

Culture Method

1. Gather data sheet and thio tubes, inject tubes with antibiotics: (M+C procedure sheet)
2. Describe overall oyster condition
3. record length and bill condition for 10 market oysters
4. Shuck oysters (careful not to damage mantle)
5. record meat condition for all ten (fat, slightly fat, fairly fat, watery, slightly watery, fairly watery, emaciated)
6. Using clean scissors and forceps take a dime size piece of mantle and place in thio tube (numbers should correspond, ie: 1st oyster in tube 1)
7. during spawning time, take sample of gonadal material to read
8. Wipe down forceps and scissors
9. Repeat for each oyster
10. Record length and bill condition for 10 submarket oysters in spaces 16-25
11. Shuck oysters
10. Record meat condition for all ten (fat, slightly fat, fairly fat, watery, slightly watery, fairly watery, emaciated)
11. Using clean scissors and forceps take a dime size piece of mantle and place in thio tube (numbers should correspond, ie: 1st oyster in tube 1)
12. during spawning time, take sample of gonadal material to read
13. Wipe down forceps and scissors
14. Repeat for each oyster
15. Incubate thio tubes for seven days in the dark, after seven days move to fridge

16. read gonadal material (if applicable) record in right hand margin of data sheet

17. tubes are ready to be read for dermo