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Expert Panel Report on Oyster BMP for Restoration & Harvest

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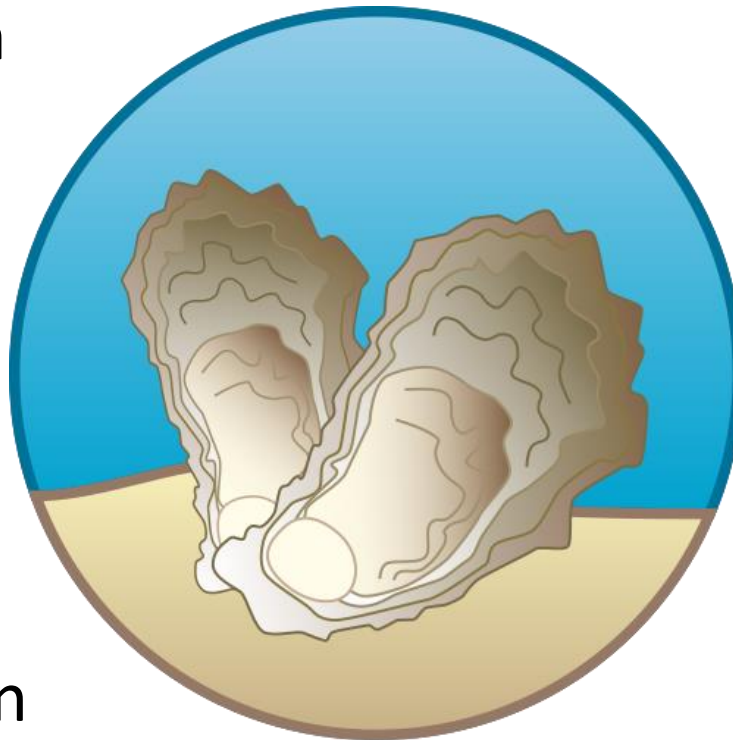
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Elements of the Oyster BMP Toolset

Aquaculture-Assimilation
Approved

Harvest-Assimilation
Under Review



Restoration-Denitrification
Under Review

Restoration-Assimilation
Under Review

Oyster BMP Feedback & Response Summary

14 responses received

**Technical Appendix revised & approved by
WTWG May 4**

Feedback & Response Summary

- Overall, general agreement with recommendations
- Many comments were outside Panel charge
- Some requests to expand recommendations for topics where no data/data lacking
- Few minor changes made to the report
- Panel's recommendations remain unchanged



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Several requests for default enhanced denitrification estimates for restoration using large substrates

- Panel provided additional guidance for site-specific estimates
- Additional rationale & limitations outlined in new **Appendix L**

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Feedback Category	Panel Actions
Eligible Practices	The Panel discussed suggestions and decided no changes were appropriate to the practices currently described in the report.
Definitions	Minor adjustments were made.
Clarification & Grammar	Minor adjustments were made to improve clarity.
Approach & Data	No major changes were made to the report. The Panel has provided additional justification in a new Appendix L and has provided more detailed responses to specific comments in response document.
Biomass Assessment & Verification	No changes were made.
Future Research	Some future research needs were added to the report.
Implementation, Credit Timeframe, Regulations	Not addressed. These were outside the Panel's charge.

Detailed responses to specific comments are in Response document (pg. 2-9)