

Dear Mr. Edwards,

I would like to humbly request your consideration and DHEC's consideration for the Intracoastal Waterway from Venning Creek to Isle of Palms and Sewee Bay be given the designation of Outstanding Resource Water, ORW. This area is connected to areas already classified as ORW. This area is very special and deserves our protection before it is too late.

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

All waters in SC are classified by the Federal Clean Water Act. I would like to request DHEC to reclassify the ICW from Venning Creek to IOP and Sewee Bay waters to the highest level, Outstanding Resource Water (ORW).

Thank you for your consideration,
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