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As a cottage owner and recreational angler on oth Outer Banks, I must express my disappointment with the situation of beach access for fisherman. As you may know, cottage owners must rely on rental income to continue ownership of their property thus providing revenue to the local government through taxation and to local merchants through the tourist expenditures. These rental cottages do not rent during the offseason time before Memorial Day and after Labor Day. Most of the tourist dollars in the offseason is provided by the recreational anglers. If the prime fishing areas are taken away, the anglers will simply not come to the Outer Banks. Nobody wins!! Property owners suffer, local merchants suffer and local government will also suffer. In my opinion, the Outer Banks is a beautiful area but unlike many other beach vacation destinations, the main thing the Outer Banks has to offer is the fishing and the freedom to use the miles of beaches without overcrowding. Take that away and the tourist dollar will slowly vanish. It's easier to retain what you've got than to regain what you've lost.

Sincerely,
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