

Five Year Oyster Review Report

- In 2009, the Statement of Purpose for Maryland COMAR08.02.01 specified:
"The Department has committed to reviewing the effectiveness of the locations of sanctuaries, public shellfish fishery areas, and aquaculture areas every 5 years and to propose changes where needed."
- Report is due in July 2016

Purpose and Goal of Report

- Will evaluate the current status of the various management areas (sanctuaries, public fishery, and aquaculture) five years after their creation by utilizing and reviewing current data and information
- Offer science-based options for each area to guide continued oyster management
- Future options may range from leaving areas status quo, modifying management strategies, shifting areas, or requiring more information before offering options

Timeline

