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Dear Mr. Murray: You and I live among the nature sensitive Outer Bankers who rever their beaches, the natural species that inhabit them, and the beautiful denizens of the ocean that are carefully harvested by them and by other responsible fishermen who return year-after-year to "catch and release" and commune with nature. You know these folk and you now know the politically motivated and self-serving non-profit organizations who saw the National Seashore and Recreation Area as "easy pickings" for their agenda to keep themselves in business while destroying the livelihood and quality of life of a unique group of people. I hope you will rally behind your neighbors and local business people and stand against the mercenary and deceitful representatives of these so-called environmental organizations who cynically and intentionally derailed the Reg/Neg process. I have been a volunteer in credible non-profit groups for 30 years and spent 9 years on the board of the Conservation Trust of North Carolina. I have never seen staff members of the non-profits I've been involved with act in the predatory and socially irresponsible manner of these groups. Please don't let these bad apples destroy the good and, formerly, economically sustainable life of our citizens of the Outer Banks. Thank you for your attention to this letter. Diane Lea, resident with husband James Lea of Buxton, NC and Chapel Hill, NC.