Virginia Should Continue to Invest in World’s Largest Oyster Restoration Project

Progress on reefs in 5 Chesapeake Bay tributaries through 2019

With steady investments over the past decade, Virginia and a broad coalition have created the world’s largest oyster restoration project, which has driven ecological recovery in the Chesapeake Bay. By appropriating the proposed fiscal year 2020 funding, including a one-time capital expense, the commonwealth can stay on track toward its goal of restoring native oysters by 2025.

Sources: S.R. Westby, oyster restoration program director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, email to The Pew Charitable Trusts, Feb. 11, 2020; Virginia Geographic Information Network; USGS; GADM

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