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I live on Flying Point in Freeport and have spent years hearing the fan boats. Part of me enjoys hearing the sounds of our working waterfront, but there are times when it is extremely loud or far too early in the morning (like 3AM). I understand the iconic and revered status of the men and women who work in the seafood industry, but I don't think they should walk over people's right to a decent night's sleep and reasonable peace and quiet. One person operating their fanboat can negatively impact thousands of residents in a single outing- no one should be entitled to do that. This is a negative externality that needs to be considered. Much like a construction site in a residential neighborhood would never get going at 3 in the morning, neither should a fan boat. So while I am sympathetic to people working the mudflats, I feel that rules need to be set in place that limits the decibels of the fanboats and/or the hours that they may operate.