Working to Facilitate Safe and Efficient Interstate Shellfish Seed Transfers

Compliant Hatchery Facilities

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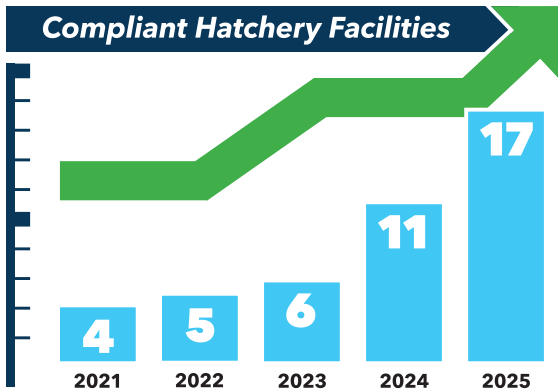
HATCHERY BIOSECURITY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Voluntary Program for hatchery facilities to demonstrate compliance with the RSSBP Best Management Practices. Includes annual audits.

- Steady expansion in numbers of BMP-compliant facilities and geographic locations
- Increasing adoption and/or consideration by state regulatory agencies for seed transfers
- Focus on increasing auditor capacity and auditor training

SHELLFISH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Coordinating body to ensure the best available science informs the program.

- Added US Gulf of Mexico Coast as a region
- Providing guidance to inform seed transfer requests
- Assisting state agencies with incorporation and application of RSSBP into policies and regulation
- Collaborating with USDA to align RSSBP with the Comprehensive Aquaculture Health Program Standards (CAHPS)

Expanding Regions
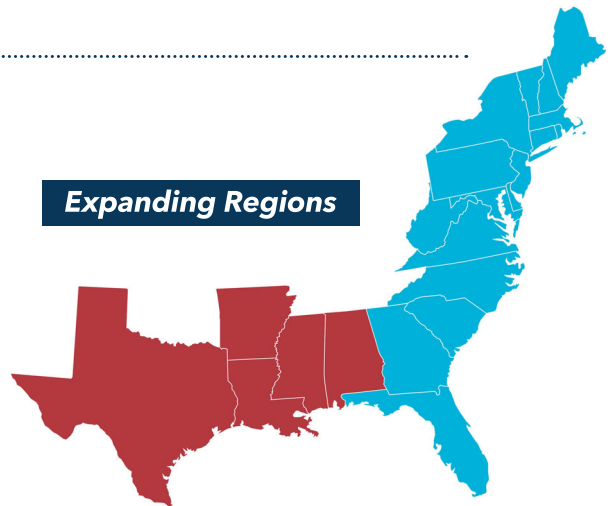
Improving the Database
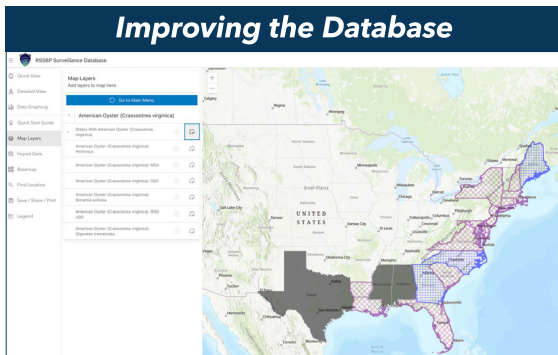
SHELLFISH DISEASE MAPPER

Online tool of shellfish pathogen distribution to support informed decisions on the risks of spreading or exacerbating disease from shellfish transfers.

- Adding surveillance data to expand geographic scope and tool utility
- Standardizing lab tests, reporting and proficiency

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