



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
- Still Recovering from 2019 Flooding stock losses
- 2020 Coronavirus Market and Tourism Collapse
- Hurricanes and Tropical Storms



AOC & Aquaculture Park Locations



Industry Updates

- Grand Isle Port Commission Opens 2nd Aquaculture Park
 - 13.7 acres
 - 8 Lease Holders
 - Up and running

- Lifting of Oyster Leasing Moratorium



Future Endeavors

- Louisiana Oyster Management and Rehabilitation Strategic Plan
 - Seed Production Grants
 - Hatchery Research
 - AOC Start-up Grants
 - Education & Outreach
 - Designated Management Use Areas (Aquaculture Parks)
 - Expanse of Hydrological Monitoring



Questions?

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