



## *Shellfish Lease Public Hearing*

*NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY*

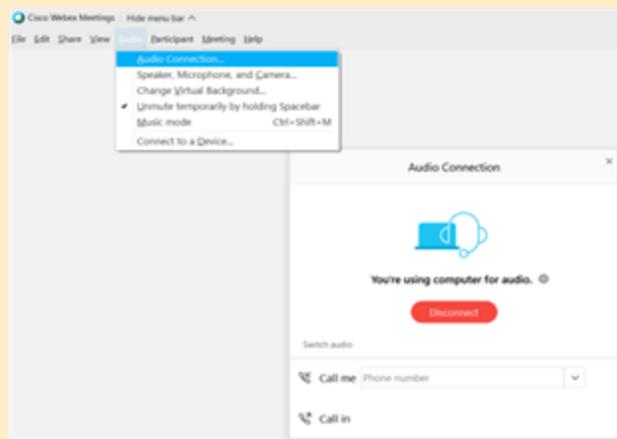
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Pamlico County | March 24, 2026



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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  
PO Box 769  
Morehead City, NC 28557

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

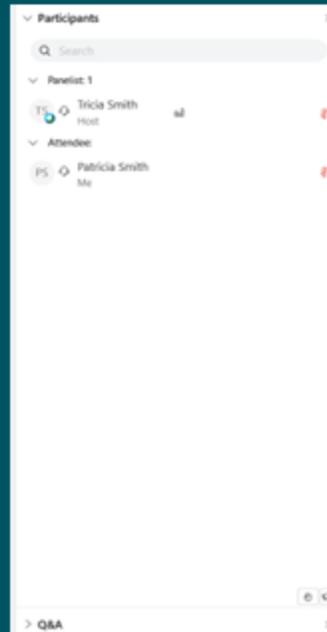


## N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Public Hearing on Proposed Shellfish Leases in Pamlico County March 24, 2026, 6 p.m.

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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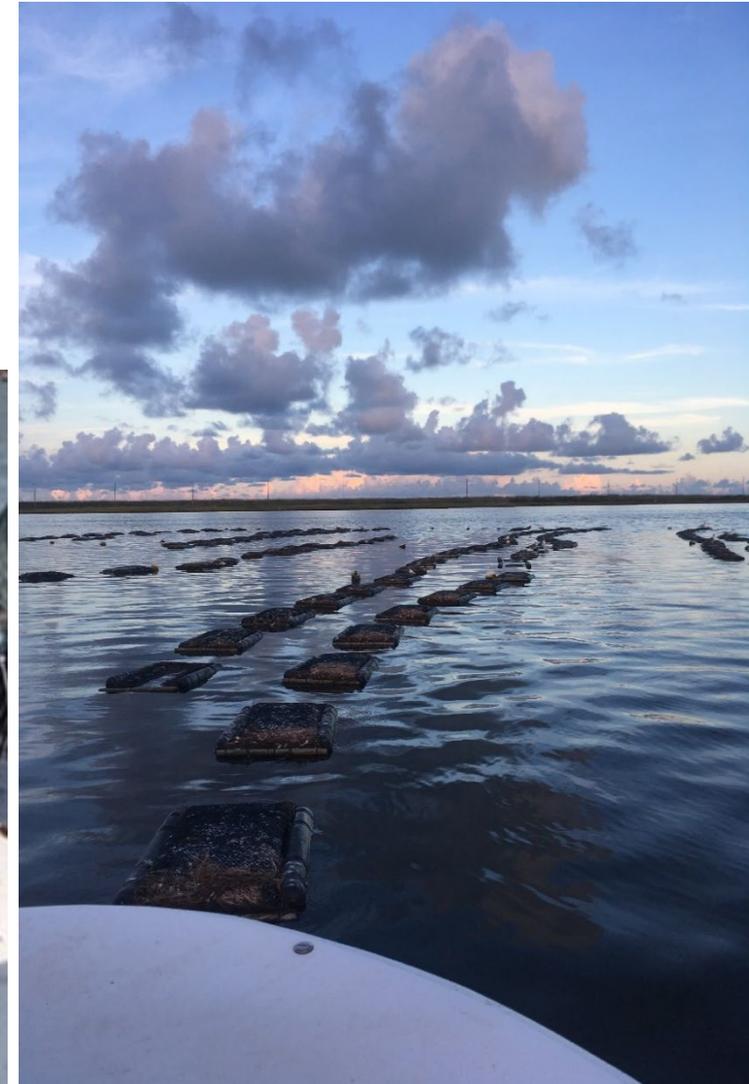
# Shellfish Leasing Process

Role of Public Hearing and Public Comment



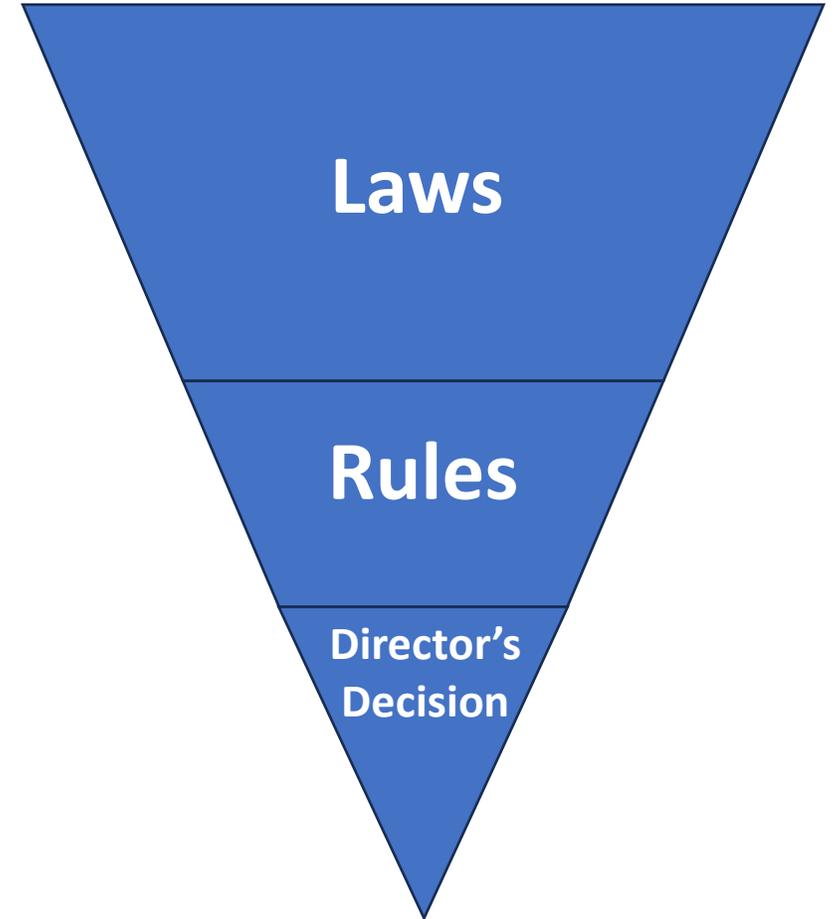
# Shellfish Leases Basics

- 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

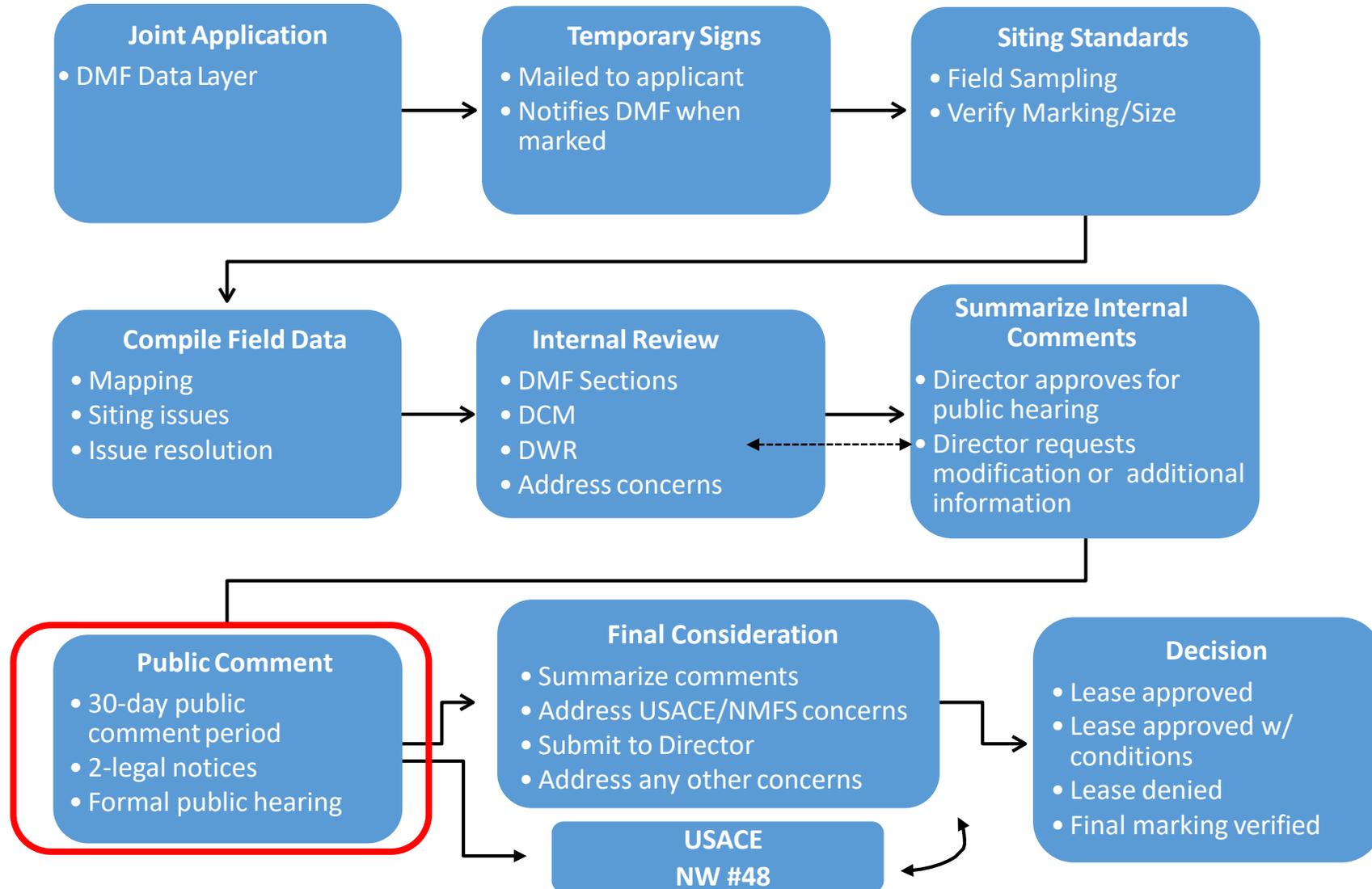


# Shellfish Leases are Governed by Law

- 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





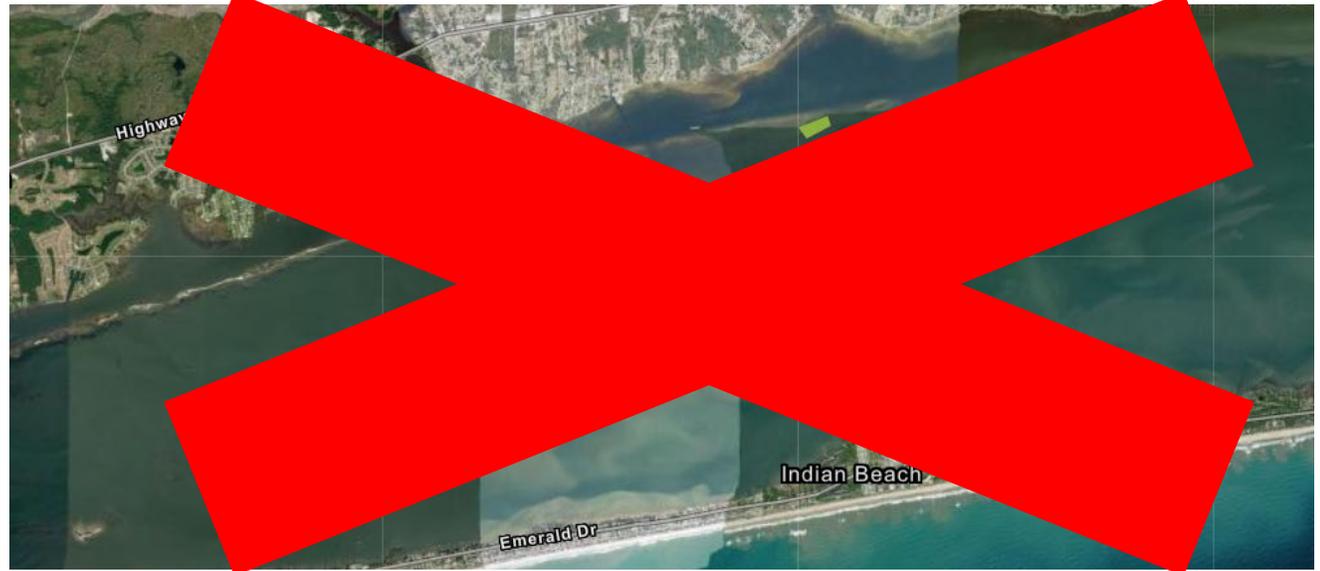
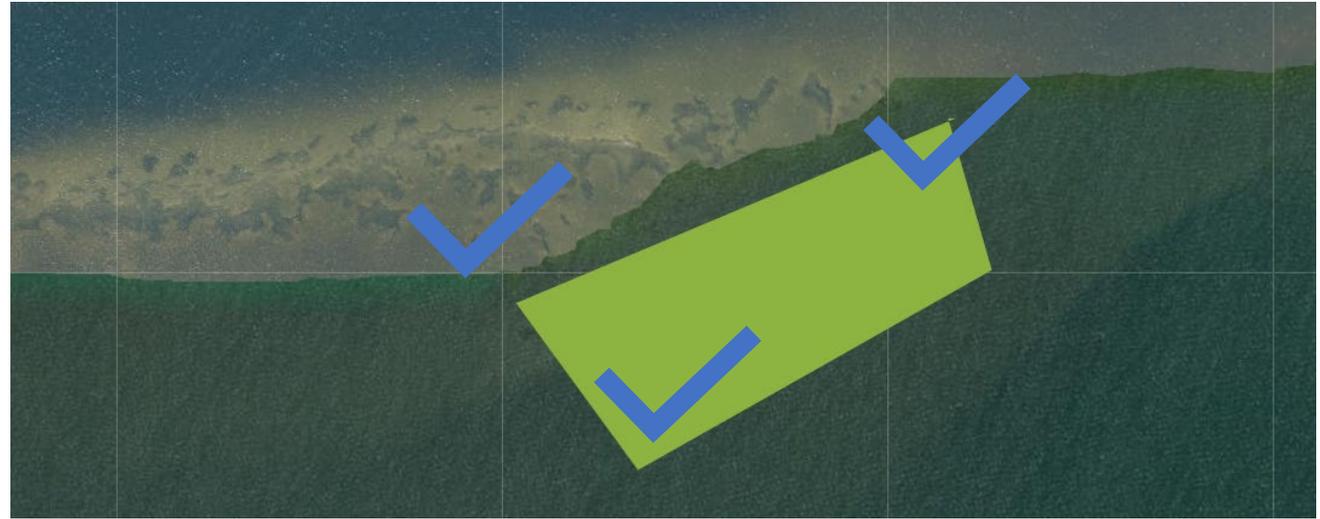
# Director's Decision

- 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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1. Evan R. Gadow – Shellfish Bottom and Water Column –  
Nos. 25-018BL / 25-019WC – 0.72 acre – Little Bear  
Creek



Proposed Lease ID/Number: 25-018BL/25-019WC  
Evan R. Gadow

Date: 9/23/2025



Acreage: 0.72

▲ Proposed Corner Points  
■ Proposed Lease Area

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





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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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