Oyster Aquaculture Education & Training Program

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• Three year project funded by Maryland DNR with Crab Industry Disaster Funds

• Provides training experiences and educational material for those wanting to learn how to raise shellfish
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- UMD in cooperation with MDA, DNR, ORP, MARBIDCO and others
- Synch with ORP project to provide remote setting equipment systems to industry for learning production
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• Classroom training programs
• On site demonstrations and training
• Assistance with lease assessment
• Advice on shell renovation & planting
• Oyster hatchery short courses
Year One

• Identify program participants
• Conduct statewide shellfish conference
• Develop printed educational materials
• Work with team to assist development
• Implement demonstration and research projects for industry identified problems

UM College Park • UM Eastern Shore
Year Two

- Expand program participants
- Conduct statewide shellfish conference
- Develop web based educational material
- Continue team efforts for development
- Use data from demo projects to further production from new and existing leases
Year Three

- Continue to expand program participants
- Conduct statewide shellfish conference
- Enhance web based material
- Continue team efforts for development
- Include data on growth in numbers and production for program evaluation
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