2018-2019 Oyster Season

Carolina Bourque | September 25, 2018
CSA Description

1N = Lake Borgne/MS Sound
3 = Hackberry Bay
5W = Sister Lake/Bay Junop/Lake Mechant
6 = Vermilion Bay/Atchafalaya
1S = East of MS River, South of MRGO
5E = Lake Chien/Felicity
7 = Calcasieu Lake
STOCK ASSESSMENT RESULTS:
Excluding Sabine Lake

2018
-6% from 2016
-91% from LTA

NOTE: 1994-2004 includes CSA I data revision
All data excludes Sabine Lake

PRELIMINARY DATA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Seed</th>
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<th>Sack</th>
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<th>Total</th>
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<td>1N</td>
<td>49,320</td>
<td>-34.4%</td>
<td>30,663</td>
<td>+4.7%</td>
<td>79,984</td>
<td>-23%</td>
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<td>1S</td>
<td>674</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>-100%</td>
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<td>-90%</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>2,078</td>
<td>-41%</td>
<td>1,459</td>
<td>-73%</td>
<td>3,538</td>
<td>-60%</td>
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<td>5E</td>
<td>452</td>
<td>-35%</td>
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<td>5W</td>
<td>48,358</td>
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<td>22,146</td>
<td>+46%</td>
<td>70,507</td>
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<td>Calcasieu</td>
<td>30,458</td>
<td>+35%</td>
<td>81,245</td>
<td>+56%</td>
<td>111,703</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>131,343</td>
<td>-34%</td>
<td>135,515</td>
<td>+20%</td>
<td>283,431</td>
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GREEN indicates increases over 2017 levels; RED indicates decreases.
Availability in barrels (1 barrel = 2 sacks)

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Preliminary data – subject to revision
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<td>November 13 - November 14</td>
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<td>November 1</td>
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*** SACK LIMITS ****
- 25 sacks per vessel per day, 25 sack possession limit, statewide, except for Calcasieu Lake: 7 sacks per vessel per day
- Bedding/Cargo Vessels: no limit

Questions:
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Motion 1: increase the sack limit in Calcasieu Lake from 7 to 15 sacks per vessel per day:
  LDWF recommended from 7 to 10 sacks per vessel per day. Approved by LWF Commission @ 10 sacks/day/vessel.

Motion 2: Motion to open the Vermillion / Atchafalaya Bays on October 13 for bedding only.
  LDWF recommended moving the opening of the season to earlier date to allow harvest before LDH areas close. Approved by LWF Commission for October 29.

Motion 3: Motion to change the sacking limit to 30 sacks in area CSA 1N with a two-day possession limit.
  LDWF recommended keeping the sack limit @ 25/sack/day due to low stocks, however was able to approve a two-day possession limit. Approved by LWF Commission.
1N: Primary Public Grounds East of MS River, N of MRGO:  
SACKING ONLY:  
October 29  
October 30

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CLOSED

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- Little Lake, Hackberry Bay:  
SACKING ONLY:  
October 29  
October 30

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CLOSED

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- Bay Junop and Lake Mechant  
SACKING ONLY:  
October 29  
October 30

6: - Vermilion/Atchafalaya Bay Area:  
SACKING ONLY:  
October 29  
October 30

7: - ALL Calcasieu Lake:  
October 29

*** SACK LIMITS***

- Calcasieu Lake: Daily and Possession Limits: 10 sacks per vessel
- Bedding/Cargo Vessels: no limit.

*** BEDDING LIMITS***

- No more than 15% of non-living material allowed in bedding loads.

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Reminders

- **Oyster season:** opening October 29:
  - 1 day bedding season (Sacking only after October 30)
- Refrigeration rules: white tags:
  - October: 1 hr. until refrigeration
  - November: 8 hrs. until refrigeration
- 2 day possession limit:
  - Follow refrigeration rules
  - Use appropriate tags, tag all sacks of oysters on board before the end of the day. Follow all procedures: log book, etc.
- Bedding rules: no more than 15% of non living materials will be allowed in bedding loads.
Questions?
CSA 1 – North  
(Lake Borgne/MS Sound area)

2018  
-34% seed  
+5% sack  
-23% total

Quick Facts  
• Lack of recruitment in Spring 2018  
• Bonnet Carré spillway opened March 2018

PRELIMINARY DATA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE
CSA 1 – South
(Black Bay, Bay Gardene, Lake Fortuna, etc.)

2018
0% seed
-100% sack
-90% total

Quick Facts
• Few live oysters found in Lake Fortuna:
  • Seed only
  • Seasonal low salinities and lack of cultch limiting production

Barrels (X 100,000)

Year

PRELIMINARY DATA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE
CSA 3 (Hackberry Bay)

2018
-41% seed
-73% sack
-60% total

Quick Facts
• Lack of recruitment observed 2018
• Low salinities observed in the area
CSA 5E
(Lake Chien and Lake Felicity)

2018
-35% seed
-0% sack
-35% total

Quick Facts
• Very low amount of resource; lack of cultch
• Resource concentrated in Lake Chien

PRELIMINARY DATA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE
CSA 5W
(Sister Lake, Bay Junop, Lake Mechant)

2018
-34% seed
+46% sack
-20% total

Quick Facts
• Very little resource in Lake Mechant/Bay Junop
• Samples included clumps of sack oysters
CSA 6
(Vermilion Bay Area)

2018
+365% seed
-50% sack
+217% total

PRELIMINARY DATA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE
CSA 7
(Calcasieu Lake)

Quick Facts
• Overall increase in resource:
  • Tongs only
• Shell budget thresholds not exceeded

2018
+34% seed
+56% sack
+50% total