

Friday, May 8, 2026

Dear Respected Harbormaster, Kevin Connors,, Ryan DiPanni, Environmental Planning Specialist, and Ben Goetsch, RI Aquaculture Coordinator,

I would like to start by thanking you each for your care and your efforts towards maintaining our lovely community. Aware that there are myriad desires for usage, we can all agree that this area has much to offer, and many ways to enjoy it. Finding the balance between protecting this space and supporting its user groups is quite a task, I am confident. Thank you for your time and energy in doing so.

While at the town meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, during the discussion of our applications, specifically, regarding the application of the leased area CRMC #B200102-025, which is the 2.3 acre lease site located next to Beach Island, we spoke of the desire to reduce our proposed gear so as to better accommodate the boating channel which is often used.

We would like to formally state that we are offering to remove the proposed westernmost string of floating cages so as to better accommodate the channel.

This would allow for 50' inside of our leased area of which there would be no floating gear, rather, the same buoys that currently exist there.

This would reduce our overall cage count on that lease from 28,000 to 24,000 floating baskets.

We would also do whatever is best in marking the corner markers of the lease site on that, and all corners. Reflective tape was discussed, or, whatever might work best.

Having reflected back on our initial proposal, if granted, we also would increase the weight of the proposed pyramid anchors from 500 lb each to 1,000 lb each. We would hire Nick Etchell at Tri-State Mooring, or any other suitable company to help us deploy them.

If we can offer any other suggestions for changes that might be most accommodating for the public use, we are open to discussion.

We are grateful for any communications that might help to serve the greater good.

We appreciate your considerations,

in peace,

Cindy and John West

Cedar Island Oyster Company

