



Hurricane Preparation and Recovery for Oyster Growers

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019

2-4:30 pm FSU Coastal and Marine Lab

6-8:30 pm Wakulla County Extension Office

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Oyster gear management and storm plans: Lessons learned by Alabama oyster growers (30 min)
Bill Walton and Rusty Grice, Auburn University Shellfish Lab

FDACS best management practices for shellfish gear (20 min)
Charlie Culpepper, FDACS Division of Aquaculture

Marker tag program - Commercially available, durable markers to tag and identify oyster gear will be introduced. Florida Sea Grant will fund gear tags for growers in Bay, Gulf, Franklin and Wakulla Counties. Tag options will be available to choose from and will be ordered following the workshop. (20 min)
Leslie Sturmer and Erik Lovstrand, UF/IFAS Florida Sea Grant Extension

Break-out sessions addressing the following: (60 min)

- 1) What preparations did growers do (or didn't do) prior to Hurricane Michael?
- 2) Problems encountered, amount of time spent, time and labor involved?
- 3) Outcomes – gear lost or damaged, oyster mortalities?
- 4) What would you do differently in the future?
- 5) Steps taken since the hurricane for recovery?

Led by Bill, Rusty, Charlie, Leslie, and Erik

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