



ALTERNATIVE OYSTER CULTURE IN LOUISIANA

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Current AOC Status

- Currently 166 acres Enrolled & 7 lease holders
- Aquaculture Parks: 38.7 acres & 16 lease holders
- New Permits Being Processed
- Michael C. Voisin Hatchery
- Triple N Oyster Farms



Current AOC Status

- Hurricane Impacts
- Ideas to Mitigate Hurricane Impacts to AOC
 - Grants
 - Permitted transporting to safe areas
 - Improving gear
 - Experimental gear (Shellevator)



Louisiana Coastline & AOC Locations



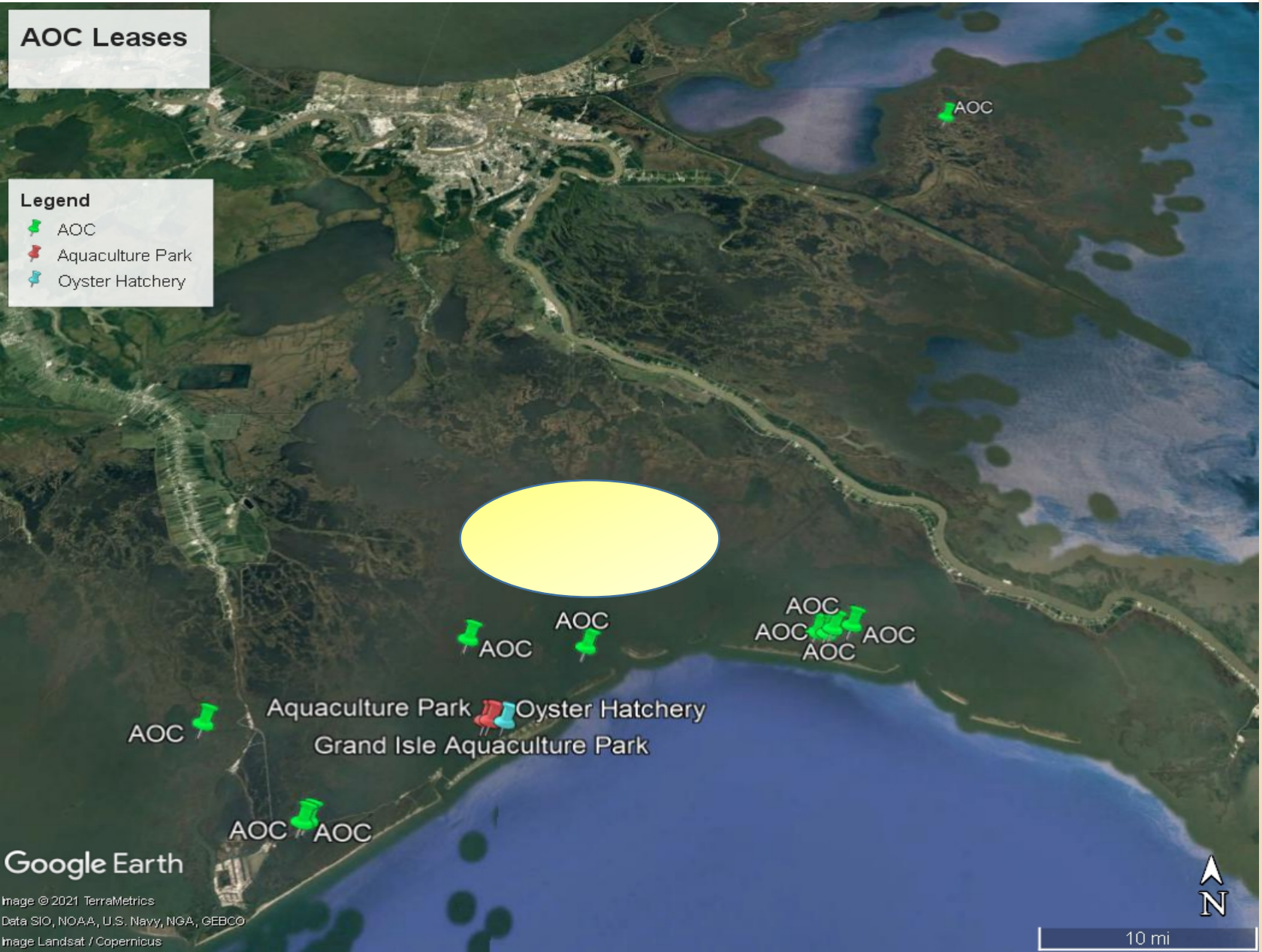
AOC & Aquaculture Park Locations



AOC Leases

Legend

- AOC
- Aquaculture Park
- Oyster Hatchery



Google Earth

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Image Landsat / Copernicus

10 mi



Louisiana AOC Grants

- Initiative 4 of Louisiana Oyster Management and Rehabilitation Strategic Plan
- 3 years of funding
 - \$1.8M Infrastructure / \$217K in Outreach, Education, & Marketing
- Grants Available
 - AOC Park: Max Grant \$100K / Money Available \$300K / At least 3 Parks
 - AOC Nursery: Max Grant \$15K / Money Available \$150K / At least 10 Nurseries
 - AOC Grow-out: Max Grant \$45K / Money Available \$900K / At least 20 Farms
 - AOC Hatchery: Max Grant \$225K / Money Available \$450K / At least 2 Hatcheries
- Additional Information through Louisiana Sea Grant
 - <https://www.laseafoodfuture.com/aoc>



Louisiana AOC Grants

- 2022 First round of funding
 - 4 Nursery Farms
 - 6 Grow-out Farms
 - Grants totaling: \$330,000
- Second round of applications will take place in April 2022



(Louisiana Sea grant <https://www.laseagrant.org/2022/aoc-grant-recipients-01/>)



Questions?

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