

Oyster Aquaculture **Education & Training** Program Don Webster **Regional Extension Specialist** Wye Research & Education Center Queenstown MD



Oyster Aquaculture **Education & Training** Program
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



Oyster Aquaculture **Education & Training** 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



Oyster Aquaculture **Education & Training** Program 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



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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