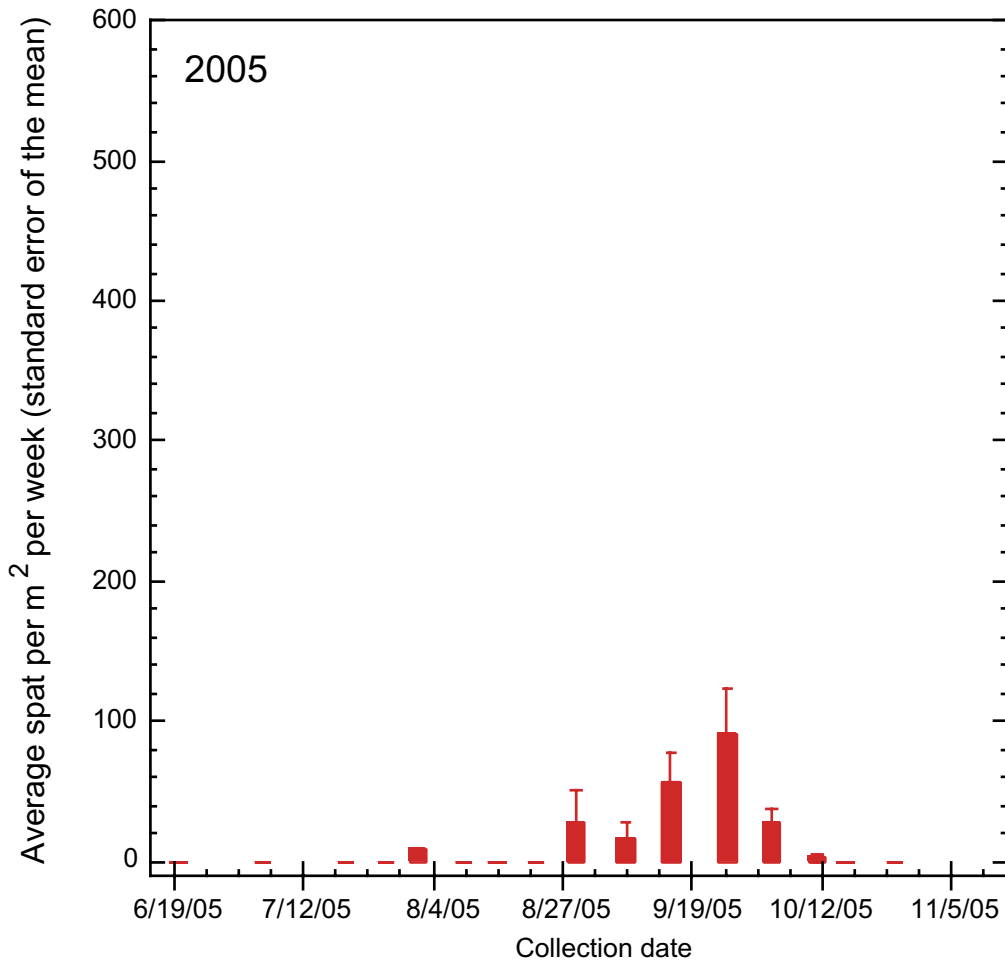


Speaker's Notes: Long Creek Reef, Lynnhaven River - Recruit Abundance
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Long Creek Reef, Lynnhaven River
Average spat per m² per week
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Settlement collectors consisting of arrays of ceramic tiles were deployed within 10 cm of reef surfaces throughout the season. Oyster spat settling on tiles were examined under a microscope in the laboratory. This technique is used to give an index of actual settlement on the reef surface.

Although settlement began a bit later than expected, the intensity was much higher than in the other river systems currently being monitored. Additionally, settlement continued over a substantial period from late August into early October. Continued monitoring over the next several years should provide a much better picture of this metric.