

SITE - TIGER PASS, MISSISSIPPI RIVER, LA

SITE CODE - MRTP

TARGET SPECIES - *Crassostrea virginica*

NOMINAL SITE CENTER - 29° 08.70' N

89° 25.64' W

LOCATED ON NOAA CHART - 11361

SITE ACCESS - Access to the site is by boat, launched at the Venice Marina. Proceed down Tiger Pass to the entrance, approximately 0.5 to 1 hr depending on the weather conditions. The mouth of Tiger Pass is bordered by a jetty on both sides; proceed past the end of the northwest jetty to green channel marker "7", and then turn back around the jetty and head north to the shoreline. The site is directly north of the jetty and green channel marker "9".

SITE DESCRIPTION - This site is located on the west side of the Mississippi River delta near the mouth of Tiger Pass. The site is on the southwest shoreline of a small smooth cordgrass island, near a telephone pole at the edge of the marsh. Individual stations are contiguous along the shoreline. Station 1 is on the shoreline, just north of where the Tenneco pipeline canal runs into the bay on the east and southeast from the telephone pole at station 2. Station 2 is the next along some 100 m of the shoreline to the north across from the telephone pole with two bolts. The pole is approximately 20 m from the shoreline. Station 3 is northwest from the pole and up to where the canal forms the northwest boundary of the marsh island.

OYSTER COLLECTIONS

1995 No collection.

1996 There were only a few small oysters and spat to be found in the area. The sample is a composite one.

1997 No collection.

SEDIMENT COLLECTIONS

1995 No collection.

1996 The dark gray clay sediment sample contained some silt, and was collected just off the nominal site center.

1997 No collection.

SAMPLING METHODS

Oysters - stainless steel dredge, hand

Sediments - stainless steel sediment grab and stainless steel scoop

WATER DEPTH - intertidal, 0 - 0.5 m