



## Shellfish Lease Hearing

NC Department of Environmental Quality

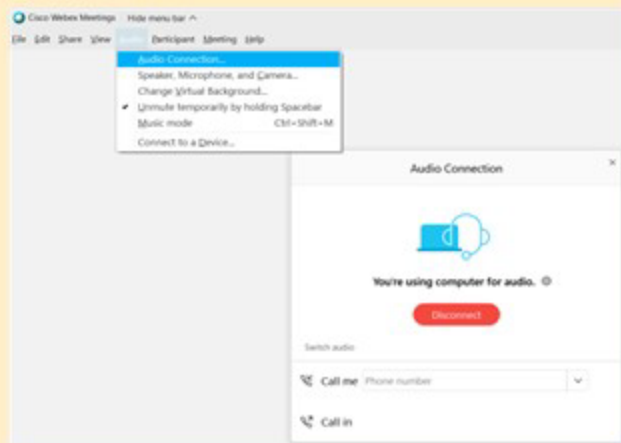
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Carteret County | December 1, 2025



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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:

NC Division of Marine Fisheries  
Shellfish Lease and Aquaculture Program (SLAP)  
PO Box 769  
Morehead City, NC 28557-0769

[deq.nc.gov/carteret-county-shellfish-lease-hearing-comment-form](https://deq.nc.gov/carteret-county-shellfish-lease-hearing-comment-form)



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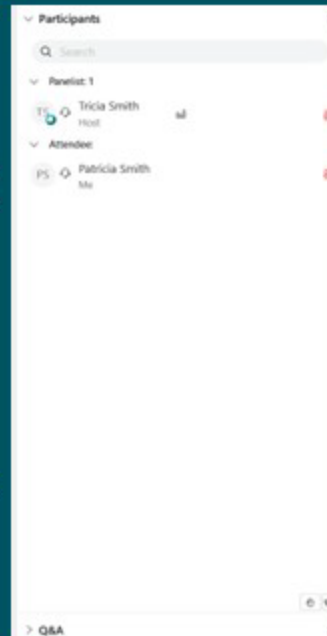
## Public Hearing on Proposed Shellfish Leases in Carteret County

December 1, 2025, at 6:00 PM

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.

Raise your hand by clicking on the hand icon at the bottom of the Participants panel.

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# Shellfish Leasing Process

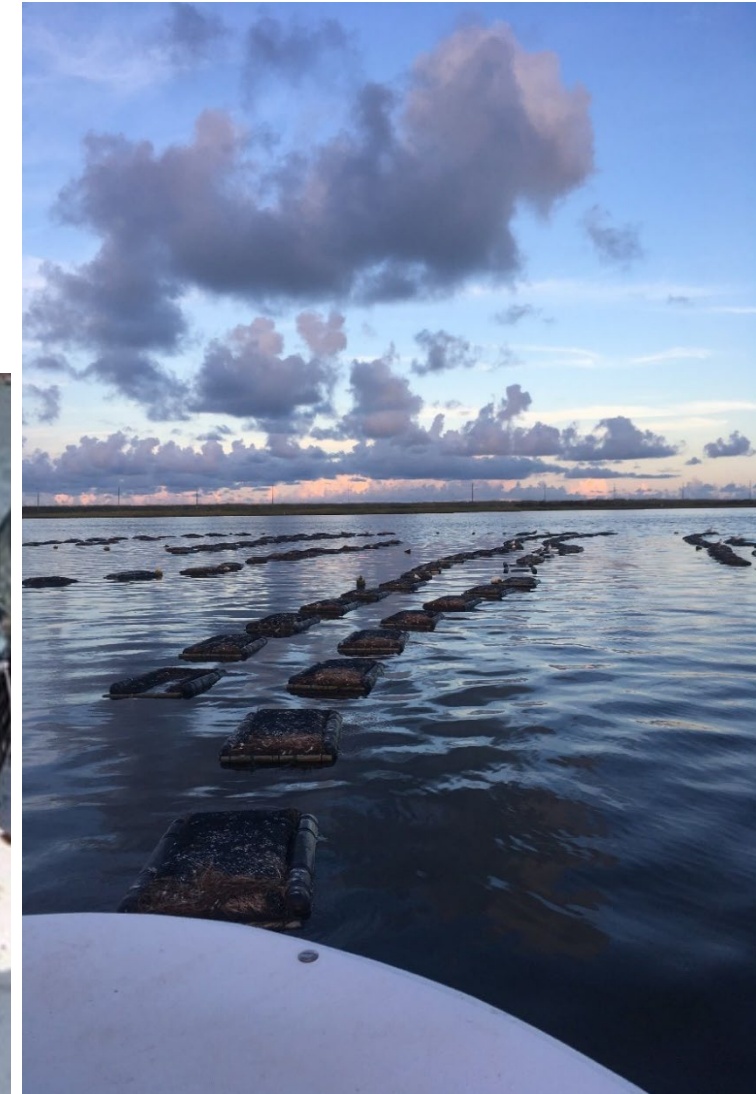
**Role of Public Hearing and Public Comment**





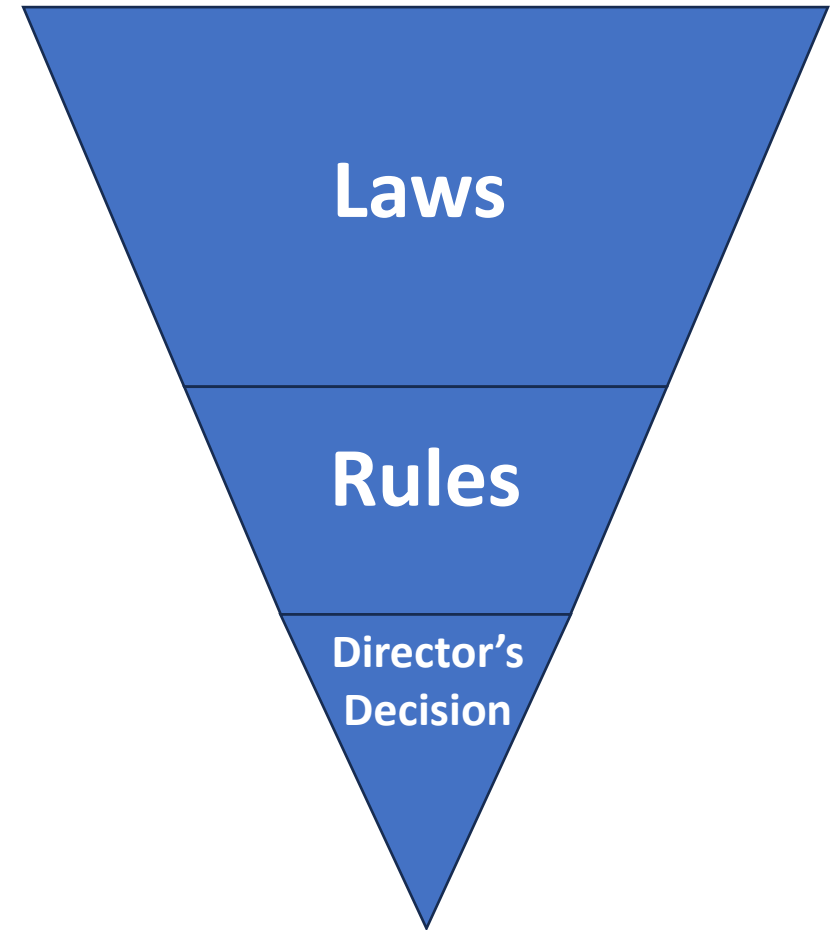
# Shellfish Leases Basics

- 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



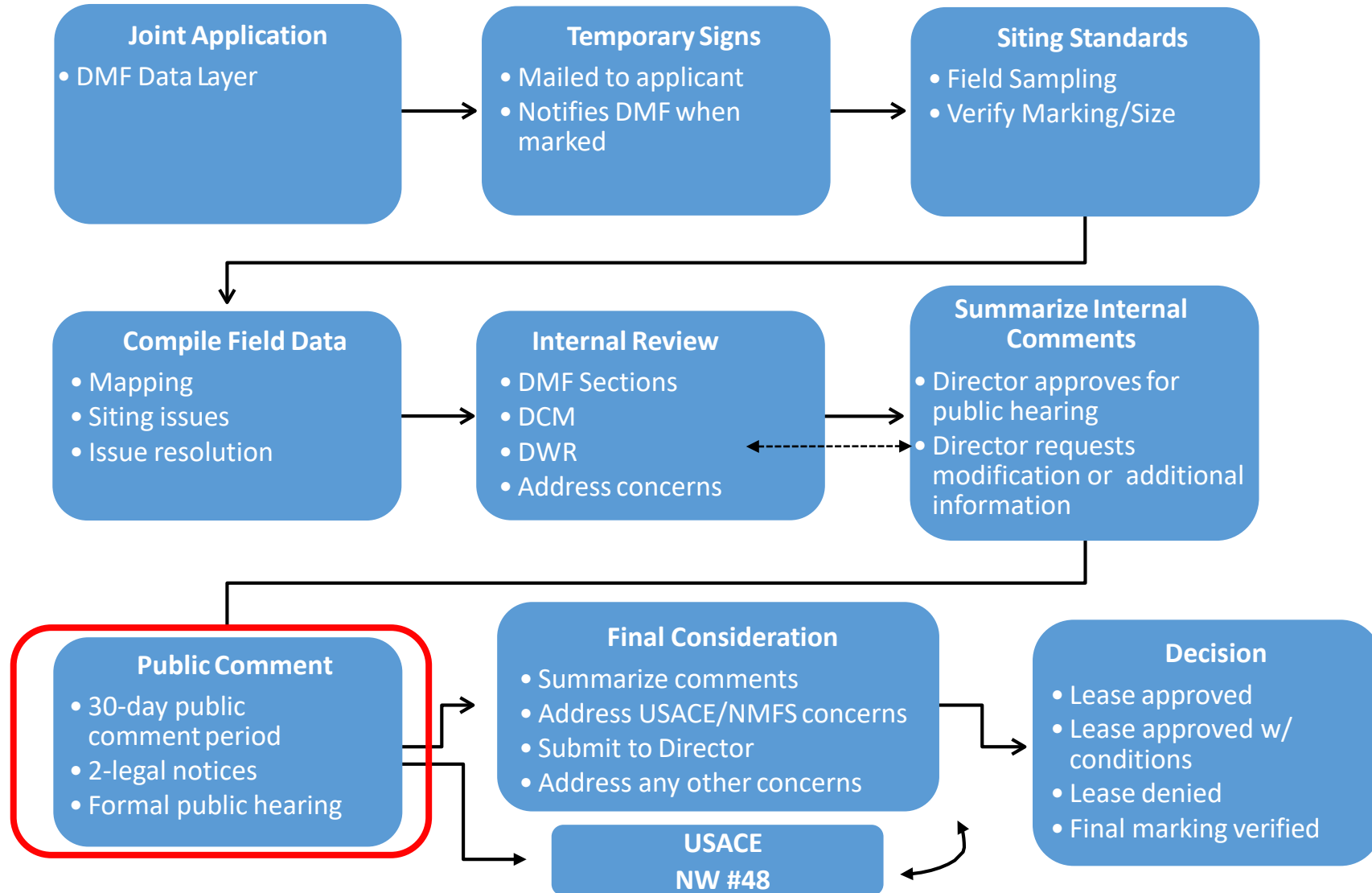
# Shellfish Leases are Governed by Law

- 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





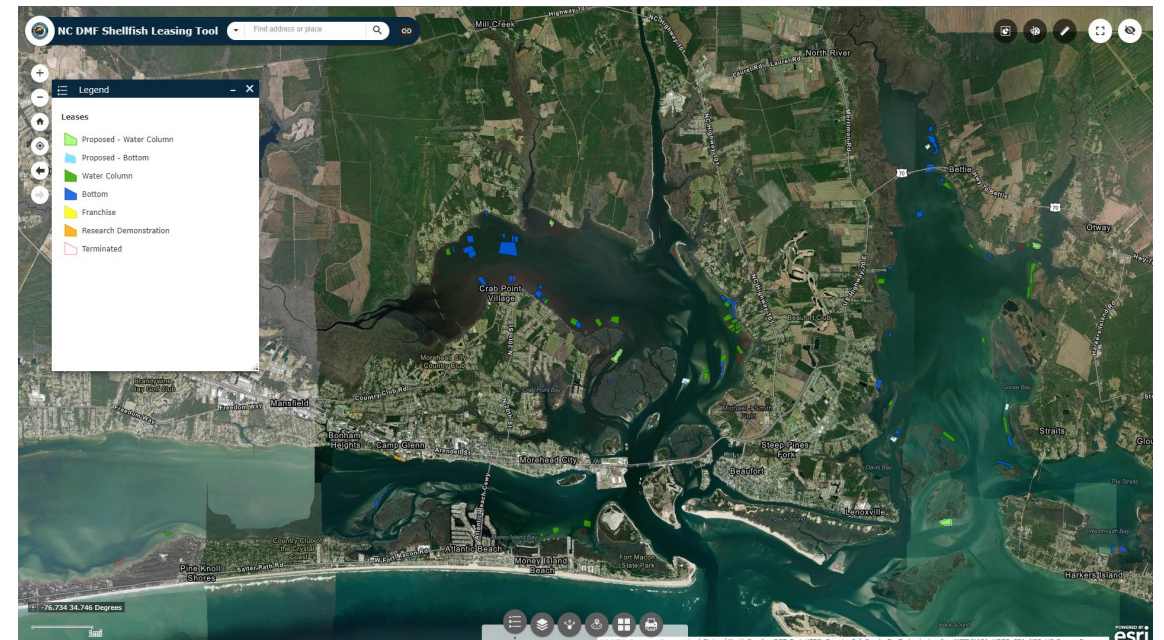
# Public Comment

- 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
- Additional Outreach
  - Shellfish Lease Website
  - Shellfish Leasing Tool
  - Press Release
  - Proclamations Mailing/Email List
  - Social Media Posts

## Shellfish Lease Hearings

The public hearing/public comment process is a requirement for all proposed shellfish leases in North Carolina. The Upcoming Lease Hearings accordion lists scheduled hearings and includes links to information about proposed shellfish leases. The Previous Lease Hearings accordion contains the hearing minutes and comments received during the public comment period.

### Upcoming Lease Hearings





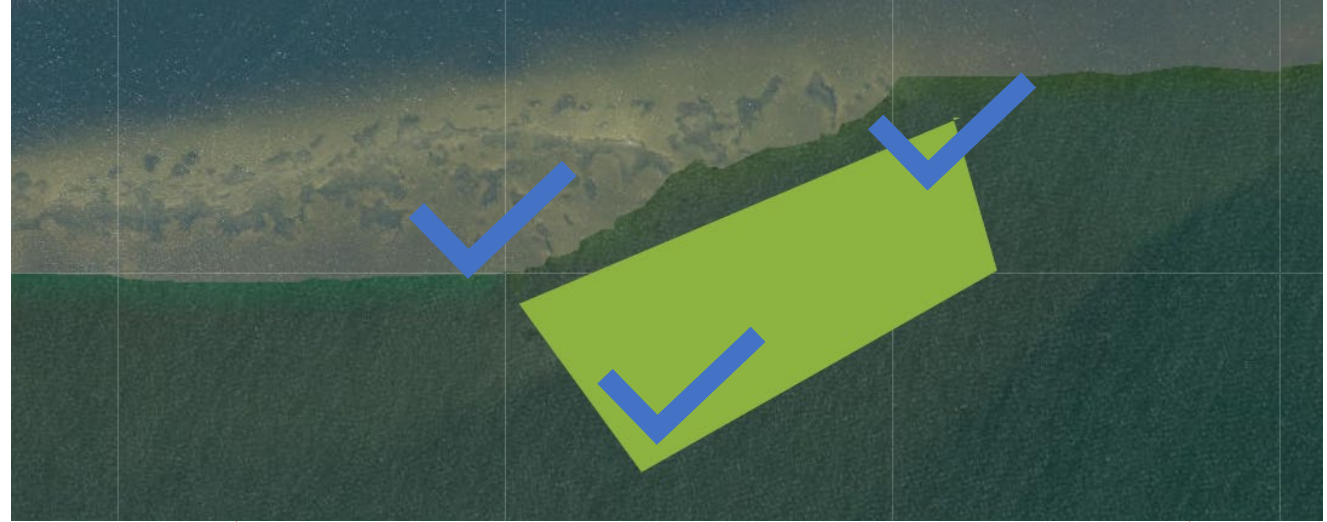
# Director's Decision

- 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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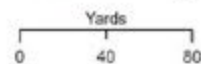
# Carteret County Shellfish Lease Hearing

December 1, 2025

1. **C.I. Salts Oyster Company, LLC**, agents Ralph W. Brittingham and Ryan D. Salter, applied for a shellfish bottom lease (25-007BL) with a water column amendment (25-008WC) in North Bay for 6.08 acres.
2. **Rough Atlantic L.L.C.**, agent Michael T. Dale, applied for a shellfish bottom lease (25-032BL) with a water column amendment (25-033WC) in North River below bridge for 6.02 acres.







Proposed Acreage: 6.08

▲ Application Corner Pts  
■ Proposed Lease Area

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



Proposed Lease ID/Number: 25-032BL/25-033WC  
Rough Atlantic LLC- Michael T. Dale (Agent)

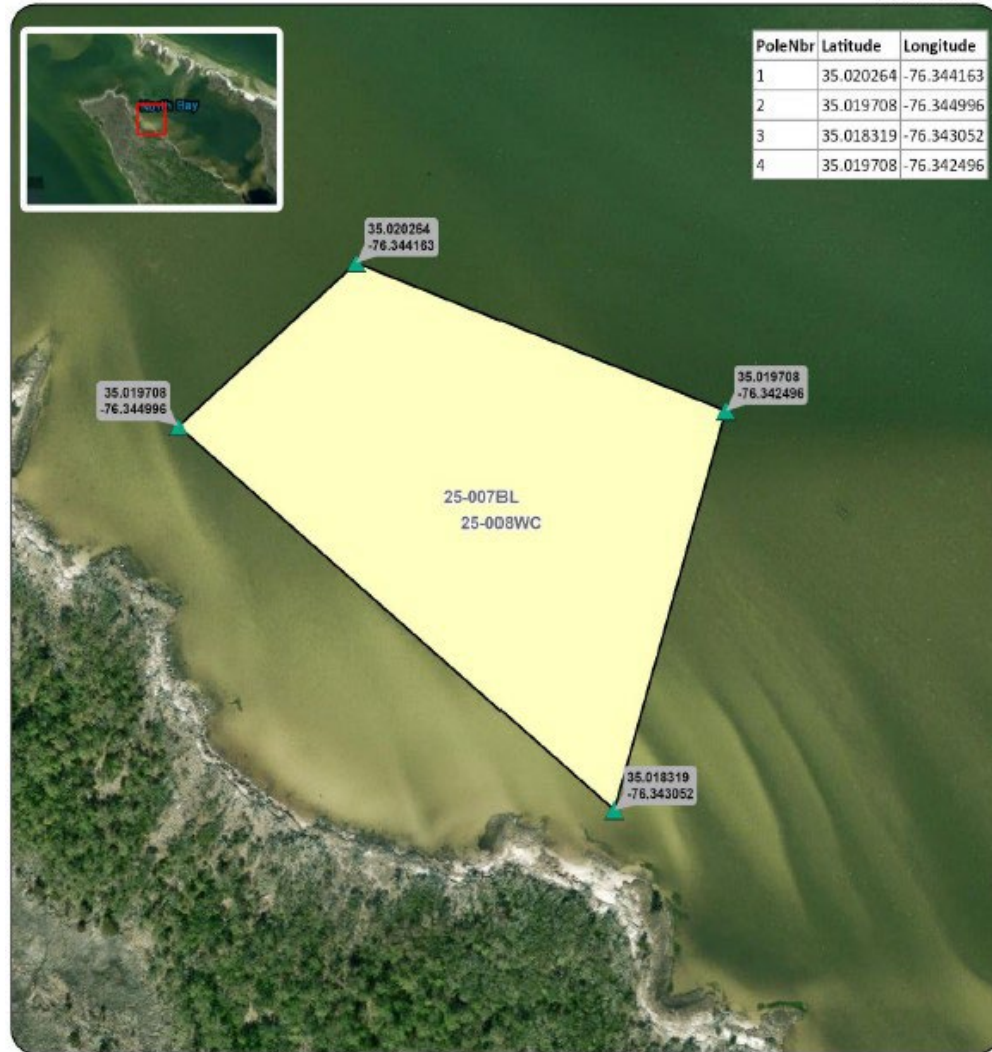
Date: 9/8/2025





Proposed Lease ID/Number: 25-007BL/25-008WC  
Applicant Name: C.I. Salt Oyster Company, LLC- Ralph W. Brittingham & Ryan D. Salter

Date: 9/3/2025



Proposed Acreage: 6.08

▲ Application Corner Pts  
■ Proposed Lease Area

Yards  
0 40 80

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Proposed Lease ID/Number: 25-032BL/25-033WC  
Rough Atlantic LLC- Michael T. Dale (Agent)

Date: 9/8/2025



Acreage: 6.02

▲ Proposed Corner Points  
■ Proposed Lease Area

Yards  
0 37.5 75

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# Shellfish Lease and Aquaculture Program

[deq.nc.gov/shellfish-lease](http://deq.nc.gov/shellfish-lease)

## NC DMF Shellfish Leasing Tool

[arcg.is/0LD5zS](http://arcg.is/0LD5zS)

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

[deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/licenses-permits-and-leases/shellfish-lease-and-franchise/lease-faqs](http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/licenses-permits-and-leases/shellfish-lease-and-franchise/lease-faqs)



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