Outlook

Re: File 2001-02-025 and 2004-05-024

From JAMES BALDWIN [redacted]
Date Fri 5/15/2026 9:58 AM
To Tracy Silvia <tsilvia@crmc.ri.gov>
Cc crmc1@crmc.ri.gov <crmc1@crmc.ri.gov>; Cstaff <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>; Ben Goetsch <bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov>

Thank you Tracy,
I cc'd you because I wasn't sure of the general email address.
James

On May 15, 2026, at 9:23 AM, Tracy Silvia <tsilvia@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Baldwin,

I am in receipt of your emails below and wanted to direct you to the proper person(s).

The two referenced files appear to be modification requests to existing aquaculture permits. As such, **Ben Goetsch** (cc'd above) is your CRMC contact for permit review.

Additionally, I have added the correct **email address for submitting comments (cstaff1**, not crmc1), so admin can intake them to the files for you.

Please remove me from future emails on these applications and enjoy your weekend,
Tracy

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From: JAMES BALDWIN [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 8:26 PM
To: crmc1@crmc.ri.gov; Tracy Silvia <tsilvia@crmc.ri.gov>
Subject: Fwd: File 2001-02-025 and 2004-05-024

In addition, a hearing in South County is requested!

James

Begin forwarded message:

From: JAMES BALDWIN <[redacted]
Date: May 13, 2026 at 8:10:49 PM EDT
To: crmc1@crmc.ri.gov, James Baldwin [redacted]
Subject: File 2001-02-025 and 2004-05-024

CRMC,
I am writing to oppose the approval of these two applications as they seek to approve the taking of a private waterway for a private commercial use.
* These applications will impede Navigation, Recreation, and fisheries uses of Point Judith Pond.
* URI and Camp Fuller have used these waters for decades for sailing, canoeing and kayaking!
* These water are six feet deep at MLW and 11 feet deep at MHW. Perfect depth for all recreational uses.
*CRMC has stated for several years that the Vanhemelrijck lease would be the final lease approval for Point Judith Pond.
*The 5% max lease percentage of oyster farms neglects to consider the Goverment marked channels, mooring fields, and sand bars that are not navigable at low tide, hence reducing recreational usage.
*These applicants, and current owners of these leases, Cedar Island Oyster Co, and John & Cindy West, have been actively marketing these leases as "for sale" for at a minimum of one year and are using this application, to enhance their selling price, using The CRMC as a tool to enhance the sale price. It is not the CRMC's , or any governments job, to aide and abet a private transaction. The fact that this lease has been for sale is common knowledge to the Oyster Farming Community!
Stay out of it CRMC.
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Sent : May 13, 2026 at 8:09 PM