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Oyster growers and other harvesters of the sea, as is true of their land-based farmer counterparts, do not own the land, the shore, the water, no matter what documents they may provide which contend otherwise. They are temporary tenants and (hopefully) conscientious stewards of these resources, belonging simultaneously to everyone and to no one.

We understand the desire of these stewards to prosper, but we cannot allow a shortsighted pursuit of individual prosperity to jeopardize the long-term viability of a resource which is the rightful and sacred inheritance of everyone--including those yet unborn. This is especially true of water, as it knows no bounds. Poison placed here is poison placed everywhere.

In short, this proposal is unconscionable, and therefore, absolutely unacceptable.