Hooper’s Island Oyster Aquaculture Company
MISSION

LEAD THE WAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW AND EXCITING OYSTER AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY IN DORCHESTER COUNTY AND THE STATE OF MARYLAND.
COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Hooper’s Island Oyster Aquaculture Company has been created to produce and market high quality half shell oysters and the equipment needed to support the aquaculture industry.
UPWELLER TANKS
WE PUMP SEA WATER DIRECTLY INTO THE TANK. WATER FLOWS UP THROUGH THE SILOS OF OYSTERS AND OUT OF THE DRAINS, INTO THE TROTH. THIS GIVES THE SMALL SEED ACCESS TO THE ALGAE RICH WATERS 24 HOURS/DAY.
FLOATING UPWELLER

The silo/basket combination sits approximately 24 inches in the water creating natural water pressure at the bottom of the basket. The continuous circulation is created by pushing the water out of the troth.
½” DOUBLE STACKED CAGES

OYSTERS ARE PLACED IN THE ½” CAGES ONCE THEY HAVE REACHED 18MM OR 5/8”. THE CAGES ARE LOADED AT ½ CAPACITY. EVERY TWO WEEKS THE OYSTERS WILL FILL THESE CAGES AND THEN THE PROCESS IS REPEATED UNTIL THE OYSTERS ARE LARGE ENOUGH TO SET ON 1” MESH WIRE.
1” DOUBLE STACKED CAGES

Once the oysters are at the point that they will set on 1” wire they will be placed in 1” mesh cages for the final grow out process. At this point they will grow so rapidly that they need to be recaged approximately every 4 weeks until they reach market size.
COMPLETE NURSERY
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