



Carteret County Shellfish Lease Hearing Submitted Comments

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Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office
5285 Hwy 70 W, Morehead City, NC 28557
In Person and virtually via Webex

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Leases Referenced: None

“These lease applications have been submitted under current regulations and deserve to be processed accordingly. Please change the rules to protect our Public Resources and freedom to access them in the future. These leases keep getting larger as water column leases restrict access to navigable waters and the Public Resources they hold. It should be illegal to introduce genetically sterilized species in Public Waters. Public Water aquaculture should be limited to stocking native seafood that can naturally reproduce while living wild and free for anyone with a fishing license to harvest. Leasing Public Waters for private production of genetically altered invasive species is a form of Public Resource Privatization that negatively impacts fishermen and citizens who like eating natural wild-caught seafood. I respectfully request under the State Environmental Policy Act that the NC Department of Environmental Quality stop approving leases of Public Waters and allowing triploid or any other form of genetically modified species to be introduced in Public Waters. Thank you!”