



## **ANNOUNCEMENT – 2009 Oyster Hatchery Season Debrief**

Aquaculture Genetics and Breeding Technology Center  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science

### Premise

The era of hatchery production of oysters is upon us as established hatcheries ramp up production and new ones begin theirs. In addition, because of the brood stock distribution functions of ABC, there are numerous issues about brood stock condition, hatchery performance, and triploid production that we share. We will host a hatchery season “debriefing” meeting with industry to share our data with you, and provide a forum for discussion of hatchery successes, challenges, common problems, and possible solutions. We invite hatchery operators and interested growers. Don Meritt from UMCES oyster hatchery in Cambridge, Md will join the discussion.

Last year in January, we hosted a general ABC meeting for the oyster industry at-large. We intend to do the same this year. The hatchery season debrief is a *separate and targeted* session, therefore discussion will be mostly limited to hatchery operations.

### Agenda

- Update on performance of various lines in the hatchery (fecundity, sex ratio)
- Larval production data
- Comparison of diploids and triploids in the hatchery
- Larval production for spat on shell (lead by Dr. Don Meritt)
- Open discussion

### Date

**Saturday, October 31, 2009**

9am until lunch, continued as needed

### Location

VIMS, Waterman’s Hall, Classroom A/B

### Provisions

Snacks and coffee in the morning  
Light lunch

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