

MISSISSIPPI SITES

SITE - PASCAGOULA BAY, MISSISSIPPI SOUND, MS

SITE CODE - MSPB

TARGET SPECIES - *Crassostrea virginica*

NOMINAL SITE CENTER - 30° 20.16' N

88° 35.35' W

LOCATED ON NOAA CHART - 11375

SITE ACCESS - To reach the boat ramp on the Pascagoula River, turn off Hwy. 90 onto Market St. and head south. When the road dead-ends at the beach, turn right and drive west to the end of the road. The boat is launched at the public ramp in the channel leading into Lake Yazoo. Then, by boat, proceed west to the northwest corner of Singing River Island. Run time to the site is less than 10 min.

SITE DESCRIPTION - The site is located just west of the south end of the new causeway going to the Naval Base on Singing River Island, near the mouth of the West Pascagoula River. Oysters are generally abundant, and were found by poling on the subtidal reef. Station 1 is 100 m offshore next to the causeway, station 2 is 50 m further south and station 3 is another 50 m to the south.

OYSTER COLLECTIONS

1995 The site was not scheduled to be sampled this year.

1996 There was a very good population of medium to large oysters across the entire area of the site.

1997 No collection.

SEDIMENT COLLECTIONS

1995 No collection.

1996 The light brown sandy sediment sample contained a small quantity of silt.

1997 No collection.

SAMPLING METHODS

Oysters - stainless steel dredge

Sediment - stainless steel sediment grab and stainless steel scoop

WATER DEPTH - subtidal, 1.0 m