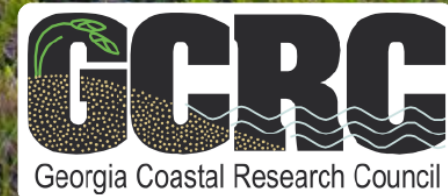


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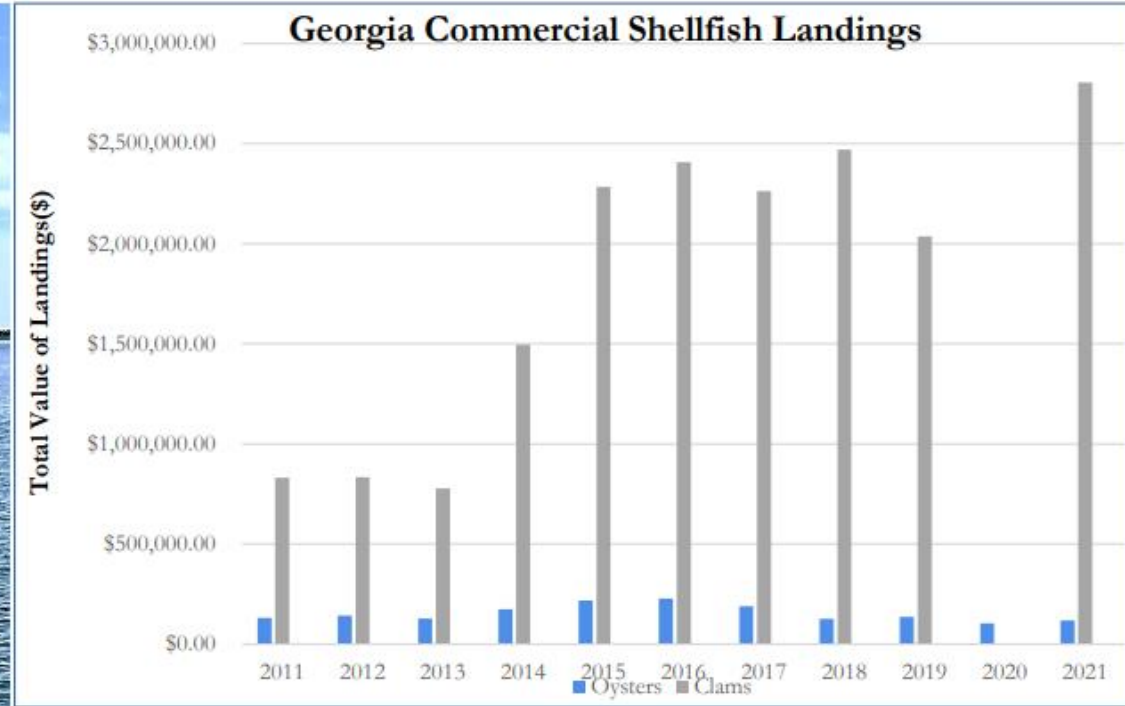
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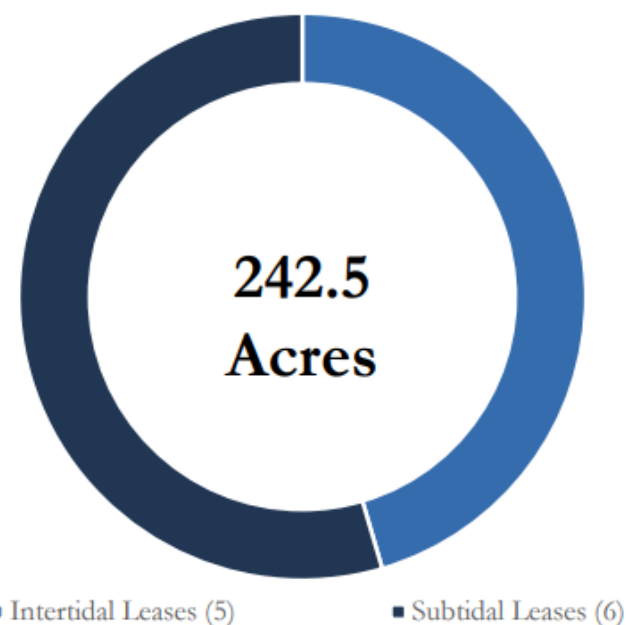
Current Georgia Shellfish Industry

- 22 Commercial Shellfish Harvest Areas.
 - 17 State Harvest Areas
 - 5 Private Harvest Areas
- 6 Subtidal Harvest Areas
 - 3 Chatham County
 - 3 McIntosh County
- 16 Intertidal Harvest Areas produce wild oysters or farm raised clams.
- Georgia shellfish code ratified in 2020 permits the use of subtidal floating mariculture gear which should significantly increase the value of oysters.



Recent Leasing Activity

Harvest Areas Leased from 2020-Now



- 5 new intertidal harvest areas leased
 - Three in McIntosh County, 2 in Bryan County
 - 190 total estimated usable acres
- 2 Mariculture Zones Established
 - McIntosh County Mariculture Zone
 - 3 10-acre subtidal harvest areas leased
 - Potential for 2-3 more leases in the zone
 - Chatham County Mariculture Zone
 - 3 7.5-acre subtidal harvest areas leased
- Shellfish Policy Manual released by CRD to educate potential farmers on the laws, rules, and regulations regarding commercial shellfish operations
<https://coastalgadnr.org/commercialshellfishharvest>
- New Commercial Shellfish Interest Survey
<https://coastalgadnr.org/shellfishleasing>

New Leasing Dashboard

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Georgia Shellfish Leasing Dashboard



Lease Inventory

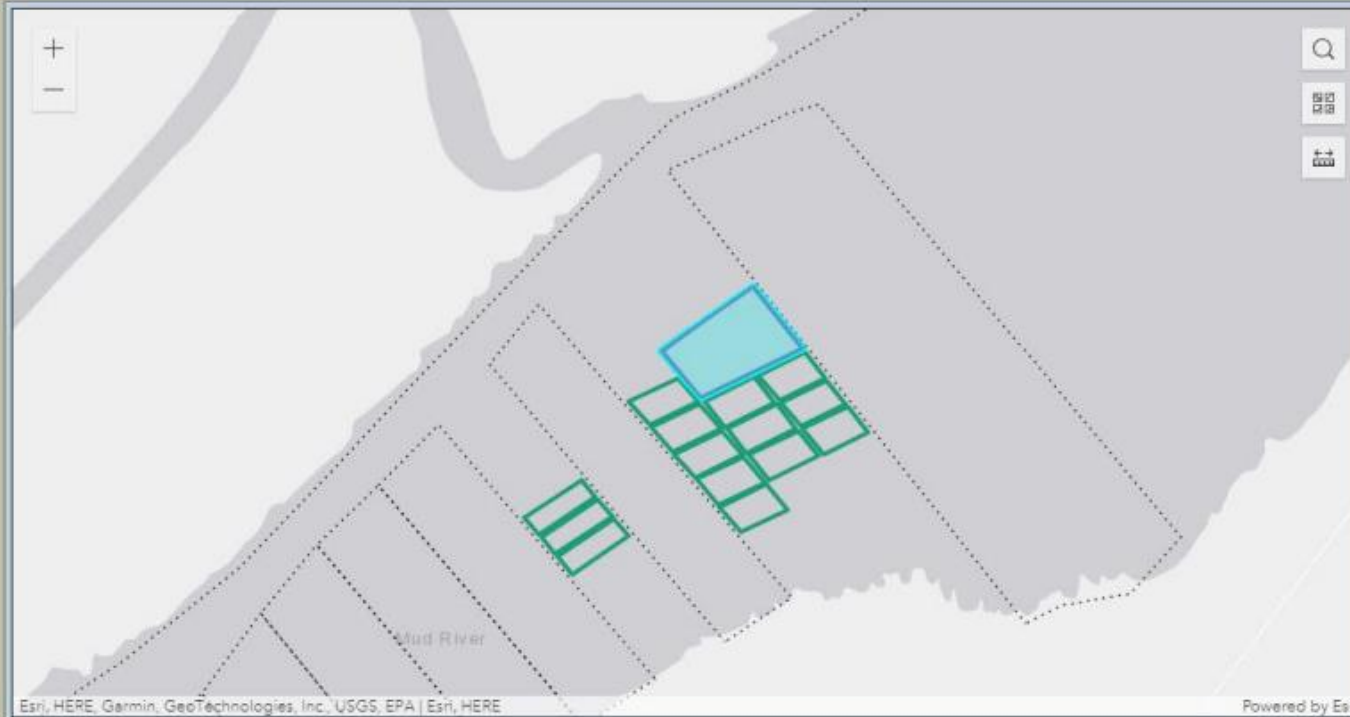
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- Vacant Intertidal Mariculture Lease
- Vacant Subtidal Mariculture Lease
- Vacant Intertidal Wild Harvest Lease
- Occupied Harvest Area

Mariculture Zones



Area Under Assessment



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VACANT LEASES

Search by County

- Mud River K | Intertidal
Wild Harvest | Usable Acres: 18
- Medway E | Intertidal
Mariculture | Usable Acres: 5
- Medway F | Intertidal
Mariculture | Usable Acres: 7
- Mud River J5 | Intertidal
Mariculture | Usable Acres: 4
- Mud River I5 | Intertidal
Mariculture | Usable Acres: 4
- Mud River H6 | Intertidal
Mariculture | Usable Acres: 4
- Mud River J4 | Intertidal
Mariculture | Usable Acres: 4
- Mud River I4 | Intertidal
Mariculture | Usable Acres: 4
- Mud River H5 | Intertidal
Mariculture | Usable Acres: 4

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Harvest Areas Permitted

11
Permitted Master Harvesters

21 Vacant Leases

- 5 Intertidal Wild Harvest
- 16 Intertidal Mariculture
- 0 Subtidal Mariculture

Lease Name	Mud River K
Master Harvester	None
Status	Vacant Lease
Water Bottoms Type	Intertidal
Designated Use	Wild Harvest
Usable Acreage	18
Minimum Bid	270
Imagery	View
Harvest Area Type	Sara

For more information about commercial shellfish rules and regulations, please [click here](#).