N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
Shellfish Lease & Aquaculture Program

Onslow County Shellfish Lease Hearing

Submitted Public Comments

Date: November 17, 2026

Location: Holly Ridge Community Center, 404 Sound Rd, Holly Ridge, NC 28445

Format: In person and via Webex

Hearing Officer: Casey Silva, Program Coordinator

Thomas Cannon
North Carolina | 11/17/2026 8:59 PM
Leases Referenced: None

"I support these leases, especially number 4 for Permuda Island Oyster Company. I have had several leases in Permuda Island Bay for several years, and they have been good neighbors. The proposed water column lease 4 does not block my access to Permuda Island or the surrounding waterways, and it is very well sited in general."

Monica Brown
North Carolina | 11/7/2026 2:02 PM
Leases Referenced: None

"This has been my home since I was about 6 years old I think this is a tragic mistake they're making with this oyster place right outside of swansboro it shouldn't be done these are public Waters they're not privately owned and they shouldn't be used for private financial gain. Thank you Monica Brown"

Walter Thomas
North Carolina | 11/5/2026 10:34 PM
Leases Referenced: 26-032WC

"These comments are concerning # Lease ID 26-032WC. This lease covers prime recreational and commercial fishing grounds as well as known live wild oyster and clamming grounds. The approval of this lease will hurt recreational fishing opportunities for both fin fish fish and wild shellfish. I strongly oppose this lease and suggest it be moved to a less used part of the waterway and local area."

David Hagerman
North Carolina | 11/5/2026 8:58 PM
Leases Referenced: 26-032WC

"# Lease ID 26-032WC needs to be denied the area is a major boating and recreational fishing area with a lot of boat traffic."

Jeffrey Smith
North Carolina | 11/5/2026 7:57 PM
Leases Referenced: 26-032WC

"Regarding 26-032WC, I am firmly against this permit. The identified area is a common fishing ground area near the Swansboro area where many anglers target multiple species. In addition to being disruptive , there is already a fair amount of bottom clams and oysters in that area. These permits should not be allowed under these circumstances."