

TCC Molluscan Shellfish Subcommittee

Thursday March 4, 2021

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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Oyster Hatchery Special Session

One of the potential hinderances to oyster aquaculture and oyster restoration work is the availability of seed and spat on shell for farms and enhancement projects. Seed and spat on shell production has been increasing in the region but occasional bottlenecks in the hatcheries has led to supply limitations and poor seed condition on occasion.

Following a request by the LDWF and LA Sea Grant, the Molluscan Shellfish Subcommittee will be hosting a special session to report on and discuss issues related to recent hatchery production of oyster seed and spat on shell in the region. Public hatchery managers from the five states and an industry member from the eastern Gulf will kick off the session and present 1) any issues they may have had over the last year or two and discuss seed limitations, 2) projected production for the coming years and 3) potential innovations and adaptations. Following this introduction, any private hatchery managers that would like to contribute to these points will be invited to do so. Participation from the state managers, MSSC members, and private hatchery operators will be welcome during the moderated discussion led by Dr. William Walton (Auburn University Shellfish Laboratory).

If the session proves useful to the hatchery managers, a routine agenda item for hatchery related issues may be considered for inclusion on the MSSC meetings in the future.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions – *B Walton (Moderator)*
2. Overview of 2020 Issues by state
 - a. Physical production limitations
 - b. Biologic impedances on production
 - c. Seed supply priorities
 - d. Regulation restrictions reducing seed availability
3. Projections for 2021 by state
4. Moderated Discussion

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Panelists

Brian Callam, LSU/SeaGrant & LDWF
Scott Rikard, ASL
Megan Gima/Angelos Apeitos, GCRL

Leslie Sturmer, FWC
Chris Hollenbeck, TX A&M
Curtis Hemmel, Bay Shellfish Co.