

Mississippi Oyster Gardening Program Mississippi Restoration Area

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mississippi Oyster Gardening Program project is designed to restore oysters in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties (see map). The oyster gardening project will occur on waterfront piers/wharves and docks in coastal waters.

Oyster gardening restoration activities will build on the existing community, volunteer-based program to grow oysters on docks for transfer to reefs within the Mississippi Sound. The anticipated timeframe for the program will be 5 years. Project objectives will be monitored in accordance with the Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan.

Implementing Trustees and Project Partners

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will be the Implementing Trustee. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium (MASGC) will be project partners.

Leveraging

This project will build on an existing National Fish and Wildlife Federation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund project - Oyster Restoration and Management – Phase I.

ALLOCATION:

\$500,000

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