

US Virginia Eastern oyster - cages, dredge and tongs

Overview

FIP Description

The Eastern Virginia oyster fishery occurs in the coastal areas of Virginia and targets the species *Crassostrea virginica*. There are five UoAs, based on harvest method and hatchery and non-hatchery stocks. This fishery is enhanced based on MSC FCP v2 7.4, and not based on introduced species.

The UoAs are :

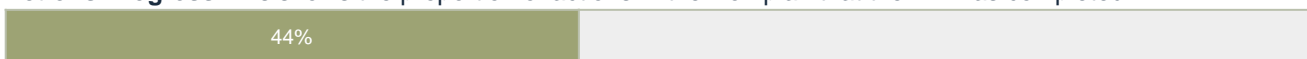
- UoA 1: Tongs and patent tongs from habitat enhanced areas with natural spat set and seed transfers.
- UoA 2: Dredges and hand scrapes from habitat enhanced areas with natural spat set and seed transfers.
- UoA 3: Tongs and Patent tongs from habitat enhanced areas with hatchery seed transfers plus natural spat set.
- UoA 4: Dredges and hand scrapes from habitat enhanced areas with wild stock hatchery seed transfers plus natural spat set.
- UoA 5: Cage production with wild stock hatchery seed transfers.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:



Actions Progress This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.



Actions Overview This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
0%	56%	44%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

A - Advanced Progress

FIP Objective(s)

Achieve MSC Certification by 2026

- Objective 1 (PI 1.1.3, 1.2.5, 1.2.6): Understand the impact of hatchery production on genetics of wild stocks
- Objective 2 (PI 2.4.2): Understand the impact of clutch deposition in leased areas on marine vegetation
- Objective 3 (PI 3.1.1): Understand what rights Indian tribes have to oysters
- Objective 4 (PI 3.1.3): Assure that the management system has long term objectives consistent with the precautionary approach
- Objective 5 (PI 3.2.1): Develop explicit fishery specific objectives for the oyster fisheries
- Objective 6 (PI 3.2.2): Assure that the decision-making process uses the precautionary approach
- Objective 7 (PI 3.2.2): Assure information on the fishery's performance and management is available
- Objective 8 (PI 3.2.3): Assure no systematic non-compliance in the fishery
- Objective 9 (PI 3.2.4): Establish regular evaluation of the management system

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

Start and Projected End Dates

April, 2021 -
April, 2026

Species

Common Name

Eastern Oysters

Scientific Name

Crassostrea virginica

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Gear Type

[Cages](#)

[Dredge](#)

[Tongs](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

[Area 21 \(Atlantic, Northwest\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

United States of America (the)

Geographic Scope

Coastal waters of Virginia

Estimated Total FIP Landings

24000 metric tons

FIP Leads

Organization Name

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