

SITE - MIDDLE BANK, BARATARIA BAY, LA

SITE CODE - BBMB

TARGET SPECIES - *Crassostrea virginica*

NOMINAL SITE CENTER - 29° 16.60' N

89° 56.52' W

LOCATED ON NOAA CHART - 11365

SITE ACCESS - The site is accessed by boat launched at Cheramines Marina, in Grand Isle. From the marina, proceed east across Barataria Pass, to the Louisiana Fish and Wildlife Camp on the northwestern tip of the western Grand Terre Islands. Run time is less than 10 min. An alternate launching ramp is at the Grand Isle Coast Guard Station, at the end of LA Hwy. 1.

SITE DESCRIPTION - This site is located in a *Spartina alterniflora* marsh, along the eastern side of the channel going into the Grand Terre Fish and Wildlife station. Station 1 is located 5 m north from the end of the wooden bulkhead, to the north of the Fish and Wildlife station. Station 2 lies 50 m north of the wooden bulkhead, next to an aluminum pole. Station 3 lies 100 m north of the bulkhead, next to the wooden post and "Keep Out" sign. All three stations lie on the eastern side of the channel.

OYSTER COLLECTIONS

- 1995 Medium to large mussels were abundant throughout the area, occurring in singles and clusters.
- 1996 No collection.
- 1997 The same stations were sampled as in previous years. Oysters were abundant and found in clumps with individual sizes of 3-9 cm.

SEDIMENT COLLECTIONS

- 1995 No collection.
- 1996 No collection.
- 1997 The sediments were silty mud co-located with the oysters.

SAMPLING METHODS

- Oysters - hand
- Sediment - stainless steel sediment grab and stainless steel scoop

WATER DEPTH - intertidal, 0 - 0.5 m