



Maryland Oyster Restoration Workgroup Meeting Notes

May 15, 2023 9:30am – 12:30pm

Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/npz-ubeo-gqs

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Agenda

- Welcome, and note that this is a public meeting.
- [2022 Annual Update](#) document is now online!
<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/group/maryland-and-virginia-oyster-restoration-inter-agency-teams>
- Updates on hatchery status, plantings.
 - Planting season starting with a lot of momentum; planted nearly 150 million in Big Five tribs; 2-3 plantings/ week; completed 5 seed only sites in Manokin- planted all low-density seed only reefs; moving on to the high-density seed-only reefs. 100 million in Manokin; the rest are 2nd seedings, about half in Tred and half in LC. Planting vessels this year are Robert Lee and Papa Francis.
- Manokin spat efficiency study design
 - Piney Point: can do 20 million larvae maximum all at once; need a months notice; we need 16-17 million over deployment (times three deployments)
 - Is Manokin the best place to test direct setting, given high natural recruitment? - yes this could alleviate the demand for shell that will have to go in Manokin
 - Patent tongs: one estimate was \$1200 3 years ago; looking into more
 - Need to work out logistics/ who does and funds what?
 - Also want to engage UMES student
 - Try to have the non-direct-set treatment types
- Other announcements/ discussion
 - Still need to work out sentinel monitoring
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