

# **HATCHERY ISSUES FOR SHELLFISH RESTORATION**

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# Shellfish Retraining Programs



**Funded by:  
Federal and state funds -  
JTPA and FL Dept. of Labor  
and Employment Security**

**Community-based training in  
response to decreases in  
natural fisheries, closure of  
fisheries, and net ban.**

**Over 500 graduates - now a  
\$13 million industry in FL.**



# STAGES FOR THE CULTIVATION OF BIVALVE MOLLUSCS

HATCHERY.....NURSERY.....GROWOUT

....LAND BASED.....FIELD BASED....

CONTROLLED CONDITIONS.....NATURAL CONDITIONS





# Harbor Branch Clams, Inc.

Produces approx. 25% of  
the clam seed for Florida,  
and also supplies  
Georgia, S/N Carolina,  
and Virginia.



Support hatchery  
for the industry.



# Edible Oyster

## American or Eastern

### *Crassostrea virginica*

- Euryhaline: 5-35 ppt, >10 but <25 ppt
- Eurythermal: 0-30 C (intertidal), 20-25 C
- Hatchery: condition/induce
- Larvae: 50-300  $\mu\text{m}$ , 14-28 days,
- Metamorphosis (setting): on hard surface, microcultch, cultch

# Hatchery



# Hatchery Biosecurity Issues

- **Water Treatment for Disease Prevention**  
Filtration (1 $\mu$ m)  
UV or ozone
- **Effluent Treatment for Release Prevention**  
Retention (tanks, ponds)  
Water Treatment (e.g., UV, O<sub>3</sub>, Cl<sup>-</sup>)
- **Culture Protocol to Prevent Cross Contamination (Disease and “Lines”)**





# Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory

## Diagnostic and Analytical Services

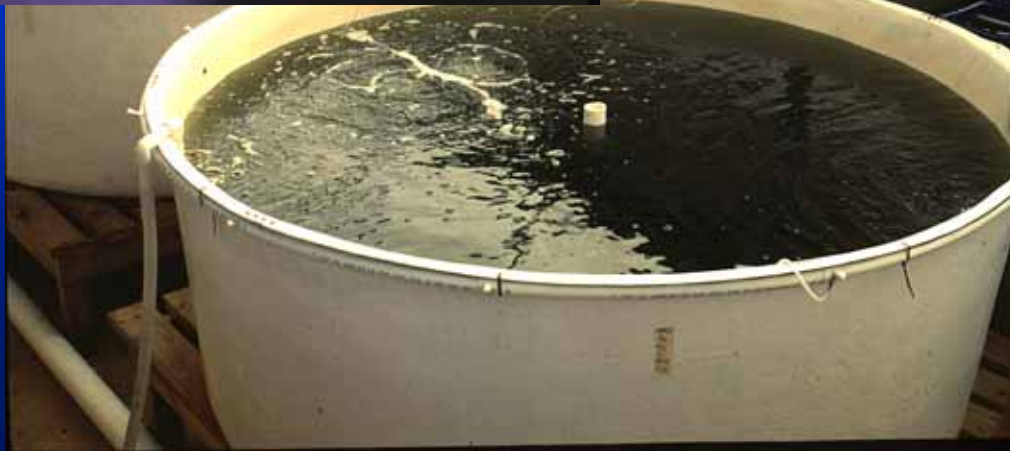
### Species:

- Shrimp
- Fish
- Bivalves

### Services:

- Dot Blot
- PCR
- Histology
- Bacteriology...

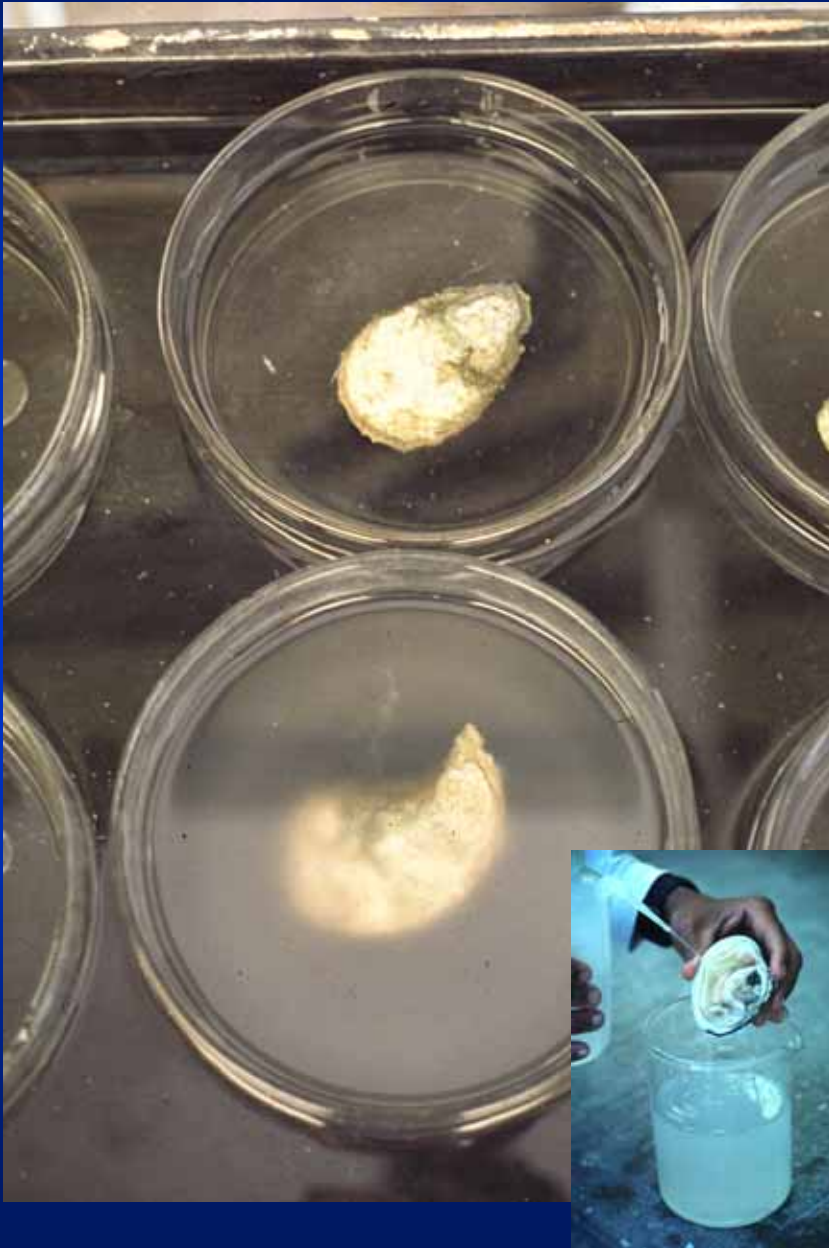




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# Induced Spawning

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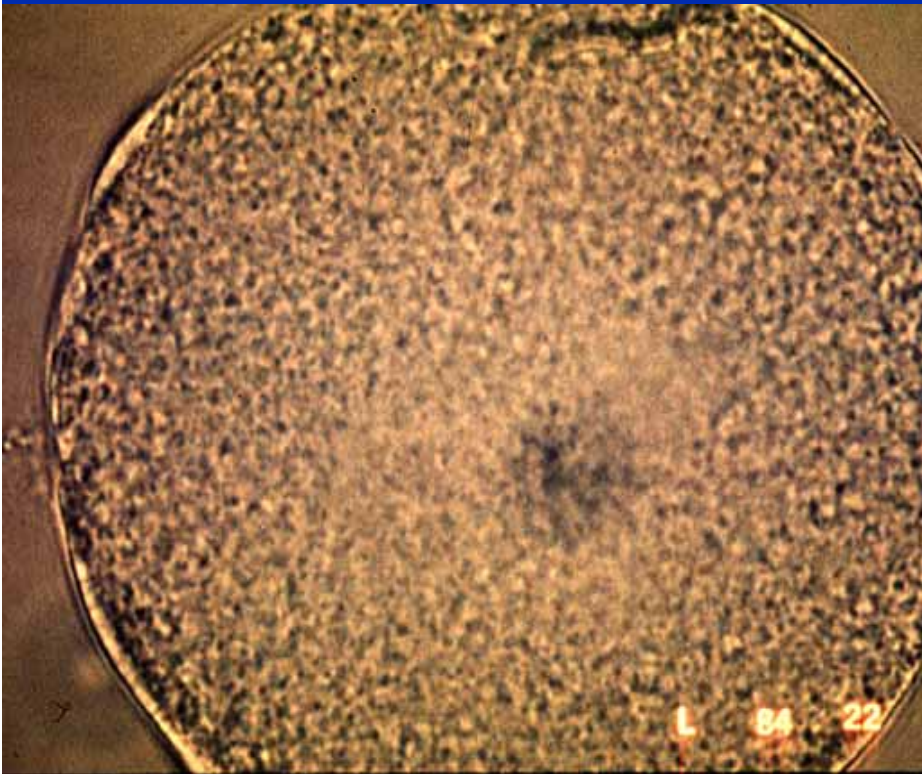


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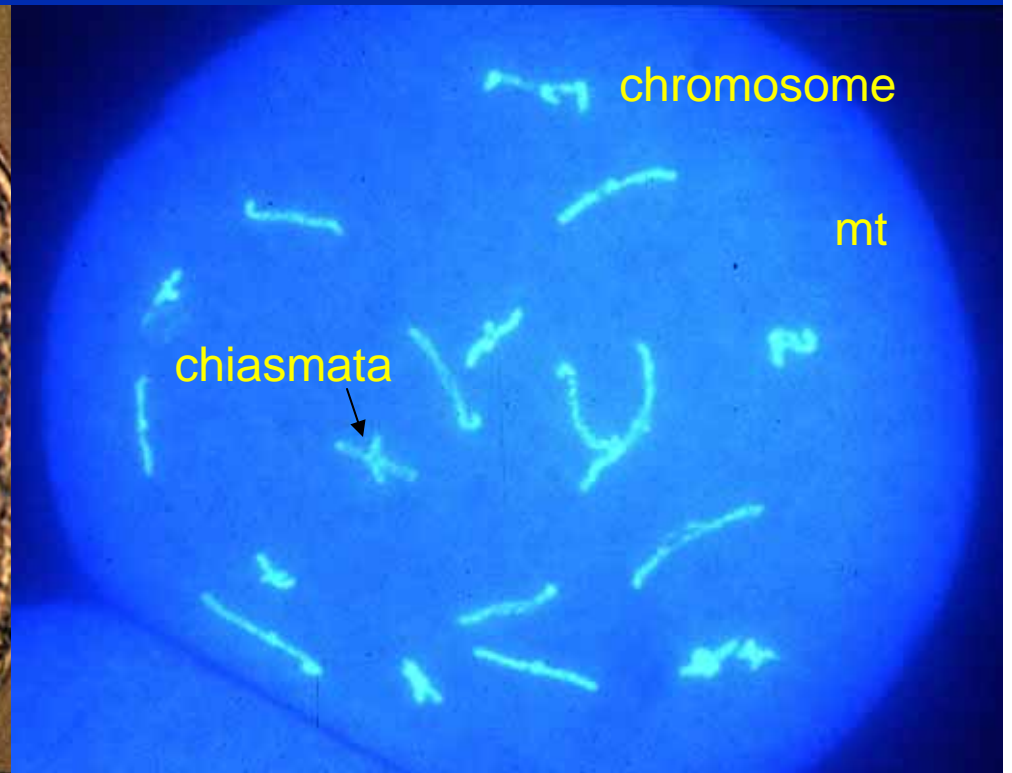


# Meiotic Maturation

Oocyte



Prophase





# Culling of “Slow” Growers



# “Setting”



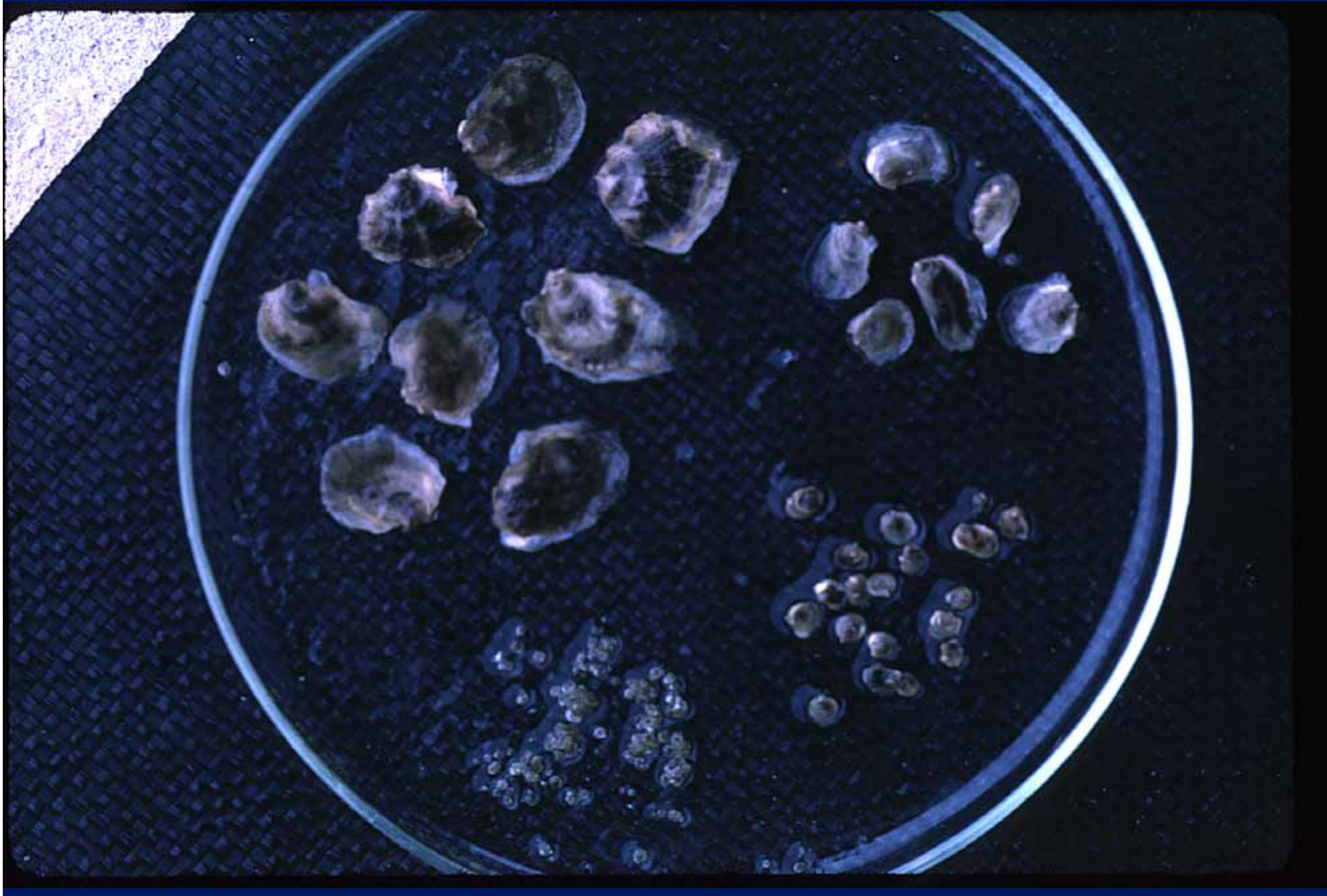


# Microcultch Preparation





# Microcultch Oysters





# Oysters on Cultch



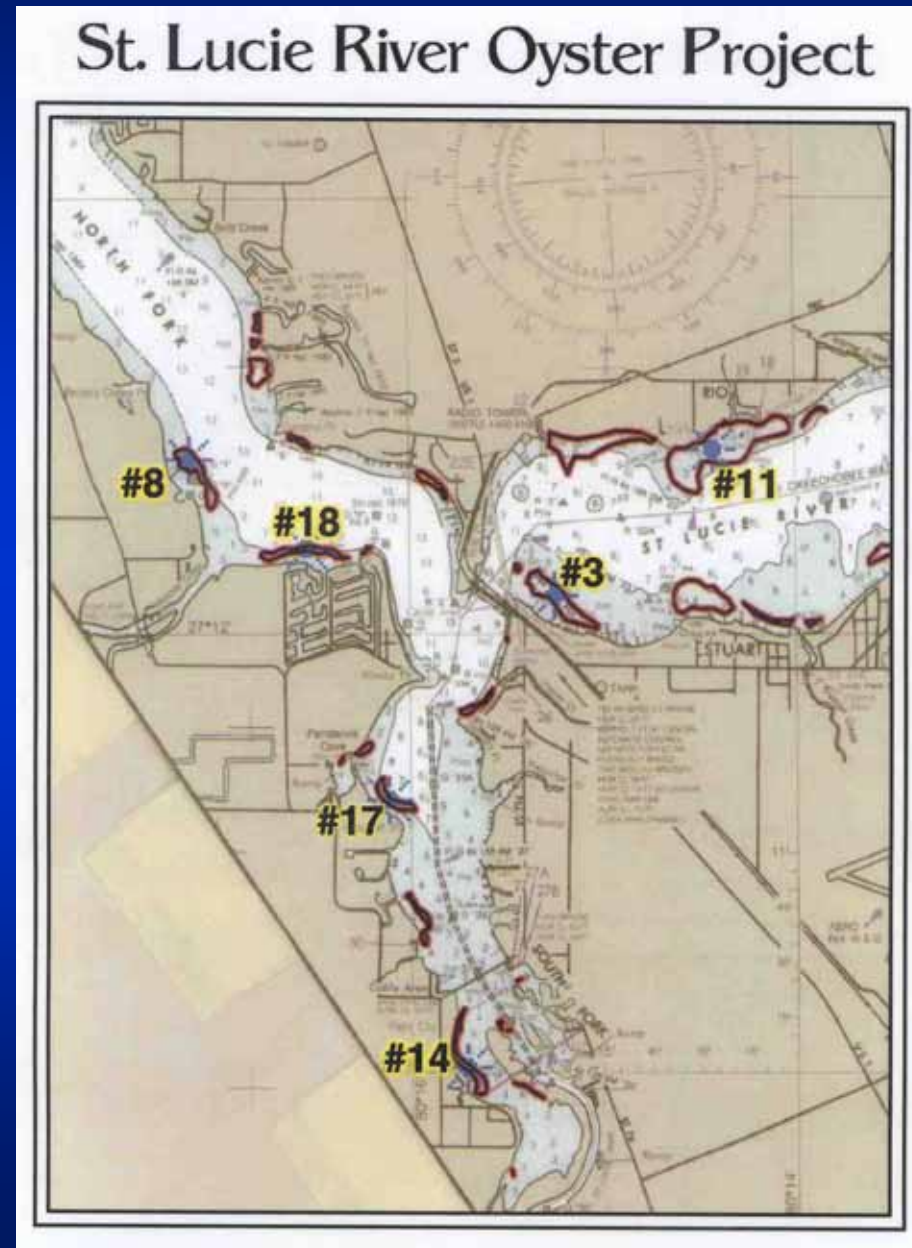
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# Spat on Shell (SOS)





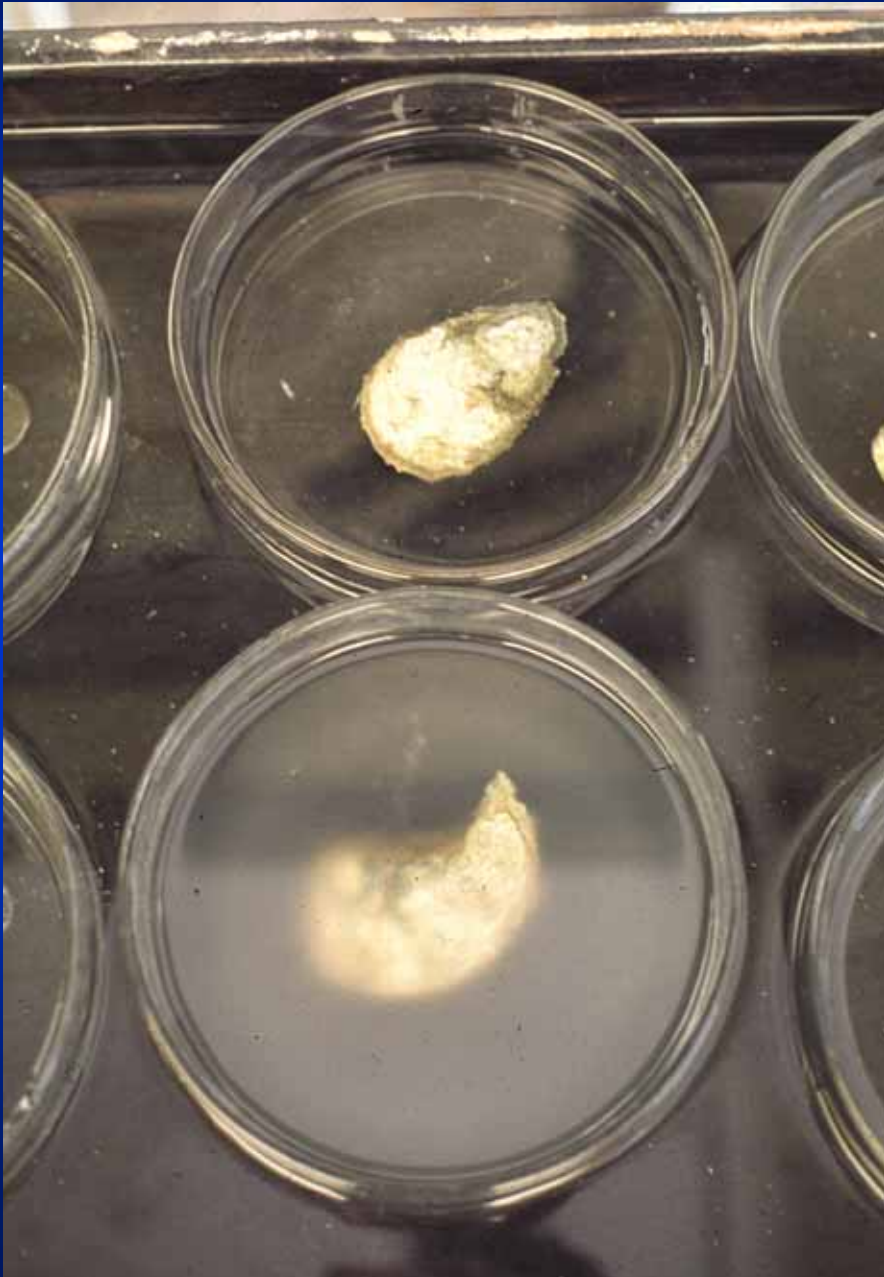
# Genetic Diversity - Geographic



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# Induced Spawning

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# Effective Parental Number

$$N_e = \frac{(4N_m N_f)}{(N_m + N_f)}$$

Where:

$N_e$  = Effective Parental Number (20?)

$N_m$  = Number of Contributing Males

$N_f$  = Number of Contributing Females

# Effective Parental Number

♀	♂	Total Spawners	Ne
10	10	20	20
9	11	20	19.8
8	12	20	19.2
7	13	20	18.2
6	14	20	16.8
5	15	20	15
1	19	20	3.8
7	18	25	20.2
6	30	36	20
5	195	200	19.5



# Breeding Contribution

## Equal Gametic (nuclear/mt)

	♂a	♂b	♂c	♂d	♂e
♀A	Aa	Ab	Ac	Ad	Ae
♀B	Ba	Bb	Bc	Bd	Be
♀C	Ca	Cb	Cc	Cd	Ce
♀D	Da	Db	Dc	Dd	De
♀E	Ea	Eb	Ec	Ed	Ee

# Breeding Contribution











## Un-Equal Gametic

	♂a	♂b	♂c	♂d	♂e
♀A	Aa	Ab	Ac	Ad	Ae
♀B	Ba	Bb	Bc	Bd	Be
♀C	Ca	Cb	Cc	Cd	Ce
♀D	Da	Db	Dc	Dd	De
♀E	Ea	Eb	Ec	Ed	Ee



# Breeding Contribution

## Un-Equal Gametic

	 <b>a</b>	 <b>b</b>	 <b>c</b>	 <b>d</b>	 <b>e</b>
 <b>A</b>	<b>Aa</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>Ac</b>	<b>Ad</b>	<b>Ae</b>
 <b>B</b>	<b>Ba</b>	<b>Bb</b>	<b>Bc</b>	<b>Bd</b>	<b>Be</b>
 <b>C</b>	<b>Ca</b>	<b>Cb</b>	<b>Cc</b>	<b>Cd</b>	<b>Ce</b>
 <b>D</b>	<b>Da</b>	<b>Db</b>	<b>Dc</b>	<b>Dd</b>	<b>De</b>
 <b>E</b>	<b>Ea</b>	<b>Eb</b>	<b>Ec</b>	<b>Ed</b>	<b>Ee</b>

# Breeding Contribution

## Un-Equal Gametic/Larval Survival

	♂ <b>a</b>	♂ <b>b</b>	♂ <b>c</b>	♂ <b>d</b>	♂ <b>e</b>
♀ <b>A</b>		<b>Ab</b>		<b>Ad</b>	
♀ <b>B</b>					
♀ <b>C</b>			<b>Cc</b>	<b>Cd</b>	
♀ <b>D</b>					<b>De</b>
♀ <b>E</b>		<b>Eb</b>	<b>Ec</b>		



# Breeding Contribution

## Unintended Selection (nuclear/mt)

	♂a	♂b	♂c	♂d	♂e
♀A	Aa	Ab			
♀B	Ba	Bb			
♀C					
♀D					
♀E					

# Questions

- What is the mission of restoration?
- How do we balance genetic diversity with repopulation; which is more important?

# This is Oyster Restoration!

