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10 – Oyster Production - Rack Culture – Cluster oysters

Dear Natalie,

Location Protocols:

- Rack culture is limited to existing racks within the CDFG leases M-438-01 and M-438-02.

Practice Protocols – Japanese Hanging Cultch Method:

- Larvae is set on full size cultch in the on-shore setting tanks
- Mesh bags of spat on cultch are hung on racks for approximately 8 weeks.
- Cultch is then remove from mesh bags and placed on galvanized wires (strings)
- Strings are hung from racks for approximately 16 months
- Strings are removed from racks and oysters are removed from the strings.
- Oysters are placed in growout bags and returned to intertidal areas for approximately 3 months.
- At harvest time, bags are removed from the intertidal areas by placing them on a barge.

Practice Protocols – French Tube (oyster stick) Culture:

- Larvae is set on tubes in the on-shore setting tanks
- Tubes are hung on racks for approximately 12 months
- Tubes are removed from racks and oysters are removed from tubes.
- Oysters are placed in growout bags and returned to intertidal areas for approximately 3 months.
- At harvest time, bags are removed from the intertidal areas by placing them on a barge.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin Lunny