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11/17/2023 10:23	David	Cignotti	North Carolina	I totally support the approval of all of the shellfish lease applications in Pamlico and Carteret counties. As the oyster industry is in the early stages and NC has an abundance of waterway acreage, I believe it makes sense to continue to approve leases. The oyster industry is a "win-win" in that it provides jobs, improves water quality and provide marine habitat. There will be a time when we will need to put on the brakes, as no one is proposing lining our waterways with oyster farms, but at this point there is ample room for growth.
11/17/2023 10:28	David	Cignotti	North Carolina	I totally support the granting of shellfish leases in both Pamlico and Carteret counties. This is a growing industry that provides jobs, improves water quality and provides marine habitat. At this point, there is still ample room for growth. At some point we will need to put on the brakes as no one is advocating lining our waterways with oyster farms, but we have a long way to go before we reach that point. Totally in support of oyster farming in NC.
12/15/2023 7:56	Christian	Bayer	North Carolina	Regarding the Larry Kellums proposed farm. I am personally against this new proposal. It is in the area of prime bottom where we tend to work oystering and clamming. It is also located very closely to an existing oyster rock. I do not mind new farms going on the southern side of the North River bridge but from what my family was told a few years ago from the Marine Fisheries is that no more farms we're allowed on the North side of the North River bridge and I do not want anymore taking away from our lively hood.
12/15/2023 17:00	Joshua	Salter	North Carolina	I feel like there's not enough public bottom on the North side of North river bridge as it is. It is one of the few places around that actually produces a quality oyster and taking it away more and more just seems degrading to all oystermen and clammers. If it was in the south side of the bridge I wouldn't care because that isn't as productive. I don't need something else taking away from my chance to produce and take care of my family.
12/15/2023 17:08	Ira	Long	North Carolina	Larry kellums proposal. This farm is located very closely to a public bottom rock which I tend to work Everytime I'm in north river. The northern side of the north river bridge is one of the few places that grows oysters that are even worthy of eating let alone selling. How am I supposed to keep working when all the good bottom is taken away by leases. The south side of north river is more suitable for farms than the northern side. I don't want this farm here and don't think anymore should ever be put on the northern side.