

Pamlico County Shellfish Lease Hearing Public Comments - as of 1630 122023

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				<p>The proposed shellfish lease by Flying Bluebill LLC in Jones Bay would absolutely restrict the use of my own property at [REDACTED]. I am a member of an LLC that owns that property with the primary use being waterfowl hunting. Access to our shoreline on Jones Bay would be catastrophically impeded by this shellfish lease. Our little slice of heaven on Jones Bay has been the catalyst for introducing many family and friends to the treasures of Pamlico County. From Vandemere to Aurora, guests have been amazed at the hospitality of the people, the natural beauty, and the abundance of wildlife in that area. If this shellfish lease is approved, not only will our children have lost their place to experience waterfowl hunting, but we will have lost the incentive that allowed us to introduce dozens of people to the wonders of that area of the state.</p> <p>Jones Bay is a hub of fishing and hunting activity, as it has been for generations. It is a major draw for that area, and a lease of this magnitude in this location will surely disrupt those activities.</p> <p>Flying Bluebill made no effort to contact us to get our thoughts before essentially attempting to commandeer our shoreline. I implore you to not put their commercial interests above the traditions, pursuits, and passions of individual land owners.</p> <p>Thanks in advance,</p>
11/27/2023 9:42	William	Wheeler	North Carolina	<p>William Eugene Wheeler</p>
11/27/2023 10:10	Tyson	Stahl	North Carolina	<p>I am a Marine Corps combat veteran as an Infantry Officer (1st Battalion, 2d Marines) and Special Operations Officer (2d Marine Raider Battalion) who spent his entire career at Camp Lejeune, while living in Swansboro, NC. In 2019, I became a member of an LLC that owns a property at [REDACTED]. One of the main reasons I became a member of this LLC is because the primary uses of our business property is waterfowl hunting. Hunting and fishing have been a means of active therapy for me over the years since completing my first tour to Iraq in 2007. I became a partner in this LLC for my own therapeutic benefit, as well as to bring fellow veterans onto our property to hunt and fish. Unfortunately, the proposed shellfish lease by Flying Bluebill would directly impede our ability to hunt waterfowl from our property, and any general access to our shoreline on Jones Bay would be significantly impeded. Additionally, one of the many perks of our location is that this area is known for its hunting and fishing. The draw to bring people to our property, and subsequently engage the local economy would be immediately diminished if this shellfish lease is approved. Had Flying Bluebill sought to make any arrangements with us, I am sure they would have understood that their choice of location is not supportive or cooperative in any capacity. As a landowner who uses the natural resources of this area as a means of therapy after 11 years of military service, the approval of this shellfish farm would essentially deny me any access to my property for the purpose that I chose to invest in it and the local economy. I strongly urge you to not allow this shellfish farm to be approved.</p>
11/27/2023 10:49	Jason	Miller	North Carolina	<p>My name is Jason Miller. I am part owner of a hunting and fishing camp at property at [REDACTED]. I am writing to oppose the proposed shellfish lease for Flying Bluebill, LLC. Our group favors shellfish farms in North Carolina and very much supports the local fishing industry with one of our owners being one of the larger wholesale buyers of North Carolina seafood in the state. However, the location of this lease will cause substantial harm to the use and enjoyment of our property. As such, we ask that it be denied and relocated elsewhere.</p> <p>Our primary purpose of investing in Pamlico County was to use our property for fishing and hunting - particularly our shoreline that is directly across Jones Bay from Jones Island. In fact, the primary value of our property is its shoreline. Our group of 8 owners take turns visiting Pamlico County with our guests. We always patronize local businesses and enjoy the bounty of natural wildlife that the County has to offer. Leasing the water directly in front of our property will render it practically unusable for hunting and fishing. While we would still technically be able to hunt the shoreline, our access would be restricted to the point that we would not practically do so. This will destroy the vision we have for our property.</p> <p>Setting aside the enjoyment that our ownership group, children, and guests will lose if this lease is granted, the County will lose thousands in tax dollars and local business will lose a steady revenue source. Please do not allow this lease to destroy the use of our property.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide a comment on the proposed shellfish lease by Flying Bluebill LLC.</p>
11/27/2023 21:15	Nicholas	Hofer	North Carolina	<p>A few years ago, I joined a great group of like-minded gentlemen and purchased a piece of property on [REDACTED]. We selected Hobucken as our home away from home because of its reputation as a sportsman's destination, with unmatched access to water fowl and fishing.</p> <p>The proposed lease for commercial use would not just limit those coveted and carefully maintained assets - it would virtually destroy them. Not only would we as individual owners be prevented of using our own shoreline for sporting activities, it would likely have significant negative impact to the community at large. Jones Bay has a stellar reputation across the State as a premier waterfowl destination, and the damage caused by the area's commercial exploitation and associated limitations are hard to quantify.</p> <p>I, along with my peers, urge the Department of Environmental Quality, to not favor the commercial interest of a few over the community at large, which is better served by Pamlico County's most treasured assets: its natural beauty, diversity, and accessibility.</p> <p>With kind regards and appreciation, Nicholas A. Hofer</p>
12/10/2023 17:17	Ryan	Speckman	North Carolina	<p>I strongly oppose the shellfish lease proposed by Flying Bluebill LLC in Jones Bay. I am an owner of waterfront property that is directly impacted by this proposed lease. The main issue is that it affects my access to the waterfront side of the property, which is one of the main reasons I purchased this property, and part of the biggest value of this property. We duck hunt from our shoreline multiple times per season, and this proposed lease will directly impact our ability to do that. While I am not opposed to the idea of shellfish mariculture, it is my understanding that the proposed lessee owns waterfront property on Jones Bay...he should put his lease in front of his property. Although it may not appear that the shoreline he has chosen has any use, at least two separate landowners use their waterfront property for waterfowl hunting along this shoreline. There are no permanent duck blinds, but the shoreline is hunted with temporary blinds throughout the season.</p>

I went out on Jones Bay this weekend and saw firsthand just how detrimental this shellfish lease proposed by Flying Bluebill LLC would be for so many property owners. The water is so shallow near the shore, that most landowners would not be able to safely navigate a boat around the lease to access their own shore. The proposed lease is so massive, and the boundaries are so close to the shore, it would essentially eliminate the ability of the owners of nine individual parcels from accessing their own shore. When you consider the families who live on or own those properties, as well as friends and visiting hunters, you're looking at eliminating private shoreline access for dozens of citizens.

Even if a landowner managed to access their shore, waterfowl hunting would be rendered impossible because of the location of this proposed lease. This would be a detriment to the existing nearby duck blind owners, the land owners such as ourselves who prefer to hunt from the natural cover of the marsh, and for the future generations of users of those nine parcels of land who would never be able to hunt Jones Bay because of the ironically named Flying Bluebill LLC.

Thank you for your consideration,

William Eugene Wheeler, co-owner

12/18/2023 10:43 William

Wheeler

North
Carolina

Good morning. I am a part owner of a piece of property on [REDACTED], NC. I bought into this property with some close friends and business partners who share a love for the outdoors and a place to take our families to be in the outdoors.

I firmly believe the proposed lease would/could destroy the very reason we purchased and wanted to be a part of this local community. This would primarily prevent us of using our own shoreline for sporting activities.

I, along with my peers, urge the Department of Environmental Quality, to not move forward with this lease agreement at the expense of the local community, culture and what makes it so special.

Sincerely,

12/20/2023 8:01 William

Roach

North
Carolina

William R Roach

I am writing in opposition to the proposed lease for Flying Bluebill LLC. I have been frequenting the jones bay for my entire life and also own property that will be directly affected by this lease. If this lease were approved my friends and family would lose our access to a place we have enjoyed and cherished for many years. I feel like this is one of the last great places in NC and cant imagine what it would be like if this were to be approved.

12/20/2023 15:39 Wesley

Batchelor

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Carolina

Thanks so much Wesley Batchelor