

Aquaculture Lease Senate Bill 711

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I'm in support of the SB 711, as I'm a property owner that is impact my land lease #487.

As a property owner I would like to know why a lease would be approved that is directly in front of a waterfront community with 1200 homes, when there are plenty of areas like unimproved land or state owned land that would be a much better place to have a oyster bed. My concern is when the oysters die, and we know they will, the leases are a stepping stone to move to the cage method with stakes and floats. I can't imagine what this would look like, but know my property value would decrease. I am having a difficult time getting my boat launched, as I'm dragging the bottom now. If three inches of oyster shells are dumped 50 feet off my pier I will do damage to my boat engine. I feel that a oyster lease in front of Golden Beach community would greatly affect recreational water sports, crabbing and fishing. I was also informed that this could affect the values of the waterfront homes. I have paid much more for the waterfront property and continue to pay higher taxes for the view and the water access. Giving the watermen a aquaculture lease in front of a waterfront community is greatly unfair to waterfront home owners.

Thank you for your support.

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Where can I find a copy of Senate Bill 711, Aquaculture Lease Applications?