



Maryland Oyster Restoration Workgroup Meeting Notes

September 16, 2024 9:30 am- 12:30 pm

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/yyq-qknj-yqu

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Agenda & Notes

- Welcome, and note that this is a public meeting.
- Updates on Manokin reef construction under 10 Tributaries initiative.
 - Reef construction is done! Contractor is QA/QCing substrate placement; DNR built 10% beyond the minimum
- Hatchery and seed planting update
 - Production has slowed, as it usually does this time of year.
 - Tred reseeds- will be completed this year
 - 320.5m on Big five; will add another 13 m or so in Tred
 - Little Choptank- 3 reseeds that will get bumped to 2025- small sites approx 4 acres.
 - Salinity is still 9.5
 - Hatchery open house- in October 12
- Follow up: MD DNR OAC meeting on oyster sanctuaries
 - DNR also sent out a follow up survey to the OAC; about ½ responded
 - Next meeting: DNR will show survey results- ex: top sanctuaries
 - New asst DNR secretary- Jackie Specht- former resilience officer at DNR; former TNC; Jackie is Assistant Secretary of Aquatic Resources (include Fisheries, Boating and others) jackie.specht1@maryland.gov
 - Next OAC is Oct 8. Mike Wilberg will also be there re: benchmark assessment report
- Update on GIT discussions re: next goad, and 'Beyond 2025' discussions

- Remainder: soon we will start compiling year-end numbers for the 2024 Annual Update. Any info ready is welcome; also if you have text you'd like to see, ex: outlook for 2025, etc.
- Monitoring report is live [here](#). Thanks everyone for all your work.
- Fall 2024 monitoring update.
 - Starting in Tred in Md or late October
 - Lots of diving in this year's cohort.
 - Patent tongs- using the reinforced tongs.
 - Will add in RAP monitoring- some 2024 cohort sites as we will have paired samples; looking at Tred direct set sites
 - 2024 monitoring universe now nailed down.
- Other updates: Harris retrospective; Horn Point fall open house; other
- Corps mid bay project: Angie drafted a reef proposal for partners to look at; it is about 40 acres around the perimeter; still very much a draft. Perimeter dikes will be built first- so maybe winter 2025 would be started, approx;

-Harris Retrospective: does anyone know what either of these references?

- "NCR - oyster book in 2004" -very first line after exec summ, in section describing 10 Tribes initiative: this is the oyster restoration review
 - NRC. 2004. Nonnative Oysters in the Chesapeake Bay. Washington DC: The National Academies Press.
- (various attempts made over past 100+ years to restore oysters were small and scattershot)reference *ORET 2009*-- anyone have a reference for this? Is this maybe a typo for ORES? Seems too early for that.
 - Oyster Restoration Evaluation Team (ORET). 2009. Metadata Analysis of Restoration and Monitoring Activity Database. J.G. Kramer and K.G. Sellner (eds.), Native Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*) Restoration in Maryland and Virginia. An evaluation of lessons learned 1990-2007. Maryland Sea Grant Publication #UM-SG-TS-2009-02; CRC Publ. No. 09-168, College Park, MD. 40 pp.
- Corps master plan:

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- We can add graphics-- could be maps; and/ or conceptual diagram of how some parts or all of it work. Map- area map; try to have all treatment types, not just seed vs substrate; include controls;