Surfclam Fisheries Enhancement: What Do (and Don't) We Know?

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Fishery enhancement ... not a new idea



fishery stocking programs in the world predators, and rotational fishing efforts

2021 - commercial Alaskan fleet caught ~\$140M Release 1 year old scallops, harvest 3 years later.

Seed Production

A desktop study demonstrated this may be feasibly supported

Hatchery Capacity

Reviewing regional commercial hatchery capacity to assess how seed production can be supported and identify additional hatchery investments that will be needed.



nitial results show 17 – 41 % Shell Length 78 – 187 %Biomass over 8 months

Seed Survival & Growth

Experiments underway evaluating response of seed clams to ocean environmental stressors, seed growth and survival under various planting densities and sizes, and vulnerability to predators.





Seeding Strategies

Design and optimization of a custom seeding machine is underway. Machine learning planned to identify locations for enhancement.

Key Uncertainties & Next Steps

A side meeting at State of the Science will focus on identifying important gaps and prioritizing next steps.

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