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Rick's Crab Trap
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Lucky Snapper
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AJ's
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Fisherman's Wharf
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Hooter's
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Gulf Breeze, FL 32653
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The Oyster Bar
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Fish House/Atlas Oyster House
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Hooter's
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Pensacola Beach, FL 32561
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Peg Leg Pete's Oyster Bar
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Outcast Bait & Tackle
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*Offer Your Shell To
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What is the NWF OYSTER Project?

The Northwest Florida Offer Your Shell To Enhance Restoration (OYSTER) Project is a new program of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in which oyster reefs will be restored/enhanced by utilizing shell salvaged from the local seafood industry. The collection, processing and deployment of clean oyster shells back into the ecosystem will both reinstate and create new oyster reefs.

The FDEP Ecosystem Restoration Section Staff and volunteers are responsible for routine pick up of oyster shells from participating restaurants, which save the shell. These shells are temporarily dried at a localized staging area prior to deployment to submerged marine bottoms in non-harvesting waters.

Once deployed, the clean oyster shells attract oyster larvae, also called spat. The oyster spat are mobile during the larval stage and move with currents and tides until they select a place to settle or "set." The larvae are selective and prefer a clean surface not covered with film, detritus, soft mud, oil, or grease, therefore collected clean shell substrate is an ideal surface for the oysters to settle.

Where are the NWF OYSTER reefs in our local watershed system?

The oyster shells will make up four, 1/10 acre oyster reefs in Pensacola's watershed system; are Grassy Point, Bayou Chico and Bayou Texar with two reefs to be constructed in Bayou Texar. The two other 1/10 acre reefs will be constructed in Choctawhatchee Bay including; one reef at the end of Bay Street in Okaloosa County and another constructed in Rocky Bayou.



How have the Restaurants aided in the collection process?

At the very start of the project only one partner participated. The project has since expanded to incorporate more than twenty businesses. The first collection in October of 2005 yielded only one bushel, however since that time 1,368.8 bushels have accumulated approximately 2,737 buckets.

Is the Project still ongoing?

Yes, the project is on going and will continue with support from our dedicated partners. The creation of the reefs has begun and the intention is to continue to create additional reefs. Soon the monitoring procedures will begin to evaluate and record the project results.



Aerial view of Bayou Chico:

