

Dams blocking passage of diadromous fish and wild brook trout in the Rapidan-Upper Rappahannock and Rivanna drainages

CFPPP Unique ID	Dam Name	Latitude	Longitude
CFPPP_336	Unknown	38.31997384	-78.39243375
VA_301	Sugar Hollow Dam	38.26646025	-78.52934412
VA_362	Blue Ridge School Dam	38.26533718	-78.55651566
VA_367	Twin Lakes Dam #2	38.27902001	-78.53786798
VA_368	Twin Lakes Dam #1	38.26338101	-78.52306324
VA_369	Twin Lakes Dam #3	38.19689883	-78.49868729
VA_370	Greene Mountain Lake Dam	38.20562794	-78.51548984
VA_371	Wildwood Valley Lake Dam	38.21386475	-78.5347661
VA_888	Wilsdorf Dam	38.20205487	-78.50661872
VA_908	Allens Dam	38.27462321	-78.51810484
VA_913	Chisholm Dam Upper Farm	38.13645596	-78.73824695
VA_VA07918	Poplar Lake Dam	38.25615913	-78.43389949
CFPPP_735	Unknown	38.24986349	-78.441234
CFPPP_881	Unknown	38.24304605	-78.44203489
CFPPP_882	Unknown	38.26106376	-78.43346776
CFPPP_883	Unknown	38.27020957	-78.4369656

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Mission and Vision	The ACFHP Region	Our Team	Guidance Documents	The National Partnership	
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Partners

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View our current Memorandum of Understanding.

Add logos for all partners and the links to their websites

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Committees

Steering Committee

The ACFHP Steering Committee is a selfdirected group of individuals interested in achieving the Partnership's vision. It is the decision-making body of ACFHP and provides oversight responsibility for all ACFHP activities.

Members

List current members and contact info

Meetings

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Science & Data Committee

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Priority Habitats

Thriving, healthy waterways and robust fish populations are vital to the well-being of our society. They provide clean water and sustainable fisheries. They also are essential for less tangible reasons, as anyone who has fished wild waters or canoed a tranquil stream can attest. Unfortunately, in many waters around the country, fish and the habitats on which they depend are in decline.

The ACFHP region has a range of fish habitats that are critical to coastal fisheries. These habitats represent areas where fishes forage, seek refuge, grow, or spawn. ACFHP has selected three to four priority fish habitats within each subregion to receive heightened attention and support.

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Priority Habitats Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

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Submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) refers to rooted, vascular plants that live below the water's surface in large meadows or small patches in coastal and estuarine waters. SAV can be further classified by the range of salinity of the waters in which they are found. SAV is a **priority habitat** in **all four ACFHP subregions**.

SAV on the Atlantic Coast

Tidal fresh and oligohaline plant species are generally found in areas where salinity ranges from 0.5 to 5.0. Examples include: *Vallisneria americana*, wild celery and *Ceratophyllum demersum*, coontail.

Mesohaline and polyhaline plant species are generally found in areas where salinity ranges from 5 to 30. Examples include *Zostera marina*, eelgrass and *Ruppia maritima*, widgeon grass.

Why SAV is Important

Through photosynthesis, SAV removes excess CO_2 and adds oxygen to the water. According to the <u>Blue Carbon Initiative</u>, SAV covers 17.7 – 60 Mha worldwide. This is only 0.2% of the ocean floor, yet SAV sequesters approximately 10% of carbon (as sediments) each year¹. In fact, they're twice more effective at storing carbon than terrestrial forests by acreage.

SAV roots also stabilize sediments and absorb excess nutrients. Their stabilizing properties also reduce shoreline erosion, benefitting not only estuarine communities, but coastal property owners. SAV improves water quality and provides food and habitat for many species, especially juveniles. Overall, SAV contributes to healthy fisheries and ecosystems.

Unfortunately, SAV is one of the most rapidly declining habitats around the world, with up to 7% loss in area annually due to human activities².

¹Fourqurean et al. 2012. Seagrass ecosystems as a globally significant carbon stock. Nature Geoscience 5: 505 – 509.

²Waycott et al. 2009. Accelerating loss of seagrasses across the globe threatens coastal ecosystems. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America 106: 12377 – 12381.

Threats to SAV

ACFHP has determined the following are the greatest threats to SAV in at least one subregion:

- Dredging and coastal maintenance
- Water quality degradation and eutrophication
- Vessel operation impacts
- Sedimentation
- Containment of water and sediments
- Invasive species and disease
- Climate change

These bullet points could be displayed in a more interesting way: maybe little icons next to each threat that carries throughout the website?

Our Funded and Endorsed Work

On the Ground Projects

Thumbnail photos and titles of each project that you can click to take you to the project page (or factsheet) Science & Data Projects

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Oyster Reef Restoration: A Historical Perspective

By January Murray Habitat Restoration & Enhancement Unit Leader May 17th, 2018

Habitat Restoration & Enhancement Unit Projects

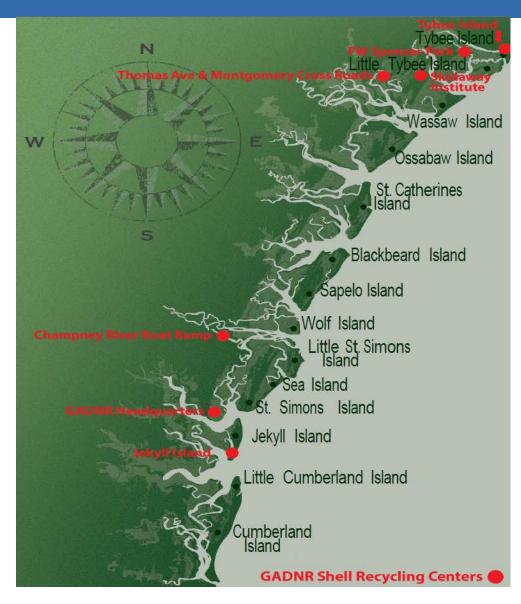
35 Project Deployments (2008 to 2017)

- <u>2 Oyster Mitigations</u>: Jekyll Island Boat Ramp & Overlook Park
- <u>3 Oyster Enhancements</u>: Jointer Creek x2 & Oyster Creek
- <u>2 Fish Enhancements</u>: Joe's Cut & Troupe Creek Inshore Reefs
- <u>10 Oyster Restorations:</u>
 - o Bellville Ramp, Altamaha Island, Gaddis Memorial Reef, Skidaway River, Overlook Park x2, Florida Passage, Oatland Island x2, & Jove Creek
- <u>4 Oyster Maintenance Sites</u>:

o FL Passage, Oatland Island, Jove Creek, & Joe's Cut

- <u>14 Oyster Test Plot Sites:</u>
 - Overlook Park x2, LCP x5, Jove Creek, Joe's Cut x2, Timmons River, Van Dyke Creek, DNR Dock, & Back River Bridge

Oyster Shell Recycling Centers



- 7 Recycling Centers
- Volunteer Deposits
- DNR Pick Up's at Local Roasts
- Shells Bagged & Stored for Restoration & Enhancement Projects
- Volunteers Help Construct Reef each Spring

Oyster Shell Bagging Process

The Oyster Bagging Process

Bellville Restoration 2008: Oak Bundles

Materials Deployed at

GADNR's Oyster Restoration Site:

Bellville Boat Ramp (2008)

Jekyll Island Mitigation 2009: Historical FADs

Materials Deployed at

GADNR's Oyster Restroration Site:

Jekyll Island Boat Ramp (2009)

Gabe Gaddis Memorial Restoration 2010: Bags

Materials Deployed at

GADNR's Oyster Restoration Site:

Plantation Creek (2010) also known as the Gabe Gaddis Memorial Reef

Skidaway River Restoration 2010: Bags

Materials Deployed at

GADNR's Oyster Restoration Site:

Skidaway River (2010)

Jointer Creek Enhancement 2012: Bags, Bundles, & Gabions

Materials Deployed at

GADNR's Oyster Enhancement Site:

Jointer Creek Harvest Area (2012) "Operation Shell Drop"

Overlook Park Restoration 2013 - 2015: Bags, Bundles, Spat Sticks, & Oyster Balls

Materials Deployed at

GADNR's Oyster Restoration Site:

Overlook Park (2013-2015)

Overlook Park Restoration 2013 - 2016: Site Overview

2015 Test Plot Balls

2016 Restoration Materials: 100 Balls

Bundle

in the

3 Months Post Deployment

2013 Restoration Materials

Overlook Park Restoration 2015 - 2016: Bags, Bundles, Spat Sticks, & Oyster Balls

Test Ball: 10 Months/Bundle: 23 Months Bundle: 28 Months/Coated SS: 15 Months



Overlook Park Restoration 2016 - 2017: Bundles & Oyster Balls

Test Plot Balls: 20 Months

Bundle: 33 Months







Restoration Balls: 8 Months

Overlook Park Restoration Site as of July 2017



FL Passage Restoration 2013-2014: Bags

Materials Deployed at

GADNR's Oyster Restoration Site:

Florida Passage (2013)

FL Passage Maintenance 2016: Bags

Materials Deployed at

GADNR's Oyster Restoration Site:

Florida Passage (2016) Maintenance Oyster Creek Enhancement 2014: Bags & Bundles

Materials Deployed at

GADNR's Oyster Enhancement Site:

Oyster Creek Harvest Area (2014)

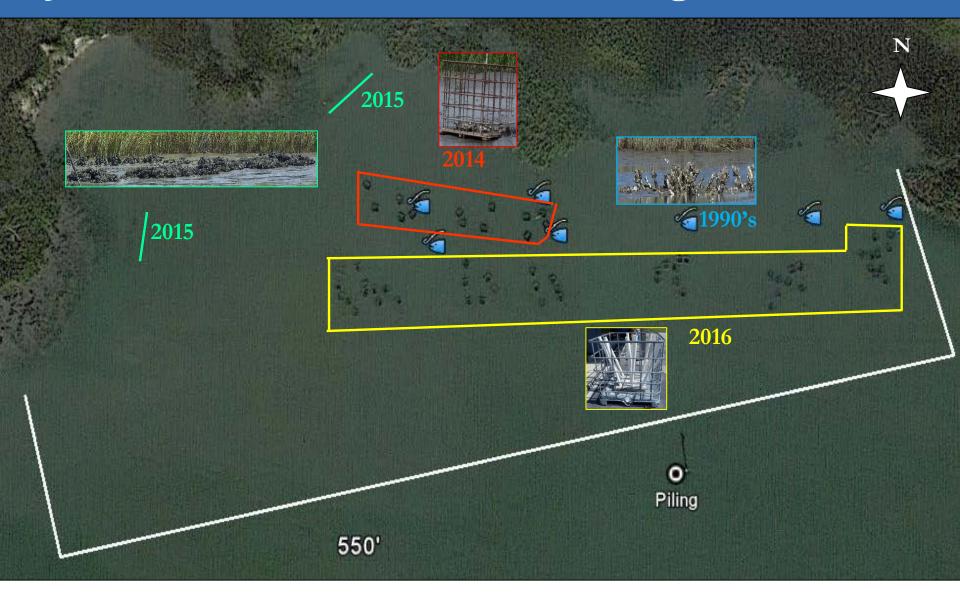
Oatland Island Restoration 2014 -2015: Bags

Materials Deployed at

GADNR's Oyster Restoration Site:

Oatland Island (2014-2015)

Joe's Cut IAR 2014 - 2016: Bags & FADs



Joe's Cut IAR 2014 - 2016: FAD Designs

Intermediate FAD

Design 23 Months

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Historical FAD Design (1990's)

> New FAD Design 4 Months

Joe's Cut IAR 2014 - 2017: FAD Designs

Intermediate FAD Design 35 Months

Historical FAD Design (1990's)



Jove Creek IAR Restoration 2017: Bags



Jove Creek IAR Restoration 2017: Bags

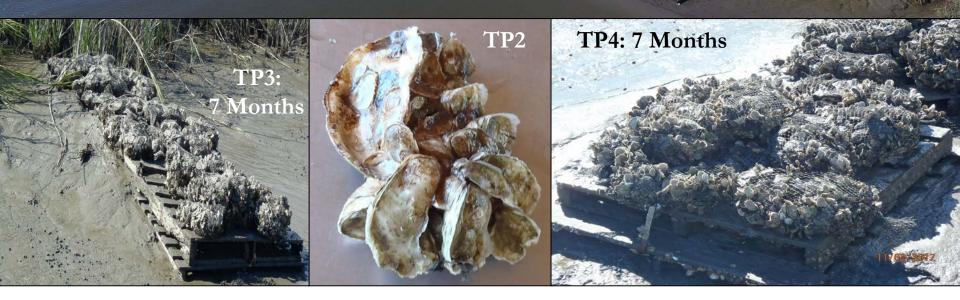
Immediately Post Deployment

2 Months Post Deployment

7 Months Post Deployment

Historical FAD Design



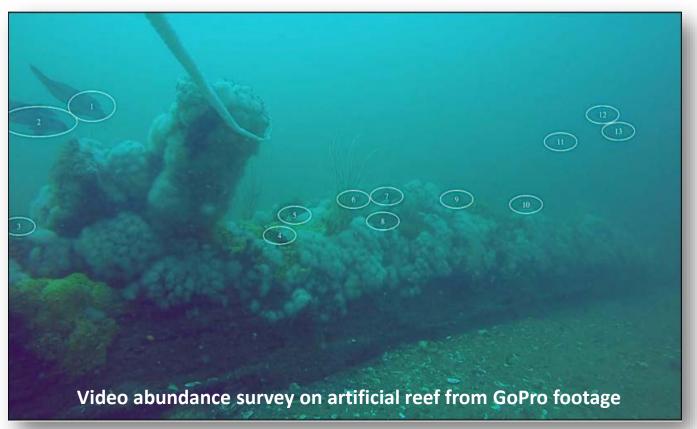


Hab in the MAB: Characterizing black sea bass habitat in the Mid-Atlantic Bight

- MAFMC awarded \$250,000 to ACFHP via the National Fish Habitat Fund to manage a research project focused on Mid-Atlantic habitat and fisheries productivity
- ACFHP selected Dr. Brad Stevens (Univ. MD Eastern Shore) to improve our understanding of the relationship between BSB abundance and habitat characteristics
 - Determine the preference of BSB for particular habitats by assessing their abundance, size structure, and feeding ecology within natural and artificial reefs
 - Improve the understanding, and other habitat characteristics of natural and artificial reefs
 - Determine if reduced fragmentation and increased connectivity of habitats increases fish recruitment

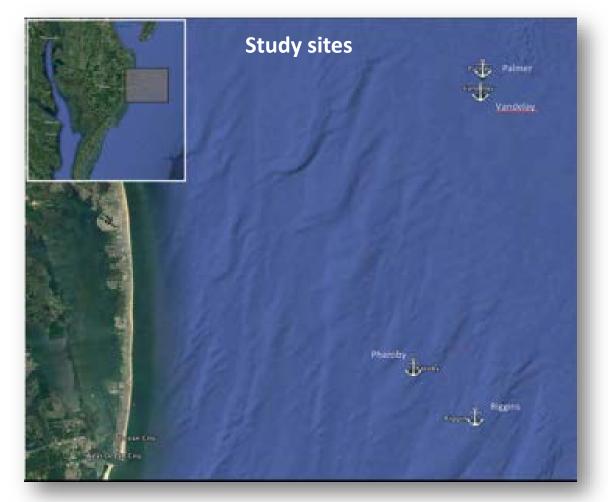
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- Completed two years of sampling, 2018 will be 3rd & final year
 - Video surveys
 - Quadrat surveys
 - Stable isotope analysis



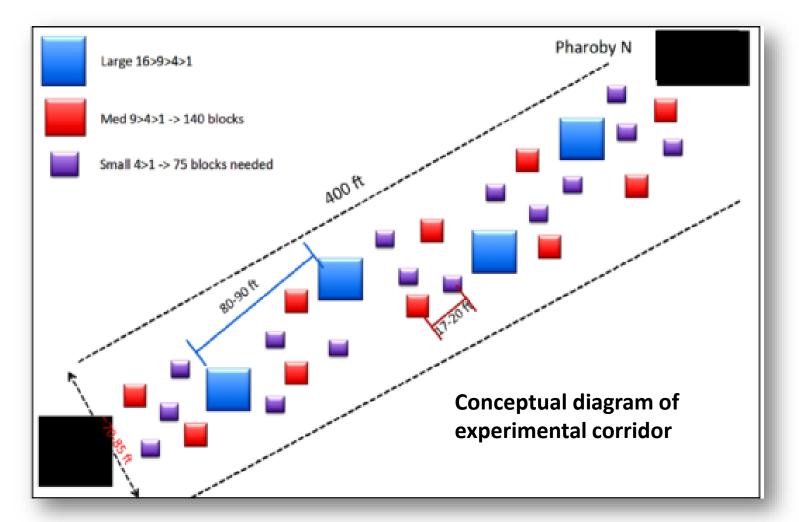
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- Sampling 4 shipwrecks & nearby open bottom
- Will sample natural habitat in 2018



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• Created experimental corridor between two artificial habitats to understand connectivity





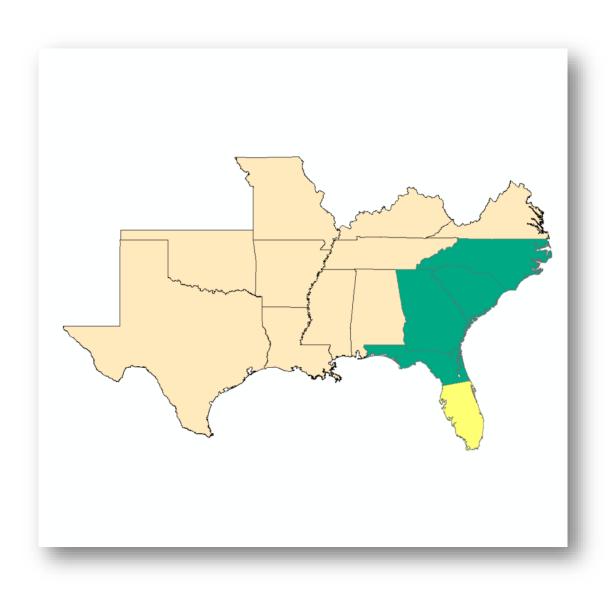
Southeast Mapping Project

Kat Hoenke, Jennifer Walters, Jessica Graham,

SARP

Scenarios

- Northern diadromous (green) Unit: NHD Catchment
- Estuarine: Northern and Southern Unit: 1 square km hexagon
- Southern coastal (yellow) Unit: 10 minute squares

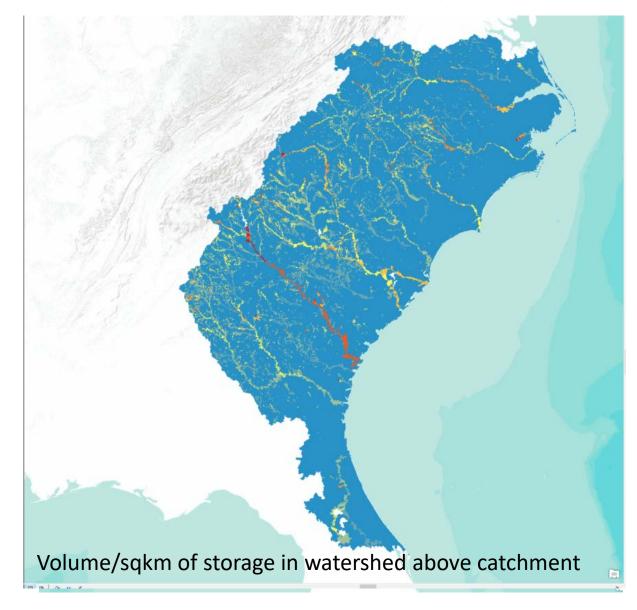


Diadromous Scenario

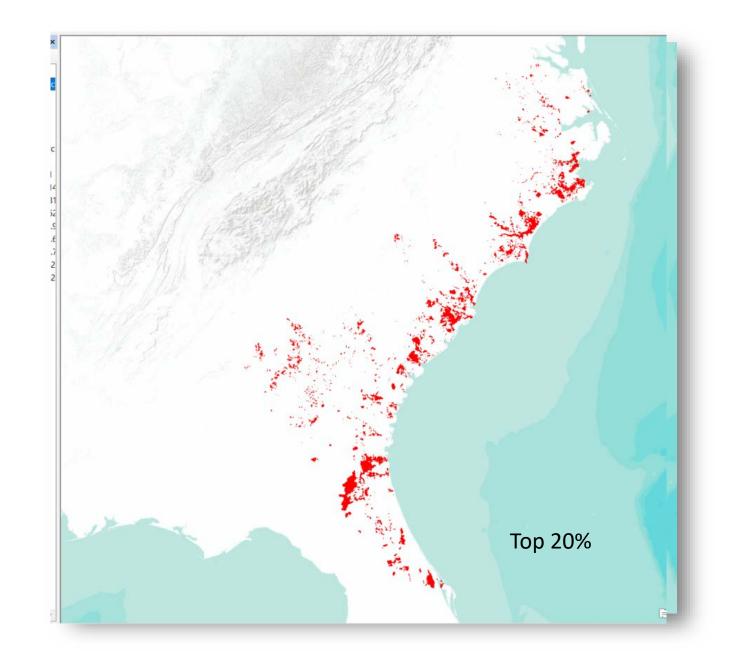
Many recommended metrics included calculating percent of reaches within a catchment. However, a catchment only represents one reach, so metrics were changed to reflect this. (They wanted all these metrics of % of reaches in catchment but a catchment is one reach).

Variable	Measurement	Metric	Source
Non-point source pollution	% agriculture in catchment	10 points if ranked in top 25% for least amount of agriculture	Cropscape USDA
Riparian Buffers	% of floodplain area with natural landcover	10 points if catchment is ranked top 25% for natural coverage	100 year floodplain dataset from FATHOM as boundary.
Potential for species access	# of downstream dams = 0	10 points if number = 0	SEACAP
Number of Species	Number of species in downstream network	10 points if the polygon ranks in the top 25%	SEACAP
Water Usage	Volume all reservoirs (NID_STORA in NID) per unit area of watershed (cubic meters/square km)	10 points if catchment is ranked in top 25% for lowest volume.	EPA StreamCat
Fragmentation	Density of road crossings and dams in catchment	10 points if catchment ranks in top 25% for least among of points	SARP SE Aquatic Barrier Inventory
Sturgeon Critical Habitat	Presence of critical habitat	10 points if on critical habitat	NOAA
Impervious Surface	% impervious surface above catchment	10 points if catchment is ranked top 25% for least amount of impervious	EPA streamCat
Point Source Pollution	Density of NPDES and TRI sites in catchment	10 points if catchment is ranked top 25% for least amount of sites	EPA StreamCat

Metrics Examples

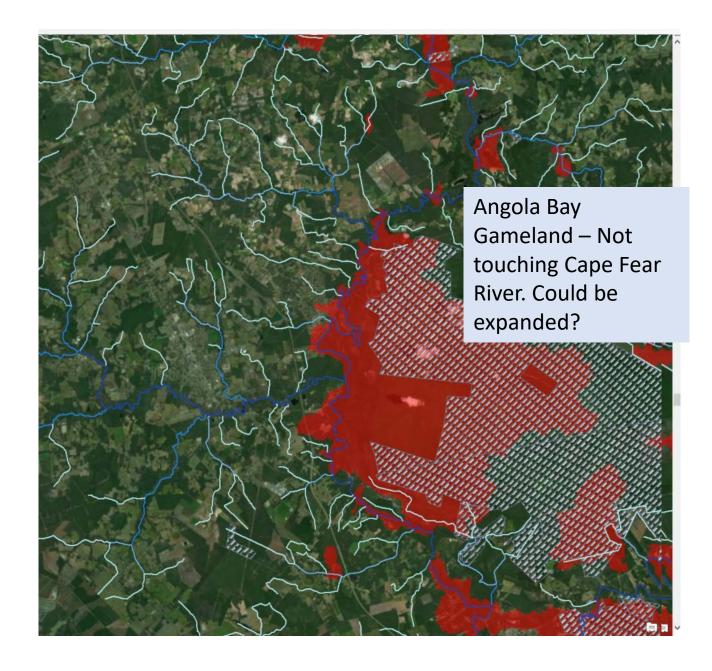


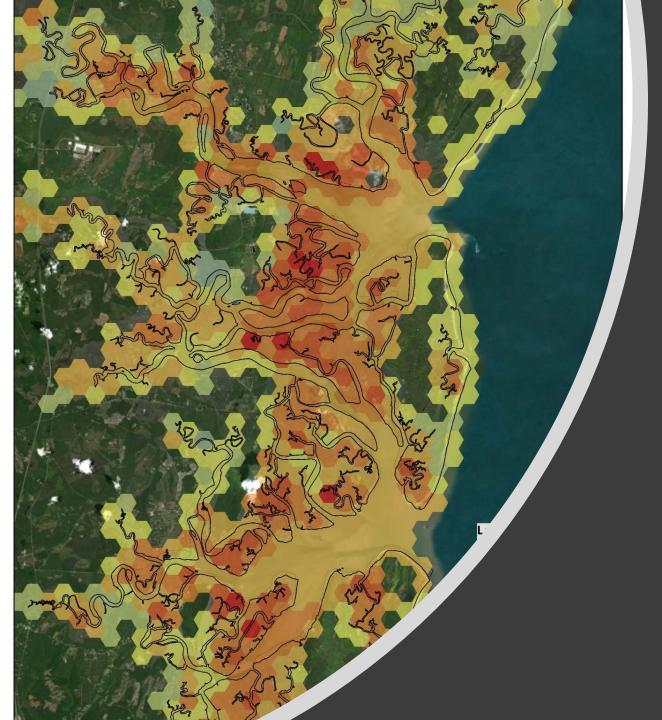
Red = Higher priority.



Example

- Northeast Cape Fear River, NC
- 5 anadromous species downstream



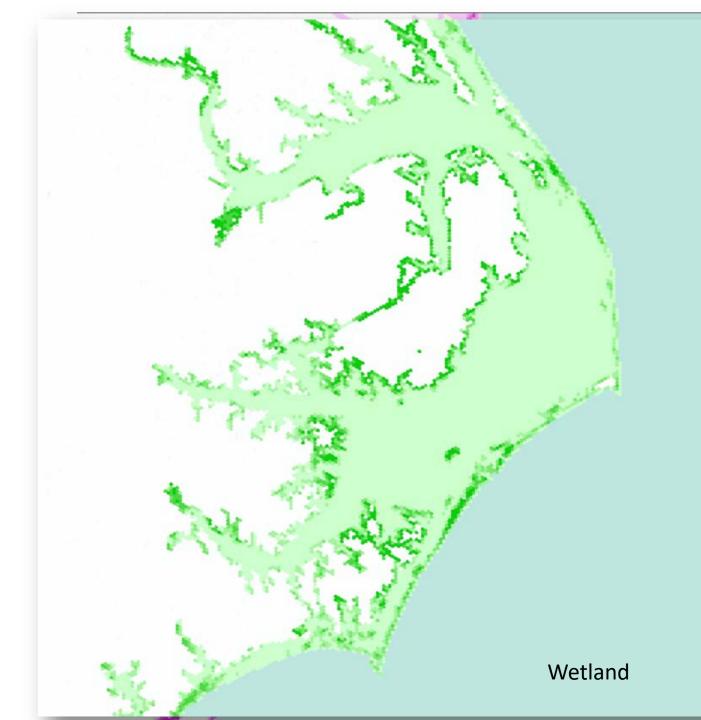


Estuarine Scenario

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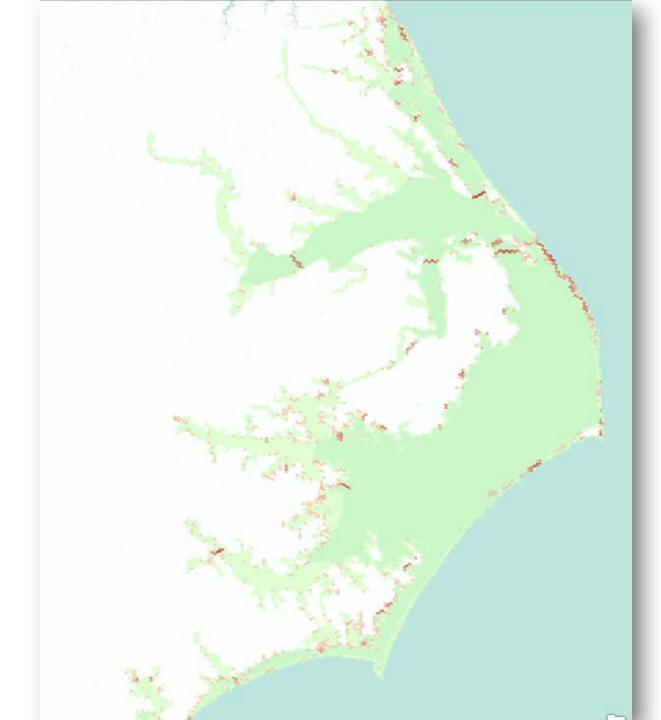
Variable	Measurement	Metric	Source
Seagrass and oyster reef habitat	% of polygon covered by habitat	10 points if the polygon ranks in top 25%	TNC SABMA
Wetland habitat	% of polygon covered by wetlands	10 points if the polygon ranks in the top 25%	National Wetlands Inventory
Estuarine –Marsh Water edge (Northern scenario only)	Average edge score by polygon	10 points if the polygon ranks in the top 25%	SALCC water veg edge scored raster
Proximity to protected habitat	Distance to HAPCs	10 points if the polygon is within ½ km of inlet	Marine cadastre
Proximity to development	Distance from marinas and ports	10 points if the polygon ranks in the top 25% farthest from ports.	State specific
Water Quality	% of polygon covered by 303d listed areas.	10 points if the polygon ranks in the top 25%	EPA 303D areas
Hardened shoreline	Length of hardened shoreline in polygon	10 points if the polygon ranks in the top 25%	SABMA supplemented with state data
Habitat fragmentation	Linear feet of causeway within polygon	10 points if the polygon ranks in the top 25%	Tiger roads 2017 and intersected tidal wetlands from NWI

Metrics Examples



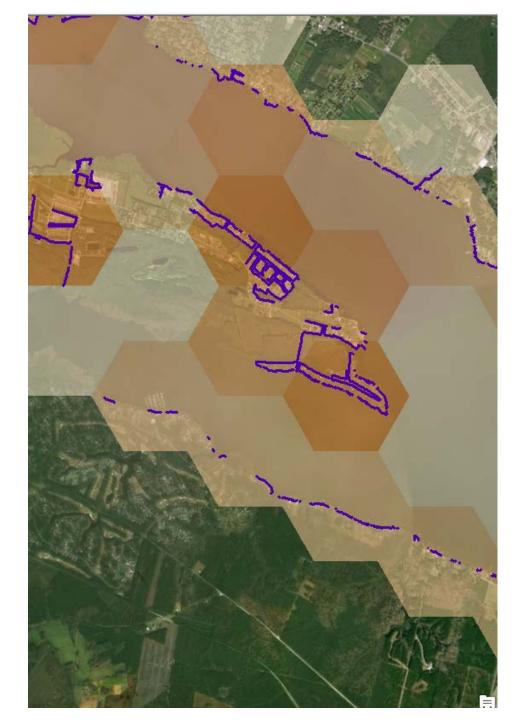
Causeways

- Causeways were more difficult to analyze.
- Combined tidal wetlands and river/estuary water polygons.
- Clipped roads by wetlands/estuary.
- May have some false positives.

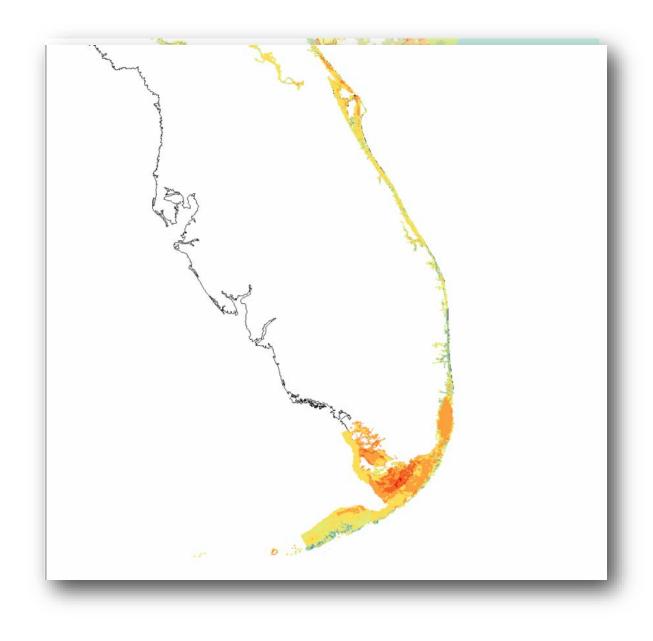


Hardened Shoreline

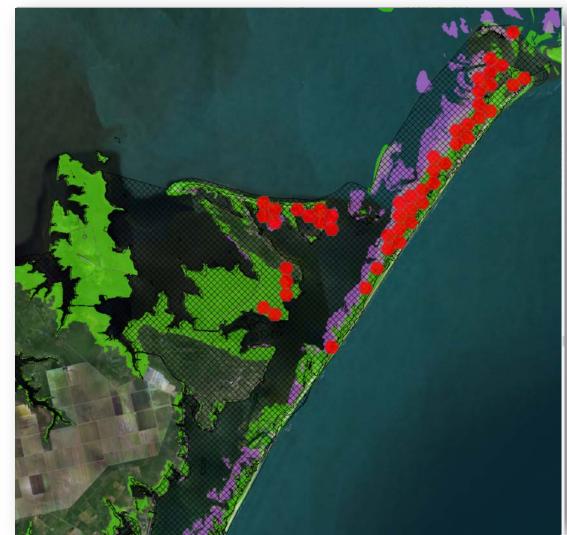
Combined state datasets for hardened shoreline.



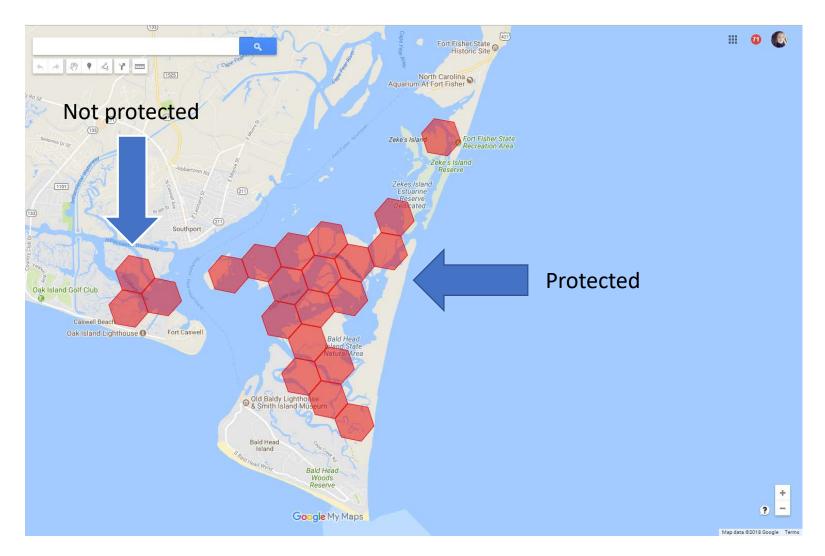
Northern and Southern Scenarios. Warm colors = higher priority



 High scores concentrated around undeveloped marsh land containing oyster/seagrass/wetland habitat Purple = Seagrass Green = marsh Checkered = Oyster

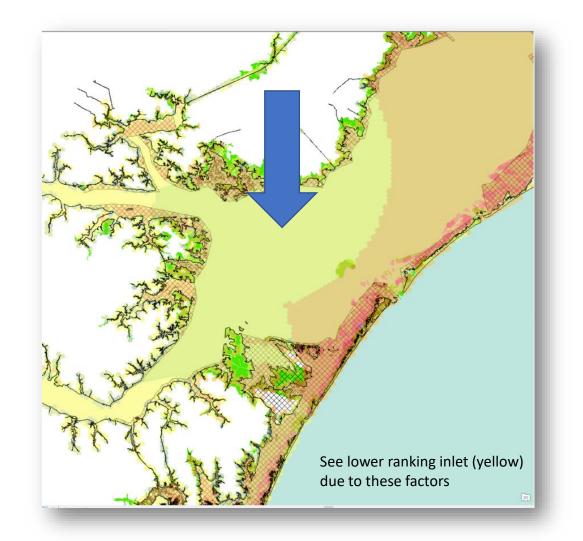


- Areas of high priority:
 - Roanoke Island, NC
 - Elizabeth River, NC
 - Copahee Sound, SC
 - Blackbeard Creek,GA
 - Mosquito Lagoon, FL



Considerations

- Not many 303D listed areas. Need a metric for water quality. Could use:
 - % agriculture above catchment containing polygons
 - #NPDES +TRI sites in catchment containing polygons.
 - Excludes deep water.
 - Unless model of dissolved oxygen or other is available?
- Deep water is ranking high due to lack of hardened shoreline, further from ports/marinas and lack of wetland habitat. Suggest subsetting the analysis to exclude deep water.
- Remove already protected areas
- Re-rank after changes made above.



Southern Coastal Scenario

Variable	Measurement	Metric	Source
Proximity to protected habitat	Presence of HAPC	Protect area if it falls on HAPC	Marine Cadastre

Southern Coastal Scenario

- Purple are HAPCs listed as "corals reefs & hard bottom" only.
- Yellow is the unified reef map. There is a sliver of yellow that is not encompassed by the HAPCs (red arrow).
- We allotted 10 points for 10 minute squares that intersected the HAPCS or the additional unified reef map.



Sandbar Oyster Company Inc. Inception and Development of Oyster Catcher™ and Related Products

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New River

"Oyster Highway" 6000 Oyster Catcher™

patties seeded with live oysters will be moved from the lower region of the estuary to create brood stock reefs in the mid-estuary.

Intertidal seeding area

reef development sites

concrete rubble reef: no oysters due to a lack of larval delivery

Jacksonville, North Carolina

Camp Lejeune

present spatial limit of oysters

Camp

Lejeune

10 km

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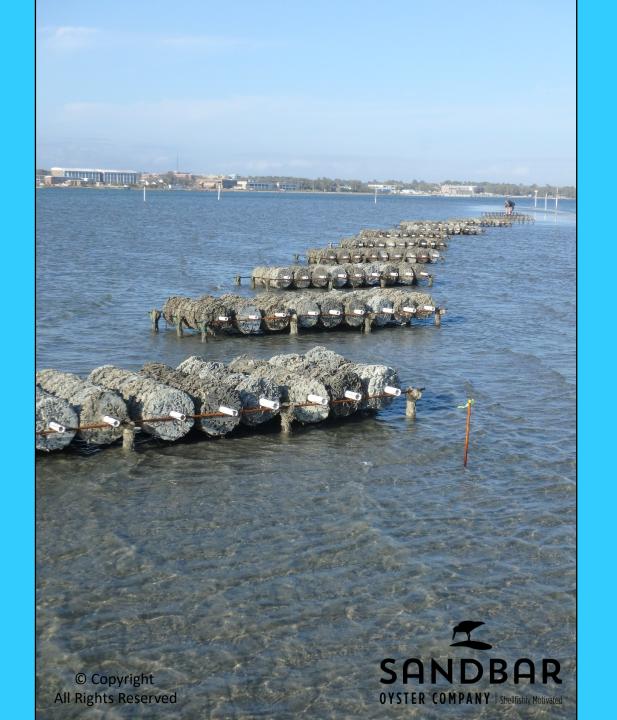














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Bushel basket of Oyster Catcher[™] Tufts – an oyster shell substitute



Oyster Catcher[™] tufts made with dyed cement. Oysters shed from the cement/fiber cloth substrate typically have a small piece of the substrate embedded in their bottom valve near the hinge. This embedded Oyster Catcher[™] chip acts as physical branding that can be used to uniquely identify and track oysters.

Oysters growing free on bottom on Sandbar Oyster Company's intertidal shellfish lease in the Newport River, North Carolina, a high energy site tamed with Oyster Catcher[™] reefs.



Sandbar Oyster Company Newport River shellfish lease – 1.3 acres

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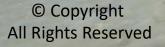


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