

Parameter	Averages + Standard Deviations*						Probabilities (P) Values**			
	Gear Types						Kruskal Wallis	Post Hoc Dunn's		
	Floating Bag (FB)		Floating Cage Top (FCT)		Floating Cage Bottom (FCB)			FB-FCT	FB-FCB	FCB-FCT
Shell Height (mm)	84 ± 9	A	87 ± 8	B	84 ± 9	A	0.00	0.00	0.98	0.00
Shell Length (mm)	59 ± 6	A	67 ± 6	B	65 ± 6	B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20
Shell Width (mm)	32 ± 3	A	33 ± 4	A	32 ± 3	A	0.30	0.25	1.00	0.21
Fan Ratio	0.71 ± 0.06	A	0.77 ± 0.07	B	0.79 ± 0.08	B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
Cup Ratio	0.39 ± 0.04	A	0.38 ± 0.05	B	0.38 ± 0.05	AB	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.15
Total Weight-Wet (g)	109 ± 24	A	116 ± 24	B	110 ± 20	AB	0.02	0.01	1.00	0.11
Defouled Wet Weight (g)	104 ± 25	A	102 ± 19	A	107 ± 19	A	0.15	0.38	0.68	0.08
Meat Weight-Wet (g)	21 ± 6	A	18 ± 5	B	18 ± 5	B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.70
Meat Weight-Dry (g)	3.3 ± 0.8	A	2.5 ± 0.7	B	2.4 ± 0.6	B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24
Wet Shell Weight (g)	77 ± 20	A	80 ± 14	AB	84 ± 15	B	0.05	0.22	0.02	0.26
Dry Shell Weight (g)	73 ± 19	A	80 ± 14	AB	77 ± 14	B	0.04	0.22	0.02	0.21
Fouling Weight (g)	4 ± 3	A	11 ± 9	B	3 ± 4	C	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Condition Index	11 ± 2	A	11 ± 3	AB	10 ± 5	B	0.04	0.13	0.02	0.38
Biofouling on Oyster (%)	5 ± 4	A	11 ± 7	B	3 ± 4	C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Biofouling on Bag (%)	41 ± 9	A	64 ± 4	B	49 ± 5	AB	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.09
Survival (%)	91 ± 3	A	90 ± 7	A	86 ± 6	A	0.29	1.00	0.19	0.30

* Parameter values with different letters indicate significant differences ($p < 0.05$) among stocking density treatments.

** Statistical tests to determine significant differences among multiple treatment (stocking densities) averages. If $p > 0.05$ for the K-Wallis test, then the post hoc Dunn's test is not applied.