering the water quality for all of North Carolina residents.</p>
2/5/2022 16:45	Dalton	Rhoades	North Carolina	<p>As a resident of North Carolina and I'm in support of the state granting Chadwick's Seafood LLC there proposed shellfish lease. I look forward to the state granting the lease to better the water quality for all local North Carolinians.</p>

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2/7/2022 16:14	William	Schultz	North Carolina	<p>February 7, 2022</p> <p>Comments to DMF regarding the proposed shellfish lease (#21-061BL/21-062WC).</p> <p>Subject lease location is in Bogue Sound, southwest of the State Port, near the 8 ½ Marina neighborhood.</p> <p>The subject Shellfish lease application #21-061BL/21-062WC was never INTENDED to be received or accepted by the NC Division of Marine Fisheries according to the NC General Assembly.</p> <p>The NC General Assembly passed a shellfish lease moratorium for the area in which the subject application is located, that went into effect in 2019 and expired July 01, 2021. This moratorium on shellfish leases covered two areas, one in Eastern Bogue Sound and the other in the Wrightsville Beach area. They were put into effect by the NC General Assembly and DMF due to many conflicts with users; caused by this location being heavily populated and heavily used. (The Eastern Bogue Sound moratorium basically covered from Morehead City to the Emerald Isle high rise bridge, likely the most heavily populated and heavily used of all the sound waters of North Carolina; thereby all the user conflicts.) Due to all the user conflicts the General Assembly wanted a pause in the shellfish leases. The General Assembly and Division of Marine Fisheries wanted these moratoriums to be extended upon their original expiration of July 01, 2021. So, the Session Law 2021-180 (the 2021 Appropriations law or budget) extended these two moratoriums to expire July 01, 2026. This bill for this extended moratorium was begun in February 2021, but was not passed until November 2021; however, both laws stated that unless otherwise noted the moratoriums would take effect July 01, 2021. HOWEVER, Section 12.3(c) of the bill was added at the last minute making the Bogue Sound moratorium not effective until October 01, 2021, rather than July 01, 2021. In all the draft versions of the bill, Section 12.3(c) did not appear until the very last version just two days before it passed the Senate and three days before it passed the House. The Governor signed the law the same day it passed the House on November 18, 2021. So, the intent of the Legislature and Division of Marine Fisheries were to have both moratoriums not to expire nor any additional shellfish leases to be considered. However, the Bogue Sound moratorium which expired July 01, 2021, was not technically put back into effect until October 01, 2021, due to the last-minute addition of Section 12.3(c). Between July 01, 2021, and October 01, 2021, while the Bogue Sound moratorium was not in effect, the subject shellfish lease application (#21-061BL/21-062WC) was received and had to be accepted by Division of Marine Fisheries simply due to the temporary lapse in the moratorium. Hence, Section 12.3(c) technically had to be added to the bill at the last minute due to DMF having received the subject application after July 01, 2021, which was a logical way to cover the situation. However, just because a shellfish lease application is received, it should not be automatically approved. The approval review process is to understand and consider all facts pertaining to any lease application. In this instance, in addition to all the many user conflicts regarding this application (nearby property owners and negative effects on this very heavily used recreation area), when you add in the INTENT of the moratorium into consideration, the decision to approve the location of the subject lease application should NOT be approved. The DMF should consider OTHER LOCATIONS which are not covered under the original and the current moratorium area. Simply relocate/approve the subject lease to an area outside the moratorium area. This would still enable the applicant to obtain a lease, the user conflict would likely be eliminated, and the intent of the General Assembly would be fulfilled. Sounds like all parties are winners. The subject lease is right out my door and windows. I am the closest residence to the proposed lease location, I estimate +/- 400 feet (a remarkably close distance over water). It is way too close to the 8 ½ residences.</p> <p>Thank you for your review and consideration. William R. Schultz [REDACTED]</p>
2/7/2022 18:05	Carol	Thornhill	North Carolina	<p>I oppose the shellfish lease application #21-061BL/21-062WC. This location is in a very heavily populated area that is used for recreational activities such as boating, fishing, kayaking and skiing mostly. Approval of this lease would be a great impediment to such uses, not to mention being an eyesore to the beautiful views we have of the sound. It is too close to the residences at 81/2 Marina Village where I am an owner. One of the main reasons for living there is the fantastic view of Bogue Sound and Morehead City which would be destroyed if this lease and ensuing structures are allowed. This area is heavily used and populated. Surely there are areas better suited and away from so many residences. I urge you to decide against this application. Sincerely, Carol Thornhill</p>
2/8/2022 7:59	Gilbert	Alligood	North Carolina	<p>I am opposed to expanding the shellfish lease because it presents a hazard to marine navigation and limits access to the waterway to a limited few individuals. The coastal waters should remain free of unsightly commercial enterprise and available for all residents to enjoy without restriction.</p>
2/8/2022 12:01	Marc	Phillips	North Carolina	<p>I oppose the proposed shellfish lease application, (#21-061BL/21-062WC), located on the southern shore of Bogue Sound at Atlantic Beach adjacent to 8 1/2 Marina Village for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The location, public sound waters, is of one that is heavily populated and used by all. * Residents and visitors alike, use these public waters for all boating, fishing, and pleasure. As property access as well. * The specific location itself is too close to many residence. If approved, this will especially become problematic with any additional rules and or modification to such lease that will follow. * I feel leases such as this is best served in NON residential areas, less populated and less used. This is not that such place. <p>In consideration of all the above items, I ask that the shellfish application #21-061BL/21-062WC NOT be approved by the Division of Marine Fisheries.</p>
2/8/2022 13:05	Lynn	Schultz	North Carolina	<p>Please do not approve the application for the bogue sound lease #21-061BL/21-062 WC. If an exception had not been made to the Bogue Sound moratorium for this lease 3 days before Governor Cooper signed it, it would not even be up for consideration. There could have been other people who might have wanted a lease, but didn't bother applying because they knew the retroactive moratorium was coming down, which seems unfair to them if this lease is approved. We also feel that this exception should not be approved, because the intention of the law was for the moratorium to retroactively extend back to to the end of the earlier moratorium due to the high usage of the area. (I and others have outlined these user conflicts in other comments.) It's impossible for anyone to understand the negative impact of this lease's location on our building without seeing it from our sliding glass doors and decks. While the map makes it appear small, it looks very large and close to our building. For these reasons, and the ones which I have stated in my earlier comments, I implore you to deny this application.</p>

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2/8/2022 16:37	Karen	Stoltz	North Carolina	I am a family member and frequent visitor to 8 1/2 Marina in Atlantic Beach. The condo that I stay at while there is directly on the Bogue Sound side. It has come to my attention that someone is trying to lease some of the waters directly across from our home. I am against more people leasing areas in those waters. Since there has been others that have had leases approved it has been a distraction. We are constantly picking up trash that has blown to our water area. We would like this not to be the area that the leases are concentrated. Concentration of an area disrupts the peace and quiet of the area and also disrupts and endangers the wildlife around. More noise less habitats for the animals. There is the danger to the boat traffic as well as the danger to the jet skiers that enjoy our area. If there are more "white poles" (designating the lease areas) the more boats, jet skiers and even kayakers has to beware of the dangers of commercial activities. Last but not least, I would like to put the shellfish leases in an area that is not as inhabited. There is plenty of room somewhere on the Bogue Sound that is not as crowded. This would be the better option for both sides of this debate. Thank you for your time, Karen Stoltz [REDACTED]
2/8/2022 17:01	Elizabeth	Ireland	North Carolina	Writing to oppose the amendment of the current law which would allow the shellfish industry to make the coastline floating factories for their non water dependent activity. Please allow our coastline to remain pristine and not be destroyed for the benefit of the shellfish industry.
2/8/2022 17:38	Dal	Snipes	North Carolina	Totally opposed to these floating structures 100 yards from our homes at 8.5. Absolute eyesore and not safe for our residents if left on anchor at the leases. First northeastern and those floating structures are in our owners yards, our swimming pool or tennis courts. These should absolutely not be approved in these pristine waters. Dal Snipes, 8.5 Board of Directors
2/8/2022 17:56	Carol	Crowe	North Carolina	As a property owner I'm concerned about the pollutants from human waste and fuel spills from these unsightly structures in front of our residences. These structures will restrict the use of the water we've used for recreation.
2/9/2022 12:48	Joe	DelPapa	North Carolina	I support the Allen Shellfish Lease in Bogue Sound.
2/9/2022 12:52	Asuka	Tsurusaki	North Carolina	I am in support of Allen Shellfish Lease in Bogue Sound. It does not seem as though it would be in the way of the condos or affect anything in terms of tourists.
2/9/2022 13:04	Lester	Everhart	North Carolina	As a member of a family that for many past generations has worked in the waters of Bogue Sound, Core Sound, Pamlico Sound and the Atlantic Ocean I fully support Bo and Drew Allen in their endeavor. They will be a great addition to the fishing industry and the business community. I have spoken with many people in and out of the area and they agree with me in this matter. To restrict or halt their plans would be a tremendous error.
2/9/2022 13:09	David	Cooke	North Carolina	I am a HVAC contractor/business owner and have and have been involved in numerous installations at 8 1/2 Marina. With the proposed size and location of the Allen Lease I feel it will be of absolutely no detriment to the owners there. At the Northeast corner of the development starts an oyster rock which extends Westward approximately 50% of the length of the property, therefore making the Bogue Sound unnavigable. Also there is no beach. I fully support the Allen Lease and growing aquaculture in Carteret County
2/9/2022 13:13	Julia	Cooke	North Carolina	Allen Shellfish Lease in Bogue Sound - I am a permanent resident of Carteret County. My family has been apart of the county for many generations and worked as waterman. I have great respect for the commercial fisherman of our community. As the years have passed, I have been a witness to the many restrictions that have continued to be placed on theses hard working individuals. I understand that there have been complaints about this lease that were mainly obstruction of expansive water views. People move to this area or buy vacation properties because they are charmed by our community and our way of life, but then they want to change our ways. I also have vacation property in a coastal community in Hyde County I would never try to impose my views or wishes on that community, I may own the property, but I am still a guest in that community. My request is that if a commercial fisherman has complied with the many requirements that are imposed by Marine Fisheries I feel that this lease should be approved without hesitation.
2/9/2022 13:14	Walt	Crayton	North Carolina	I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you in regards to the proposed Lease ID# 21-061BL & 21-062WC (known as the David A. Allen and David A. Allen, Jr shellfish lease) in Bogue Sound located in Carteret County. I have nothing but good things to say about the Allens (Bo and Drew) and feel that this oyster shellfish lease will do nothing but enhance the North Carolina Public Trust waters in Bogue Sound. My family has owned property on Atlantic Beach dating back to the 1960's, and I personally currently own property on Money Island Drive and Club Colony Drive. My Money Island property directly overlooks the Anchorage Marina, 8 1/2 and Bogue Sound beyond. In no way will any oyster leases in this area negatively affect Bogue Sound adjoining properties, their views or their property values. Anyone who claims otherwise does not know the facts, has not done market research/pulled comps and has a "NIMBY" (not in my backyard) attitude. Furthermore, shellfish farming is a net positive for our waters - oysters and other shellfish serve as a filter to our waters and help promote clean water quality. Oyster farms are undoubtedly an asset to Bogue Sound, and I am personally shocked that anyone would speak negatively in regards to them. I appreciate the opportunity to express these comments and I can be reached at [REDACTED] should the need arise. Thanks and take care. Walt Crayton, [REDACTED], NC, Carteret County and Atlantic Beach property owner
2/9/2022 13:18	TIM G	POTTER	North Carolina	Allen Shellfish Lease in Bogue Sound - I support the granting of a lease for this shellfish operation. I know the owners and have extreme confidence that they will maintain the lease without any adverse effects on the environment, or surrounding properties.

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2/9/2022 13:42	William	Schultz	North Carolina	<p>Lease Application Lease # 21-061BL/21-062WC; David Allen</p> <p>Please note that I have submitted prior comments regarding the above shellfish lease application, which I would like to amend by adding the additional comments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please allow my prior comments, the comments below and my speaking at the Carteret County Public Hearing on February 08, 2022 to serve as an OFFICIAL PROTEST to the above application. 2. There were five (5) speakers that spoke in opposition to this lease application at the Public Hearing. 3. I have received much feedback from affected users that they indeed sent comments also opposing the lease application. 4. All the speakers and affected people that made written comments in opposition to this lease application had a very consistent message, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) That the lease area of this proposed lease is within an area traditionally used and available for fishing. (B) That the lease area is not compatible with other public uses of marine resources, such as navigation, fishing and recreation. (C) That the lease area is within a very heavily used area for all recreational purposes. (D) Opposition came from people that were directly affected (neighbors on adjacent property). (E) Opposition came from people that felt that their concerns were not frivolous. (F) Opposition came from people that felt that this lease application was contrary to several NC General Statutes. <p>The location of this lease application is simply not acceptable in many ways.</p> <p>Thank you, William Schultz</p>
2/9/2022 13:46	Christopher	Mashburn	North Carolina	<p>As a native to Carteret County and call Morehead City my home I think the proposed lease ID# 21-061BL & 21-062WC should be approved by NCDMF. The waters of Bogue Sound are part of our community and should be available to use by everyone in the County. Using these waters for an oyster farm would contribute to our economy in a way that supports fishermen, landowners, tourists, and further works to keep our waters clean. Furthermore, I have known David A. Allan for many years and know that he would take care of this farm, would always take responsibility for it, and would always work to ensure that the use of this area as a farm would not hinder any other residences use of the waterways.</p>
2/9/2022 14:17	Gary	Piner	North Carolina	<p>First of all, I am a lifetime resident of Carteret County. I grew up with and have always had a deep appreciation for the commercial fishing industry. I am speaking now regarding the Allen Shellfish Lease # 21-061BL & 21-062WC. The strong opposition to this lease seemingly is coming from a group of homeowners from 8 1/2 Marina Condos in Atlantic Beach. They are concerned with a disturbance of their waterviews and an eyesore as they put it. Any so called concerns with their property values decreasing due to an oyster bed in Bogue Sound is absolutely ludicrous. Indeed we need more and more of these type leases in our county to combat what is a dying way of life...the commercial fishing industry. Many other of these type leases have been approved and allowed. The Allens have done everything by the book to seek approval for their venture. To deny this family endeavor at this juncture would be a gross injustice. The Allens have acted in good faith and so should the NCDMF in allowing this lease to go forward. Please issue your approval. GP</p>
2/9/2022 14:34	Sterling	Williams	North Carolina	<p>I think this is fabulous for Carteret County. The Allen project sounds promising. Hope this is up and running soon.</p>
2/9/2022 14:39	Mark	Silva	North Carolina	<p>I've just become aware of some of the negative responses to the Allen Shellfish Lease, Bogue Sound. I support the lease and our local aquaculture, and especially the lifestyle and the jobs it produces. Fishing and aquaculture an integral part of coastal North Carolina society and one that should be valued, protected and nurtured for future generations to enjoy. I can't imagine property values being reduced as a result of the oyster operation when fishing and aquaculture are already conducted in areas waters; if anything, the views will be enhanced. I implore you to grant the Allen's lease over unsubstantiated claims of lowered property values or NIMBY entitlement. Thank you.</p>
2/9/2022 14:53	Michael	Diehl	North Carolina	<p>Aquaculture and shellfish farms are a benefit to our communities and economy. Specifically, the Allen lease would help create jobs, provide resources for the NC seafood industry and our restaurants. Bogue Sound and all our NC waterways are for every citizen, not just a few property owners to monopolize for their own benefit. Supporting the Allens who are willing to make the investment in our community makes sense.</p>
2/9/2022 15:41	Eric	Fulcher	North Carolina	<p>The challenge for us as residents and guardians of State of North Carolina, and any state for that matter, is to maximize the resources that we have been blessed with while protecting those same resources for future generations.</p> <p>The request by Allen & Allen (Lease ID# 21-061BL & 21-062WC) is a prime example of exactly how to accomplish this challenge, maximizing the resources by protecting it for future generations. David and his son (David Jr.) have worked diligently, going above and beyond to follow every state and federal regulation requirement to ensure that their proposed oyster farm is an example for others, harvesting one of our most precious natural resources in an environmentally responsible way while simultaneously preserving the natural landscape, view for others enjoying our coastline and allowing for other uses of our water systems for the entire community. Because they are life-long residents and water-men of Eastern North Carolina, the Allen's have a unique appreciation for our coastal water-ways and have researched extensively the most appropriate place to create an oyster farm to support their families and also provide one of our most prized natural resources for others to enjoy throughout the state and region. The Allen's have passed the state's biological investigation, a review from Fisheries Management, NC Marine Patrol, Shellfish Sanitation, CAMA, and Division of Water Resources. Through careful research of location and intentional design, planning, and development, the Allen's have created an oyster farm that is safe, does not obstruct the views, and will be a sustainable model for years to come, while creating a farm that will promote the area and allow all members of our community to enjoy our amazing coastline. Again, the Allen's have followed every requirement because they believe in protecting our precious natural resources, including completing the Shellfish Farming Academy at Carteret Community College. They are committed to the long-term preservation of our natural resources so future generations can enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of the North Carolina coast. As a resident of North Carolina and a member of a family that has called North Carolina home for 10 generations dating back to 1750, I strongly support and would respectfully request that the Allen's shellfish lease (Lease ID# 21-061BL & 21-062WC) be approved.</p>
2/9/2022 15:41	Dennis	Muraglia	North Carolina	<p>I support the Allen Lease due the fact that so many shellfish oysters come from out of state and we need to keep progress in that area local. There ought to be an amicable means to make both parties happy. If we keep building condos on the coastal areas in North Carolina pretty soon there is going to be no fishing industry per se in North Carolina I think it's ridiculous that these homeowners can't come to some kind of agreement to push that lease further north or east or whatever it's going to take to be able to approve this lease so we can keep our seafood local and not have to buy it from Texas or Louisiana. If they can't come through an agreement then maybe they don't need to be building their condos in the areas where Marine fisheries should be developed</p>

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2/9/2022 16:37	Curtis	Gatlin	North Carolina	I have reviewed this placement by Aquaculture and it purposely was put in the area (out of the way) of high boat use and user traffic nor is it near any marked or unmarked navigable channels. I enjoy boating in this area and come to realize that Bogue Sound is part of our state's public waters with oyster farming having a great economic industry, while at the same time, creating great benefits to our waters and sealife. I boat in this area regularly and it would not cause an eye-sore. What I have found Aquaculture's lease site was purposely designed to be small with zero view obstruction. I highly recommend Bo Allen and his son, Drew as they recently participated and passed the Shellfish Farming Academy at Carteret Community College this past Fall. After speaking with them numerous times, they have developed excellent operating practices and hurricane preparedness plans so it would not create additional problems to neighboring land owners with loss of equipment. I support Aquaculture!
2/9/2022 16:43	Marsha	JOHNSTON	North Carolina	Lease ID# 21-061BL & 21-062WC (Known as the David A. Allen and David A. Allen, Jr). The lease was submitted 100% lawfully and has passed all the state program requirements and inspections. Oyster farming is becoming a great economic industry for NC while creating great benefits to our waters and sealife. The lease site was purposely designed to be small while we are learning and we position it off a vacant/undeveloped land tract and not directly in front of the 8 1/2 condos. No view obstruction determined. They purposely put in the area (out of the way) of high boat use and user traffic and are not near any marked or unmarked navigable channels. They chose Bogue Sound due to its water flow, high water salinity and close location to actively manage. The lease site exceeds the distance recommended from the shoreline. They are 275ft to 300ft from any shoreline. Being responsible both Drew and Bo successfully participated and passed the Shellfish Farming Academy at Carteret Community College last Fall. They have developed best operating practices and hurricane preparedness plans for all gear so it would not create additional problems to neighboring land owners with loss of equipment. I feel this will benefit everyone involved no view will be obstructed and North Carolina will reap the harvest of both delicious native seafood and cleaner water.
2/9/2022 17:13	Patrick	Jessup	North Carolina	As a resident of NC that lives near the coast, I support the Allen lease. Research in the past decade clearly supports the advantages of aquaculture, specifically oyster farming. The North Carolina Coastal Federation speaks openly about the positive environmental and economic impacts from oyster farming. Please help NC move forward with your support. Thank you.
2/9/2022 17:18	Bert	Quay	North Carolina	The property owners have no legal basis for having a "nice view" of the sound. I don't believe that is defensible grounds for you to make a decision on the application. Knowing the overcrowded area adjacent to the Marina Village, I have to wonder where the concern is for waste runoff of multiple types into the sound. I guess the speakers were much more focused on possible "visual pollution" than any real challenges. A lot of tax money is being spent at the community colleges in Morehead and Wilmington to research and teach sustainable seafood farming. Anything taught without any applicability is a waste of money, except to the people hired to conduct those programs. I have some suspicions that those programs look and sound great, but simply train students for jobs that don't actually exist. Its expected that the existing Carteret County oyster farmers are against competition from newcomers, and that the "hearing" process is bureaucratic theater with a forgone outcome. The tide is running hard against any applicants for admission to an "industry" that can't start, grow, or survive. Shame that you have a choice to make that can't win.
2/9/2022 17:49	Justin	Brinkley	North Carolina	I am an avid recreational boater and have spent 3 decades navigating the waters on the Bogue Sound. As a New Bern native, protecting our waters has always been a priority for me and my family. The Allen lease would be a tremendous addition to the area and only enhances the surrounding habitat.
2/9/2022 17:55	Frank	Crayton	North Carolina	It seems to me oyster farming is good for our state. You should not let a few vocal folks decide what is best for everybody else.
2/9/2022 17:58	Hayes	Jessup	North Carolina	The "Allen Lease" has passed all of the state required requirements, environmental reviews and more. As a family that lives on the coast and makes a livelihood from fishing I feel that the environmental and economic advantages aquaculture farming would bring to the region far outweigh the complaints of residents.
2/9/2022 17:59	Allen	Walters	North Carolina	Local farms and fisheries are being acquired and absorbed by larger domestic and international companies. David A. Allen and David A. Allen, Jr are local to the area and familiar with the regulations that are required to have a shellfish farm. Their lease has been submitted lawfully and has passed all the state program requirements and inspections. The particular proposed lease has been professionally selected using David Allen's comprehensive knowledge of Eastern North Carolina developed from approximately 15 years of appraisal work, and a lifetime on the water. This is a great opportunity to protect and fully utilize a local resource. The Bogue Sound is part of our state's public trust waters and when a legal and lawful lease is submitted it should be approved. Please consider that this is something that needs to be passed on to the next generation and this lease would do that.
2/9/2022 17:59	Chris	Allen	North Carolina	As a longtime resident of eastern NC, I support responsible efforts to increase our footprint in the aquaculture industry. The proposed Allen Lease application has taken all the necessary steps to pursue an oyster farm and I support their efforts.