#### Using High Frequency Sidescan Sonar to Map Shellfish Habitat and Estimate Populations on a Managed Oyster Reef: Preliminary Results

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#### Talk Outline

- Larger Project
  - Wellfleet Harbor Oyster Propagation Study
    - Using Sidescan Sonar to Measure Universal Metrics

Brief intro: Acoustic Data and Sidescan Sonar

Preliminary Results and next Steps

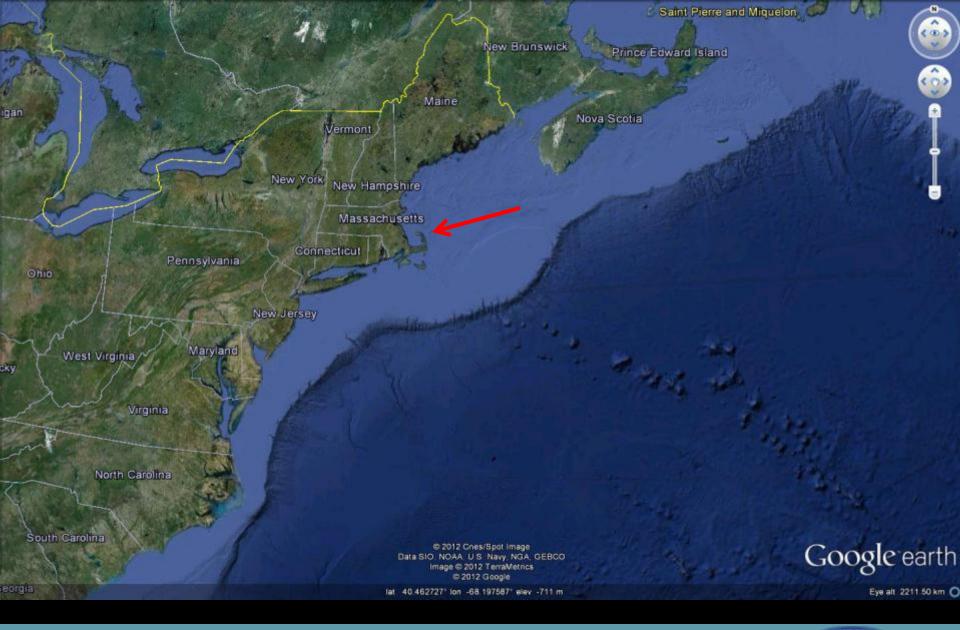


#### Project Goals

- Establish Universal Metrics using sidescan sonar data ground validated with sampling (quadrats)
  - Reef Area
  - Reef Height
  - Oyster Density and Recruitment



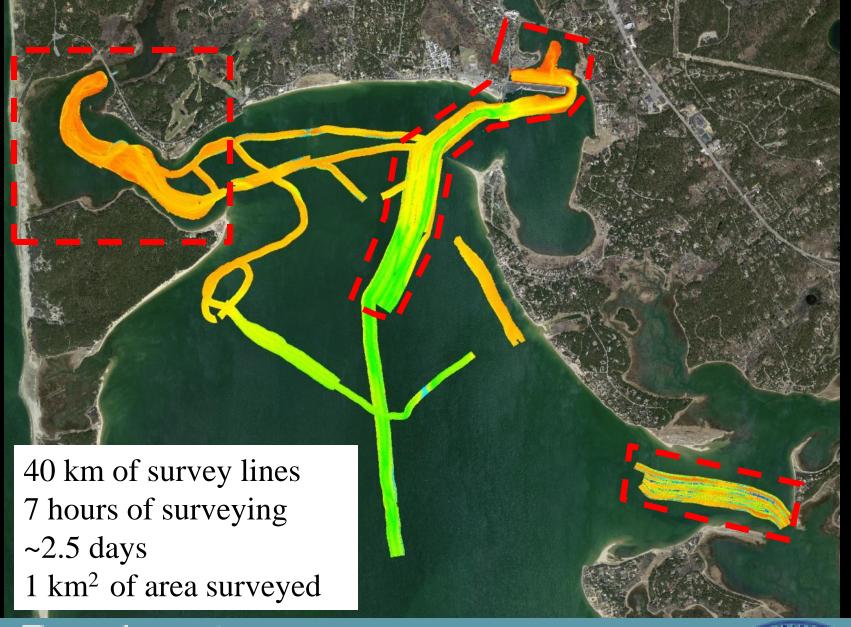




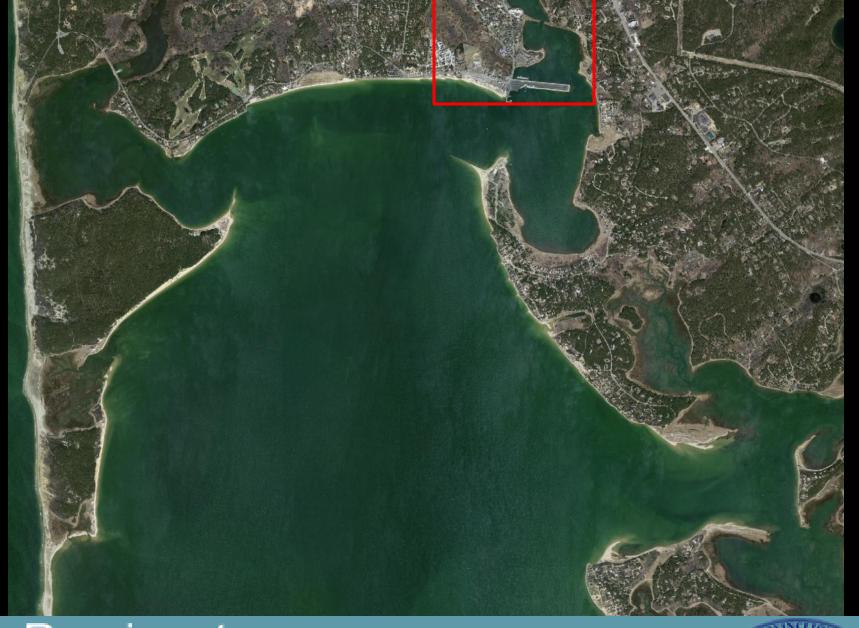


















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Cape Cod Times/Merrily Cassidy





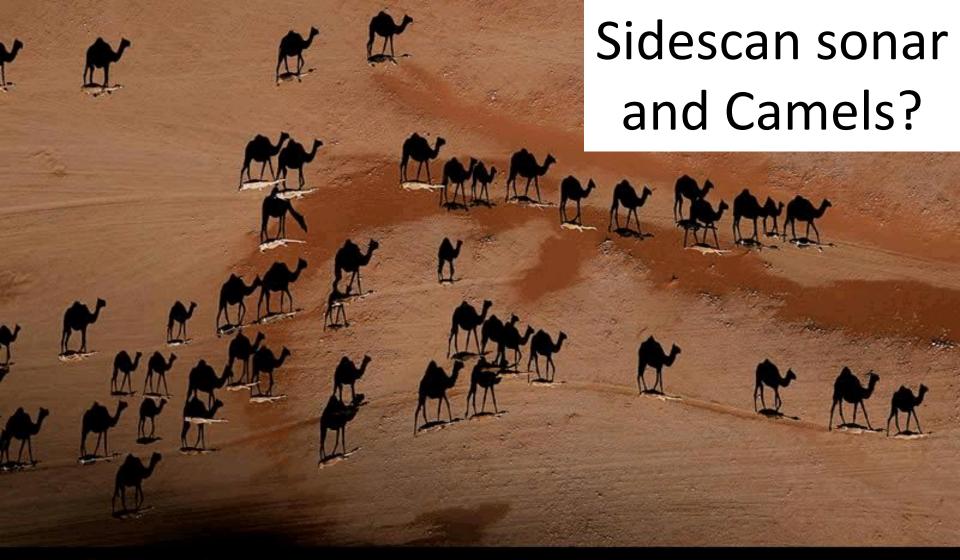












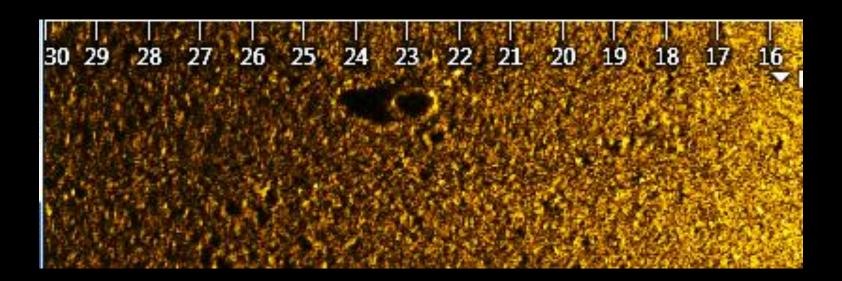
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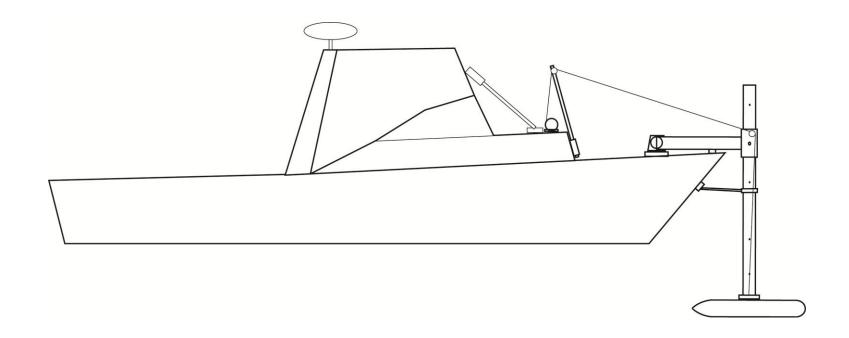




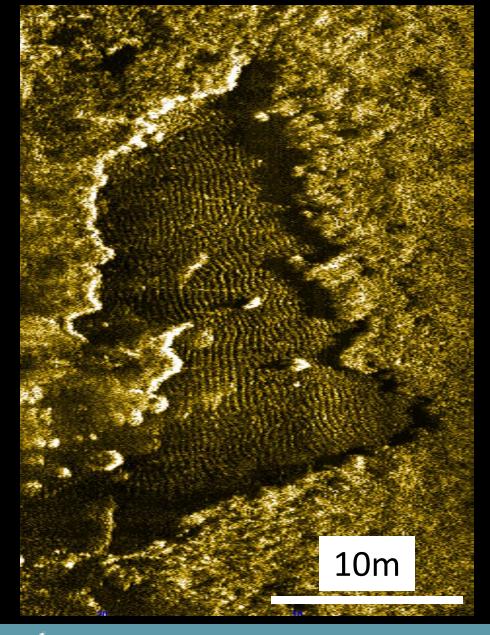








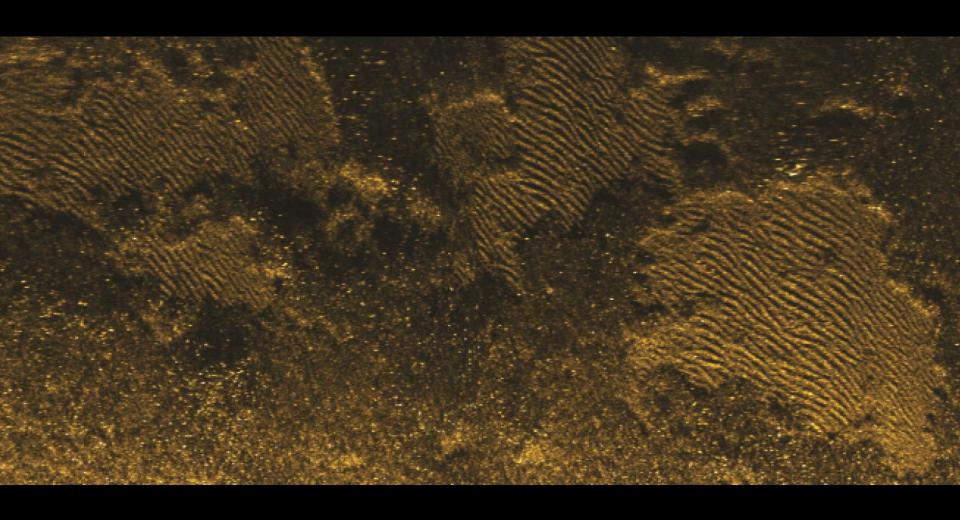






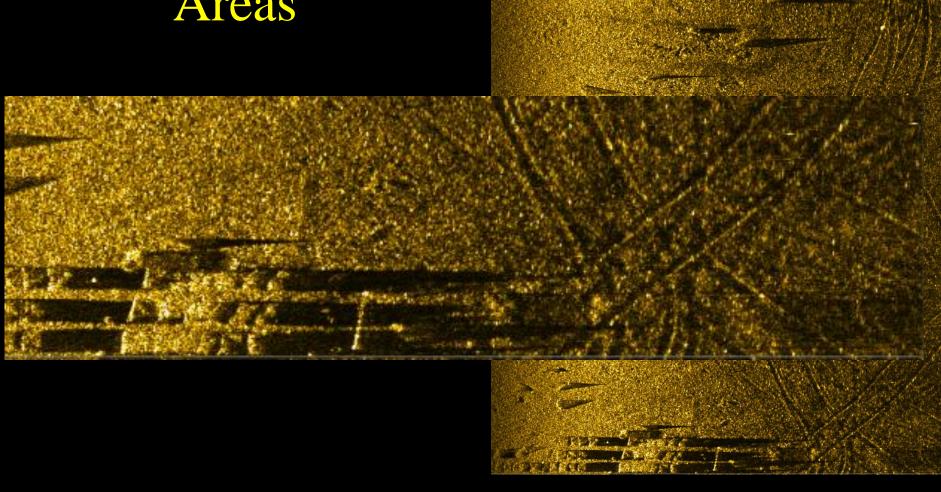








#### Intertidal Aquaculture Areas



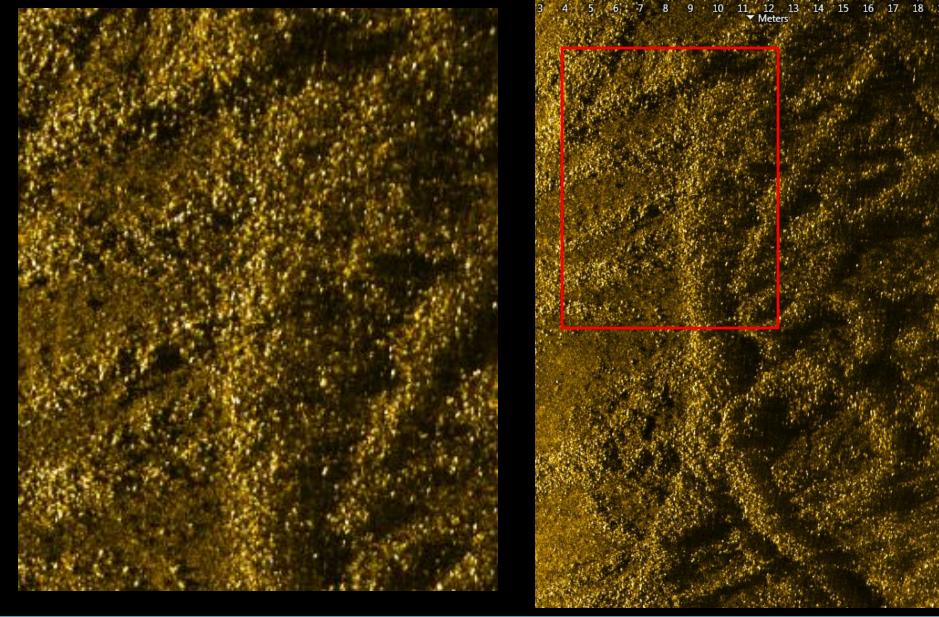


# Areas of Natural Oyster Growth





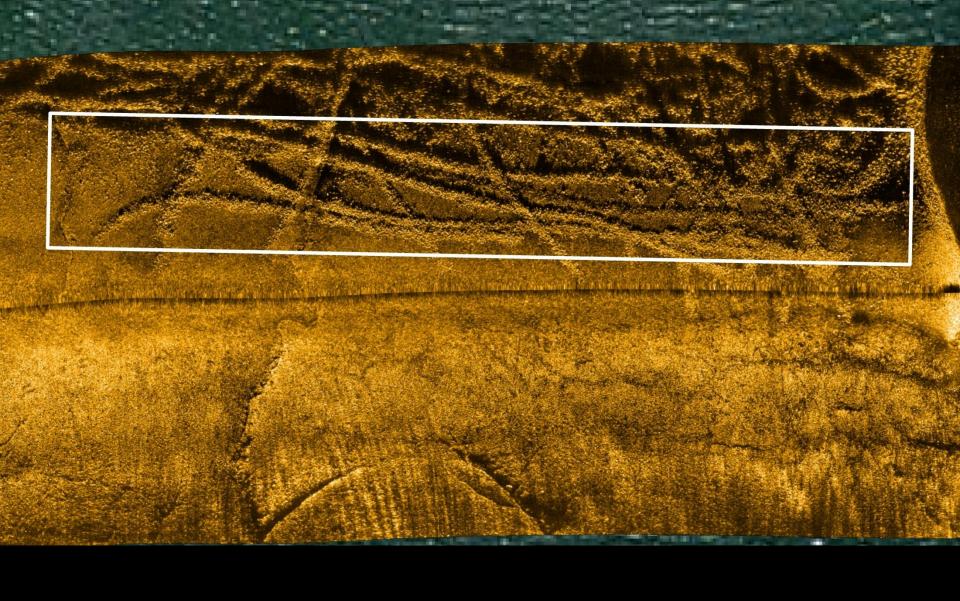




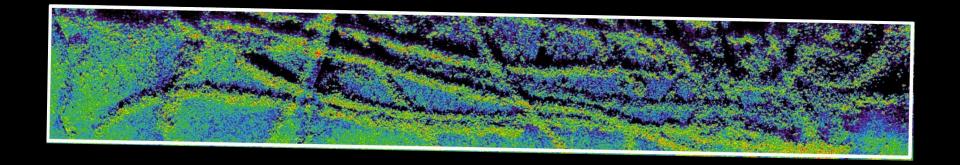




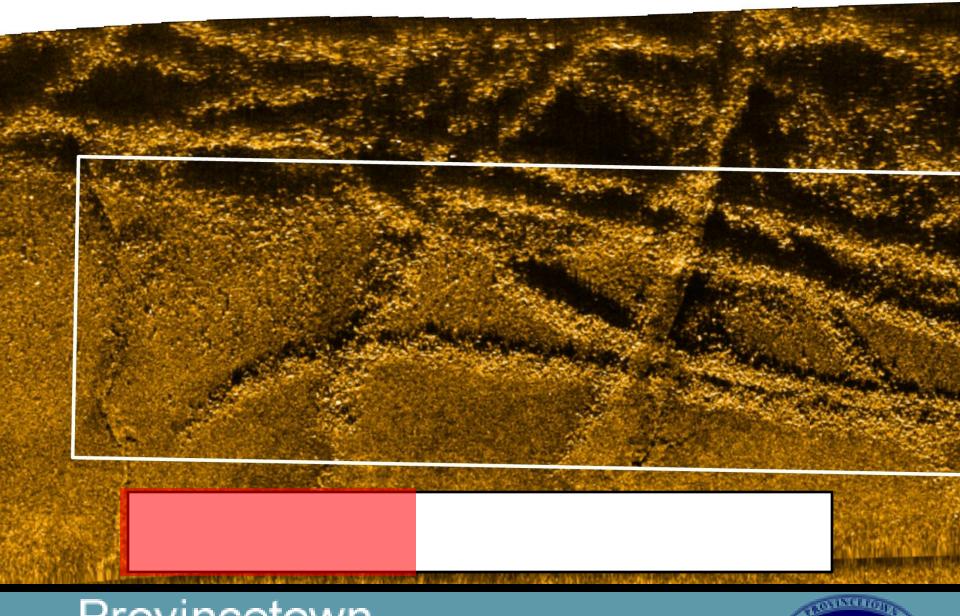




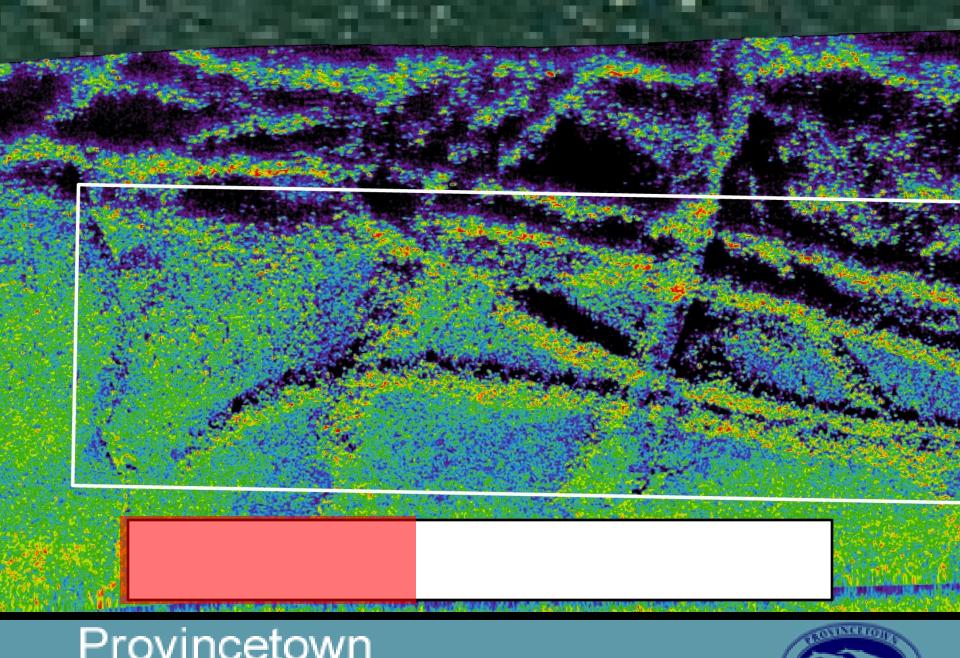




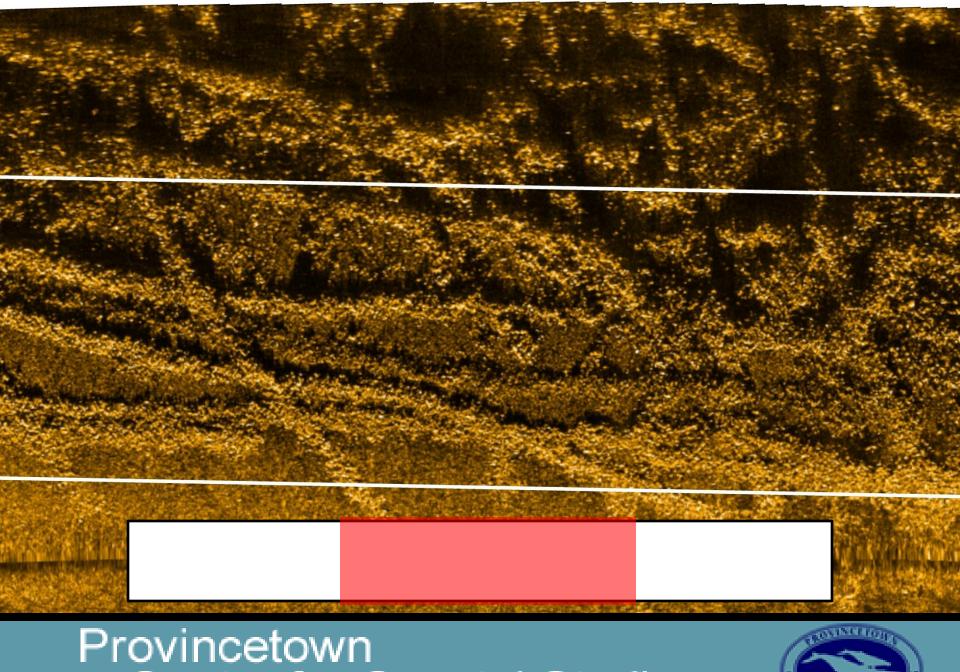




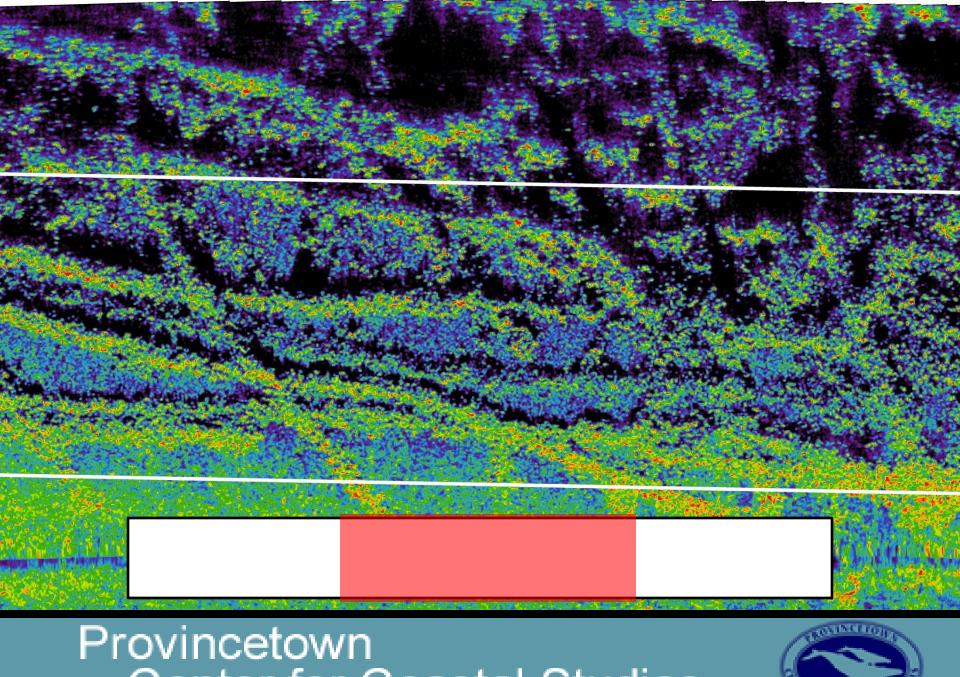




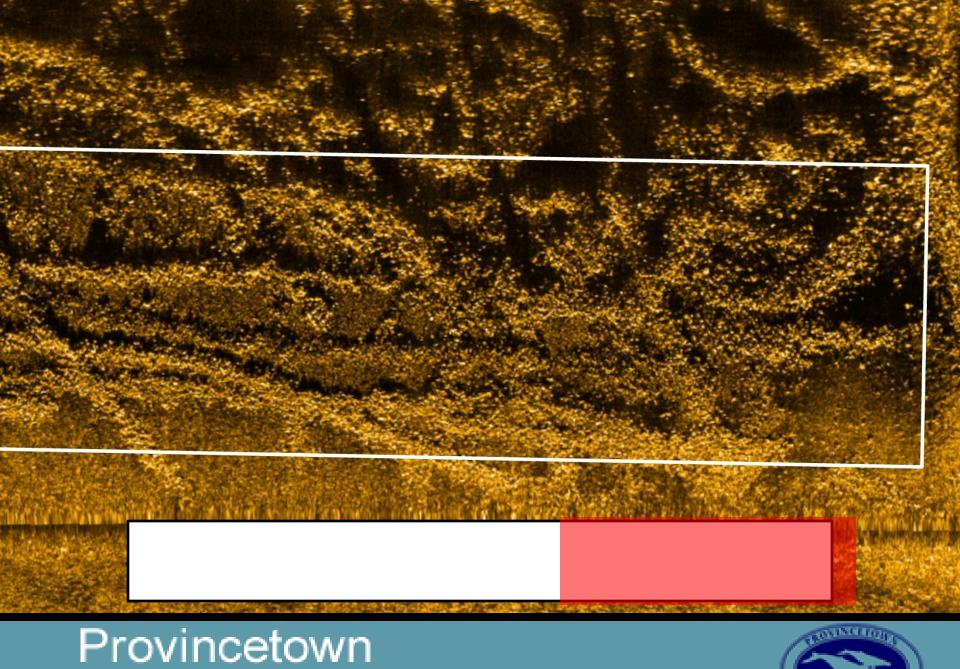




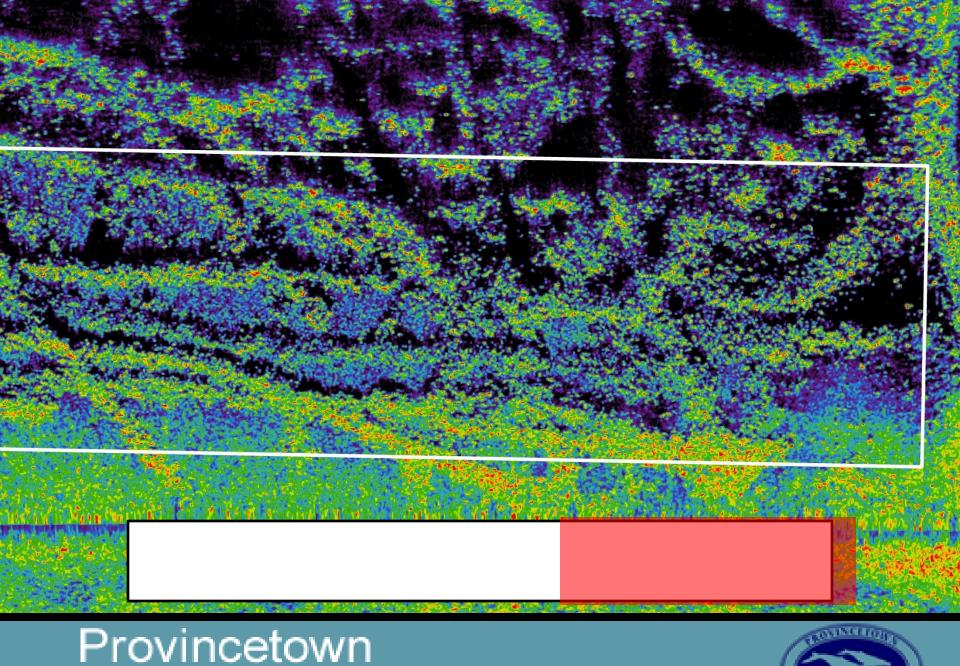














#### Initial Findings and Next Steps

- Establish quantitative relationship b/tw oysters in life position and sidescan sonar data
- Ground validate
  - •Reef Area
  - Reef Height
  - Oyster Density and Recruitment
- Spring Sonar and Ground Validation Surveys



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