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Greetings from beautiful Cape Romain! Trusting that you, your family and friends are well and you had a wonderful summer!

We are very concerned about recent potential development in the pristine Cape Romain and Bull's Bay Area. We appreciate your efforts to designate the ICW from Venning Creek to Isle of Palms as ORW.

- All waters in South Carolina are classified by the Federal Clean Water Act
- This area is connected to areas already classified as ORW. This area is special and deserves our protection. The higher the classification, the greater the protection
- Bulls Bay, Cape Romain Harbor, and Price's inlet are already designated the highest level (Outstanding Resource Water) and share water through daily tides with the ICW
- The Intracoastal Waterway from Venning Creek to Isle of Palms and Sewee Bay are also rated as the cleanest water in the State, based on DHEC Shellfish monitoring programs, but do not have the ORW designation. The ICW in this area should also have the ORW designation
- We want DHEC to reclassify those waters to the highest level, Outstanding Resource Water (ORW)

Thank you very much for your efforts to keep Cape Romain a pristine and vital part of the Lowcountry. By making this area an Outstanding Resource Water we can preserve this amazing food source for generations to come.

With much appreciation,

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