

❖ Oyster restoration: CAMA permitting and habitat concerns

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Any oyster restoration project requires authorization from DCM. DCM permitting concerns with regard to oyster restoration generally fall into one of four categories: navigation, historic use, property rights, and fish habitat. An oyster restoration project site should be selected so that the project does not inhibit navigation, affect a historic use of the area, or impact adjacent riparian areas or properties. Fish habitat issues include habitat trade-offs, regional and site conditions for optimal oyster growth, project design for successful fish habitat, and construction for minimal impacts to adjacent habitats and shell resources. Site selection, project design, and construction practices should be based on specific project goals.