

Commissioner Dean's data request:

Industry:

1. Trends in paid oyster surcharges
2. Trends in bushels harvested yearly and to date
3. County oyster committees update, purpose, and charge

No. 1 and No. 2 addressed with table and graph below.

Related to No. 3) According to statute § 4-1106, the purpose of the county oyster committee is "to confer with the Department concerning oyster propagation conducted by the Department in that county."

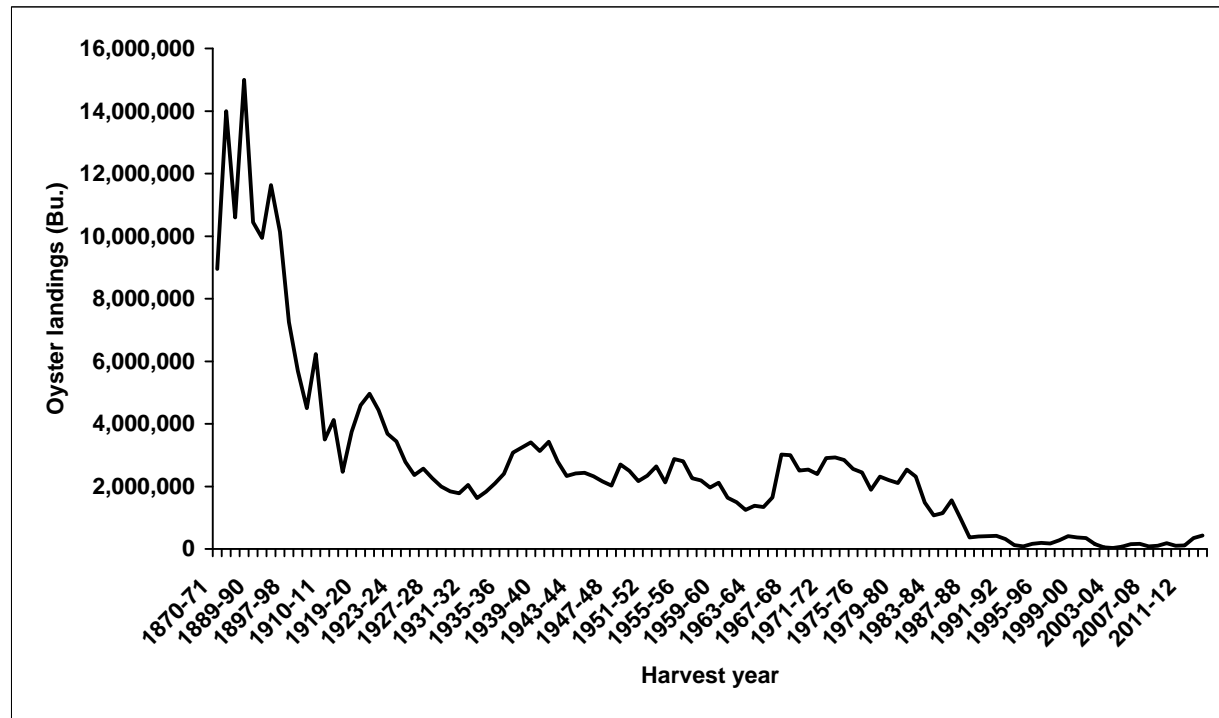
Relevant to the charge (from same statute) is that: "The Department shall expend any fund appropriated in the budget for oyster propagation for the planting of oyster shells, other cultch, or seed oysters on natural oyster bars or seed areas, or for the purchase of necessary equipment." and that "The Department may close without holding a public hearing any natural oyster bar in the waters of the State with the approval of the appropriate committee of oystermen."

Aquaculture:

- A map of leases in the State of Maryland
- Total number of acres leased in the State of Maryland
- Total number of acres leased inside State Sanctuaries
- Total number of acres leased on Yates Bars/historic bars
- Number of lease holders in the State of Maryland
- Number of lease holders who hold TFL or oyster harvester licenses
 - number of those license holders who harvested prior to leasing
- Names of individuals, corporations, or entities who hold leases
 - number of leases each individual owns
 - total acreage each individual owns
- Seafood Marketing Surcharge requirements for aquaculture
- Recreational oyster harvest data
- Oyster Advisory Commission purpose, charge, and meeting schedule

Harvest Year	Oyster Landings (Bushels)	Harvest Year	Oyster Landings (Bushels)	Harvest Year	Oyster Landings (Bushels)
1870-71	8,947,803	1950-51	2,170,556	1997-98	278,292
1875-76	14,000,000	1951-52	2,339,976	1998-99	413,010
1879-80	10,600,000	1952-53	2,642,147	1999-00	370,784
1884-85	15,000,000	1953-54	2,129,115	2000-01	342,879
1889-90	10,450,087	1954-55	2,878,755	2001-02	150,594
1890-91	9,945,058	1955-56	2,799,788	2002-03	55,828
1891-92	11,632,730	1956-57	2,259,882	2003-04	25,843
1892-93	10,142,500	1957-58	2,190,074	2004-05	72,357
1897-98	7,254,934	1958-59	1,968,894	2005-06	153,693
1900-01	5,685,561	1959-60	2,114,899	2006-07	165,059
1904-05	4,500,000	1960-61	1,635,123	2007-08	82,966
1906-07	6,232,000	1961-62	1,495,235	2008-09	101,076
1910-11	3,500,000	1962-63	1,243,498	2009-10	188,666
1916-17	4,120,819	1963-64	1,383,617	2010-11	107,150
1917-18	2,461,603	1964-65	1,340,177	2011-12	116,859
1918-19	3,743,638	1965-66	1,645,144	2012-13	345,621
1919-20	4,592,001	1966-67	3,014,670	2013-14	431,013
1920-21	4,959,962	1967-68	3,000,272	2014-15	393,588
1921-22	4,435,186	1968-69	2,509,701		
1922-23	3,687,489	1969-70	2,533,275		
1923-24	3,440,810	1970-71	2,395,528		
1924-25	2,787,047	1971-72	2,900,547		
1925-26	2,367,122	1972-73	2,925,236		
1926-27	2,571,540	1973-74	2,845,924		
1927-28	2,260,898	1974-75	2,559,112		
1928-29	1,993,591	1975-76	2,449,440		
1929-30	1,839,772	1976-77	1,891,614		
1930-31	1,775,738	1977-78	2,311,434		
1931-32	2,041,043	1978-79	2,197,457		
1932-33	1,626,214	1979-80	2,111,080		
1933-34	1,835,364	1980-81	2,532,321		
1934-35	2,100,233	1981-82	2,308,619		
1935-36	2,407,693	1982-83	1,481,942		
1936-37	3,081,063	1983-84	1,076,884		
1937-38	3,245,816	1984-85	1,142,493		
1938-39	3,403,549	1985-86	1,557,091		
1939-40	3,129,403	1986-87	976,162		
1940-41	3,430,269	1987-88	363,259		
1941-42	2,792,069	1988-89	397,180		
1942-43	2,328,541	1989-90	413,113		
1943-44	2,413,349	1990-91	416,720		
1944-45	2,436,133	1991-92	318,128		
1945-46	2,322,185	1992-93	123,618		
1946-47	2,157,838	1993-94	78,817		
1947-48	2,027,381	1994-95	164,673		
1948-49	2,702,814	1995-96	193,629		
1949-50	2,495,787	1996-97	171,630		

Harvest Year	Oyster Surcharges	Harvest Year	Oyster Surcharges
1994-1995	875	2006-2007	476
1995-1996	963	2007-2008	570
1996-1997	826	2008-2009	587
1997-1998	1,001	2009-2010	701
1998-1999	1,135	2010-2011	699
1999-2000	1,320	2011-2012	599
2000-2001	961	2012-2013	812
2001-2002	577	2013-2014	1,098
2002-2003	399	2014-2015	1,134
2003-2004	310	2015-2016	1,116
2004-2005	463		
2005-2006	637		



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1. Total number of acres leased in the State of Maryland

Acreage By County												
Lease Type	AA	CA	CH	DO	KE	QA	SM	SO	TA	WI	WO	Total
B	328.45	83.9	25	2149.3	44.8	42.7	653.13	465	576.79	867.3	142.7	5379.07
WC	4.1	15.06	0	84.01	3.9	10	95.98	24.7	5.5	0	38.08	281.33
Total	332.55	98.96	25	2233.31	48.7	52.7	749.11	489.7	582.29	867.3	180.78	5660.4

Count By County												
LeaseType	AA	CA	CH	DO	KE	QA	SM	SO	TA	WI	WO	Total
B	24	11	1	68	1	5	65	25	54	42	10	306
WC	2	2	0	18	1	2	23	6	1	0	9	64
Total	26	13	1	86	2	7	88	31	55	42	19	370

2. Total number of acres leased inside State Sanctuaries:

2183 acres

3. Total number of acres leased on Yates Bars/historic bars:

DNR does not track this attribute of existing leases. However, leases within oyster sanctuaries may not be located on Yates Bars. Also, there are approximately 176,000 acres maintained as Public Shellfish Fishery Areas (PSFA) that may not be leased.

4. Number of leaseholders in the State of Maryland:

370 leases held by 155 distinct leaseholders

5. Number of leaseholders who hold TFL or oyster harvester licenses and number of those license holders who harvested prior to leasing:

155 distinct lease holders, 76 (49%) of which reported owning a TFL license.

6. Names of individuals, corporations, or entities who hold leases

number of leases each individual owns

total acreage each individual owns

The Department does not release leaseholder specific information unless the request is received through the Public Information Act (PIA) process and evaluated by the PIA Coordinator and Office of the Attorney General. The DNR PIA Coordinator is Mr. Gene Deems. All PIA request can be emailed to Mr. Deems at pia.dnr@maryland.gov. The location of leases, lease numbers and size can be viewed on the Shellfish Aquaculture Siting Tool. The Siting Tool is available online at: <http://dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/aquatool/aquatool.asp>

7. Seafood Marketing Surcharge requirements for aquaculture:

There is no Seafood Marketing Surcharge for shellfish aquaculture.