

**SITE** - BILOXI BAY, MISSISSIPPI SOUND, MS

**SITE CODE** - MSBB

**TARGET SPECIES** - *Crassostrea virginica*

**NOMINAL SITE CENTER** - 30° 23.55' N

88° 51.45' W

**LOCATED ON NOAA CHART** - 11372

**SITE ACCESS** - This is a walk up site accessed via automobile. Parking is at the Gulf Coast Research Lab Marine Education Center off Hwy. 90 at the Biloxi-Ocean Springs bridge.

**SITE DESCRIPTION** - The sample area is located along the shoreline in intertidal waters, where the oysters were collected from the concrete bulkhead, rocks and debris. Station 1 oysters were collected from the bulkhead and first set of pilings at the west end of the bridge, station 2 was located on the seawall between the 4th and 5th set of pilings, and station 3 was located between the 8th and 9th set of pilings from the western end of the bridge. All three stations are about 50 m apart.

#### **OYSTER COLLECTIONS**

1995 Small to medium sized oysters were abundant on the brick and concrete rubble forming the seawall. The oysters were in singles and clusters and the shells were very fragile.

1996 No collection.

1997 No collection.

#### **SEDIMENT COLLECTIONS**

1995 No collection.

1996 No collection.

1997 No collection.

#### **SAMPLING METHODS**

Oysters - hand

Sediment - N/A

**WATER DEPTH** - intertidal, 0.5 m