



# **SUNRAY VENUS CLAMS: A New Species to Diversify the Florida Hard Clam Aquaculture Industry**

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# HYPOTHESIS & OBJECTIVES

- **Sunray Venus Clams, *Macrocallista nimbosa*, can be cultured using methods of hard clam culture in Florida**

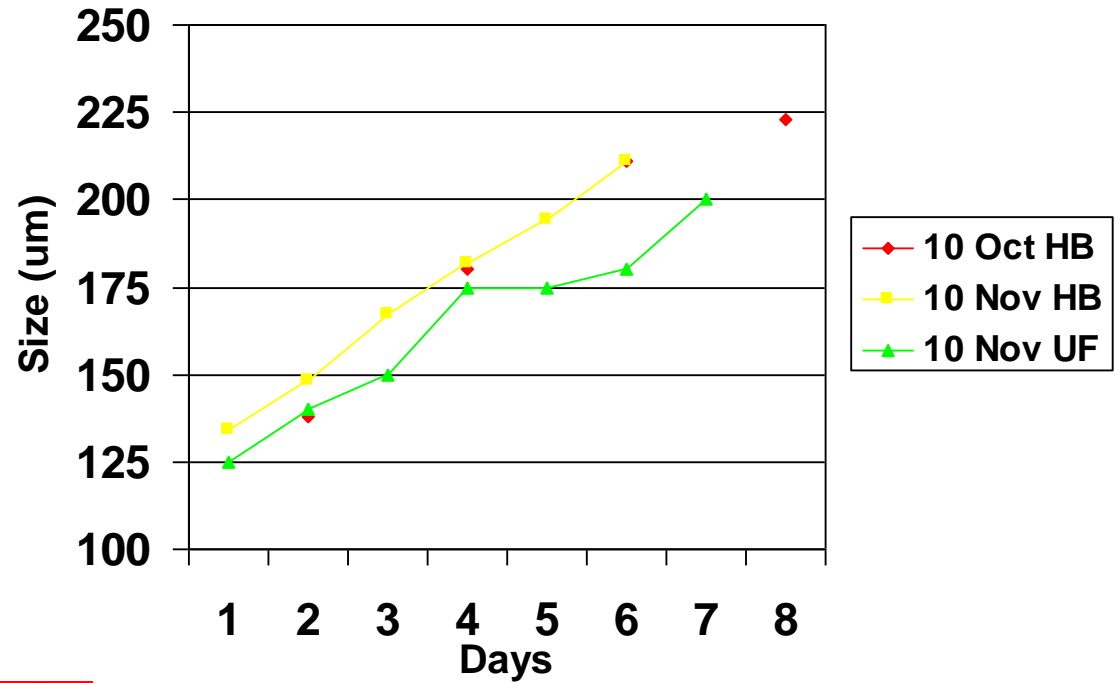


- **Identify methods of broodstock handling and spawning**
- **Establish hatchery methods**
- **Develop nursery methods**
- **Evaluate growth and survival during grow-out**
- **Test market at wholesalers and restaurants**

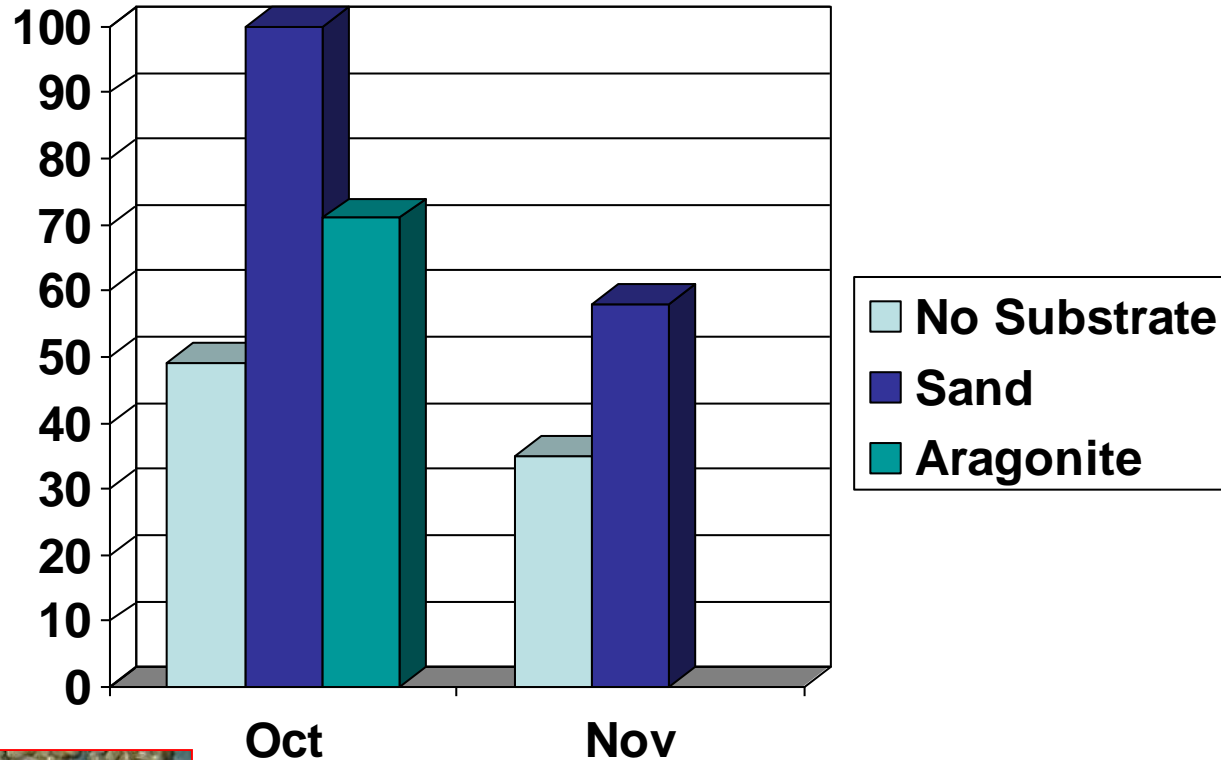
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**Produced 32K post-set from Oct spawn (63% return) and 454K from Nov spawn (46%).**

# **Year 2**

- **Evaluate growth and survival during grow-out**
- **Test market at wholesalers and restaurants**

## **Post-Project**

**If this clam species performs as expected in grow-out and is accepted by consumers the potential for this species to help diversify and expand the clam culture industry is great.**