Recent Developments in Delaware's Inland Bays Shellfish Aquaculture Program



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Statewide Activity Approval (SAA)

- December, 2016 Secretary Small signed Order approving SAA
 - Expedited permitting through the Wetlands & Subaqueous Lands Section for those acres.
 - There will be a form for Wetlands included with the application. DFW will send info to Wetlands.



SADA pre-SAA Rehoboth

SADA included in SAA Rehoboth





No change in Rehoboth Bay

SADA pre-SAA Indian River

SADA included in Indian River SAA





SAA does not include IR-B

SADA pre-SAA Little Assawoman

SADA included in Little Assawoman SAA





SAA includes changes to LA-B and removal of LA-C

- SAA-approved acres in Little Assawoman are restricted to clam culture only.
- Applications for areas outside of the SAA may be for clam or oyster culture.

Legend
Included in SAA Application
Shellfish Areas
Shellfishing Prohibited

USACE Status



- Shellfish aquaculture requires USACE permitting.
- USACE Philadelphia has published their public notice of regional conditions for Delaware for NWP 48 (shellfish aquaculture)
- When these are in effect, they will allow for expedited permitting for SADA areas through USACE

New Tool For Delaware Shellfish Growers

- Launch of Inland Bays aquaculture siting map
- Map will show location of each acre (with coordinates)
 - Will be updated periodically to show which acres sampled for clam density
 - Which acres have too high clam density
 - When acres are pending (application in/lottery) or leased

Map Features

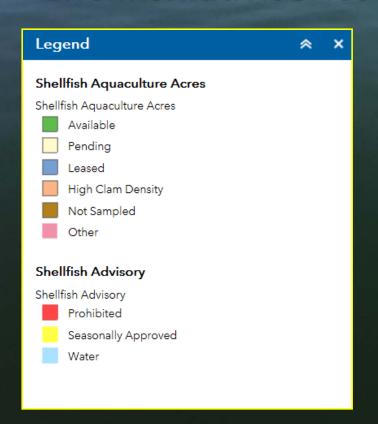
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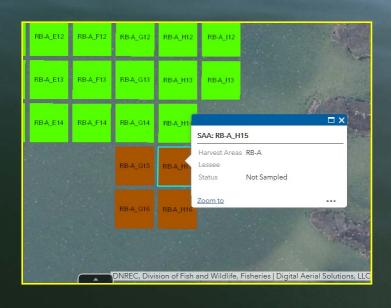




Map Features

 Updates on clam density sampling, leasing, shellfish advisories





Map Features

Explore specific acres in greater detail



In Conclusion

- SAA currently approved and in place
- NWP 48 regional conditions in process
- DNREC developing tools and forms that will be accessible on DNREC Shellfish Aquaculture site