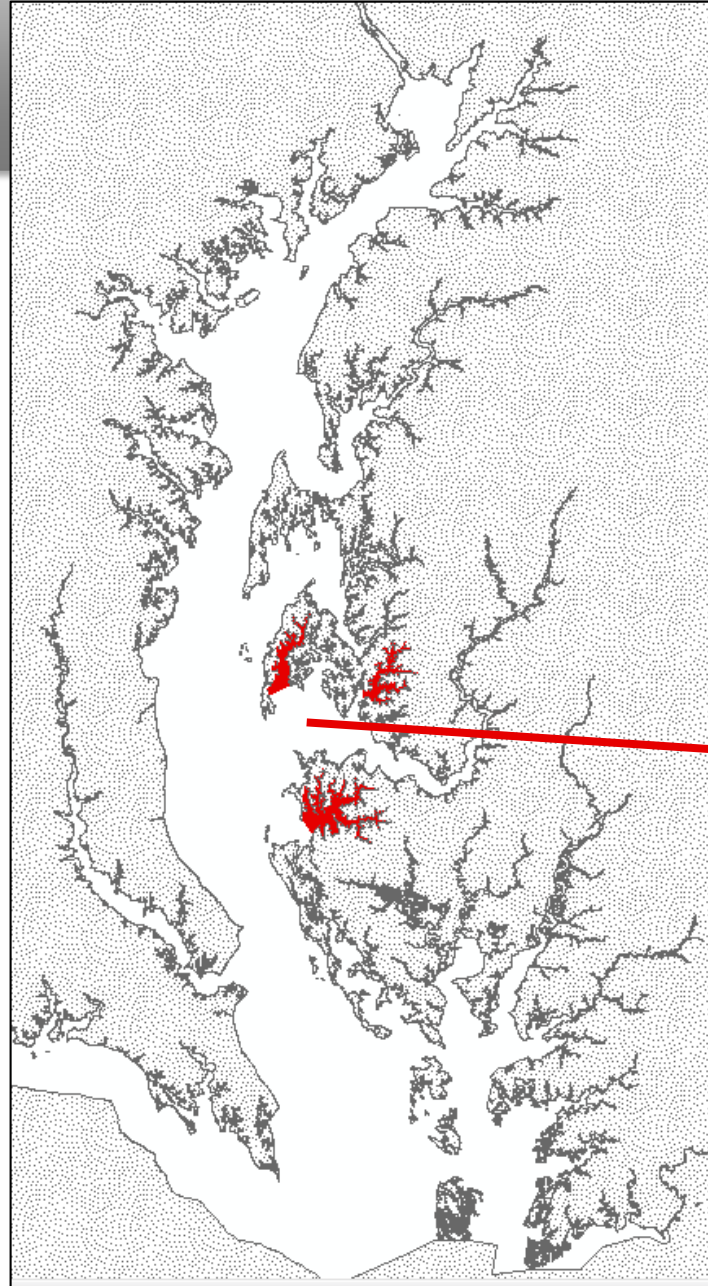




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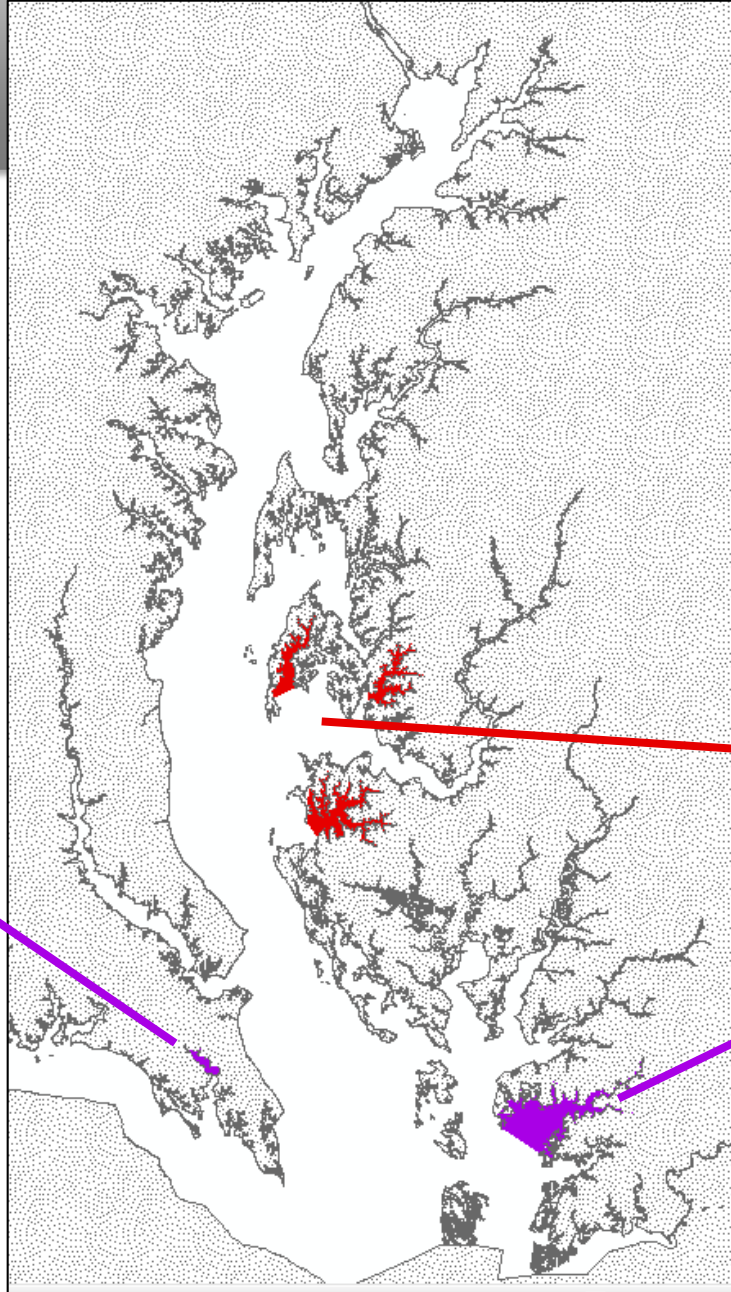
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St. Mary's Sanctuary

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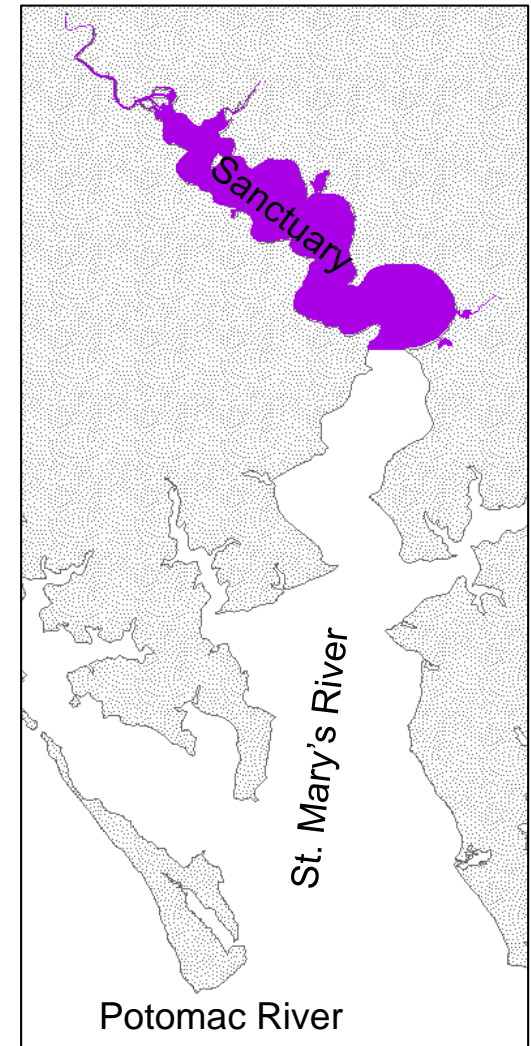
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Background

- Surface area = 1,304 acres
- Historic oyster bottom = 89 acres
- Sanctuary area since 2010

Recommendation Factors

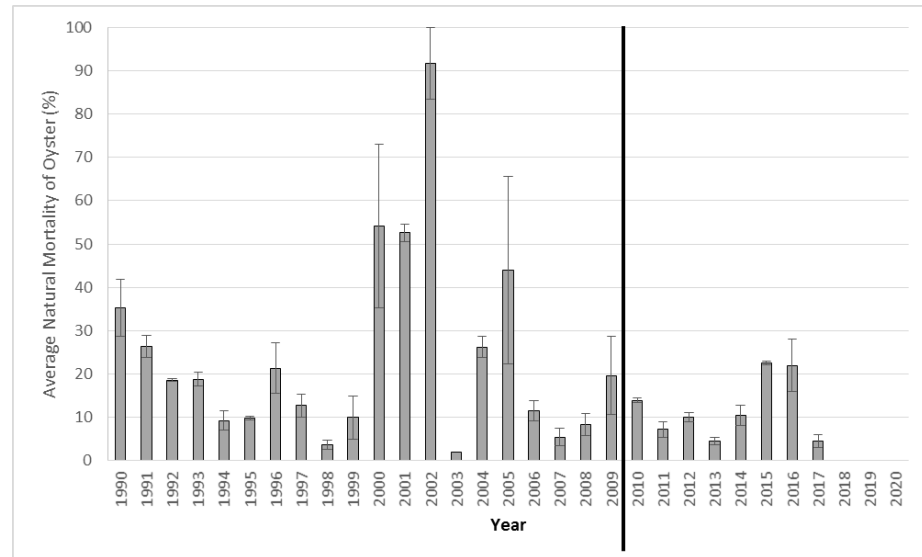
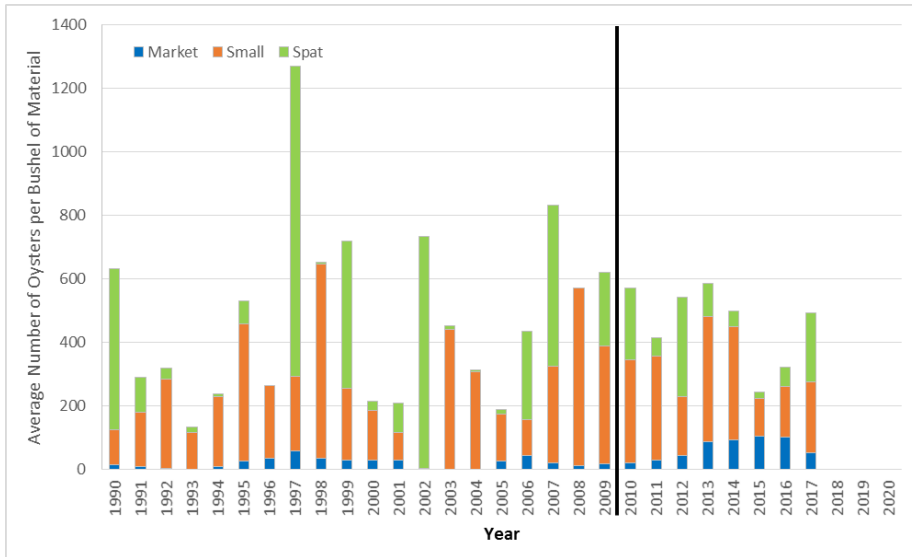
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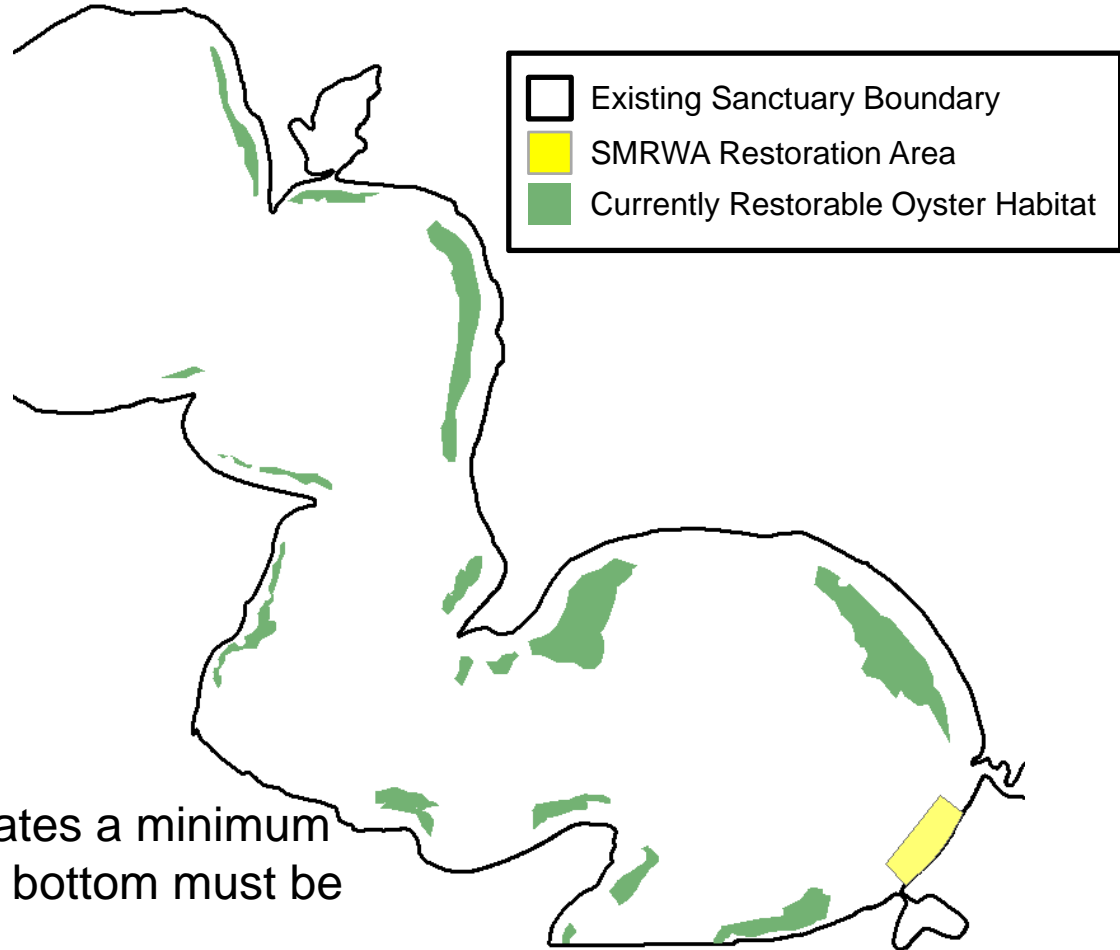
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St. Mary's Sanctuary

St. Mary's Sanctuary Restoration Blueprint Map

69.9 acres of **Currently Restorable Oyster Habitat (CROH)** based on distribution of shell bottom from recent survey data with a minimum depth of 4 ft. MLLW. Actual restoration construction would range from 50-100% of CROH.



✓ Tributary selection criteria states a minimum of 8 to 16% of historic oyster bottom must be able to be restored

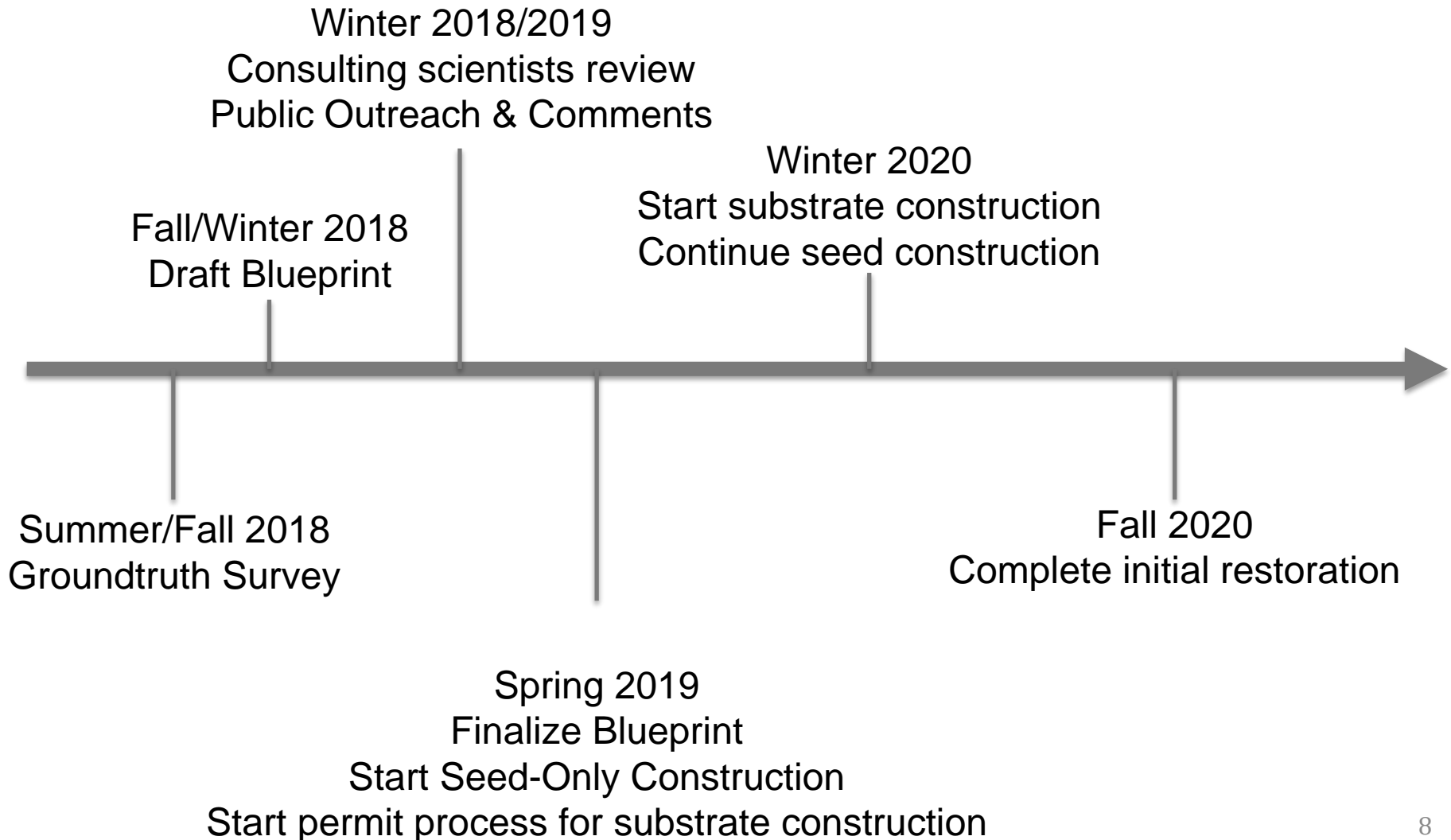


St. Mary's: Next Steps

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St. Mary's: Proposed Timeline



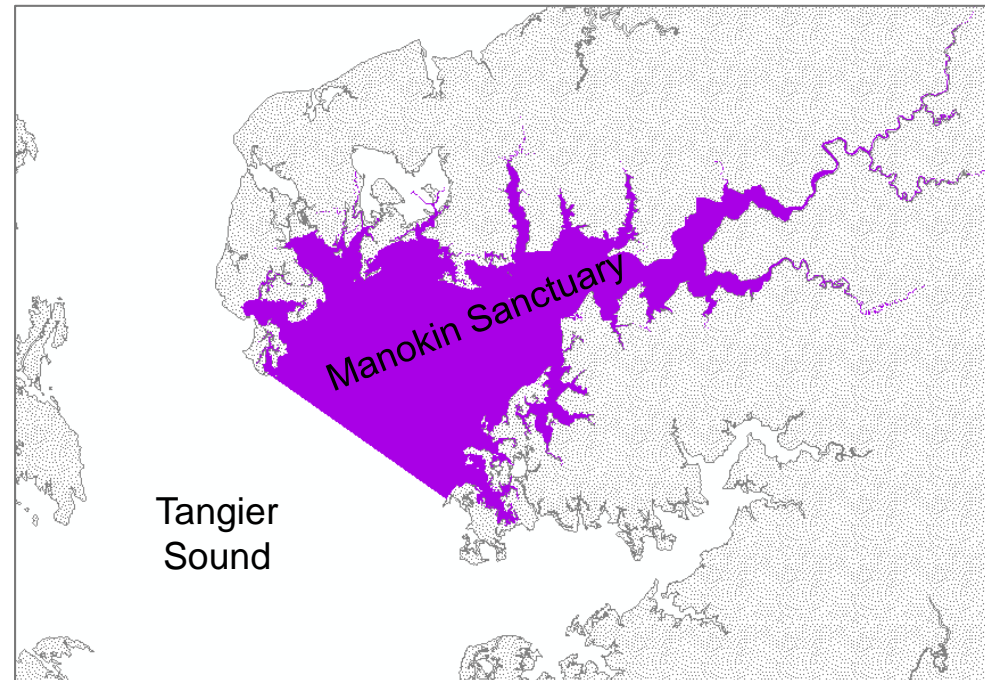
Manokin Sanctuary

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- Historic Yates oyster bottom = 4,984 acres
- Sanctuary area since 2010

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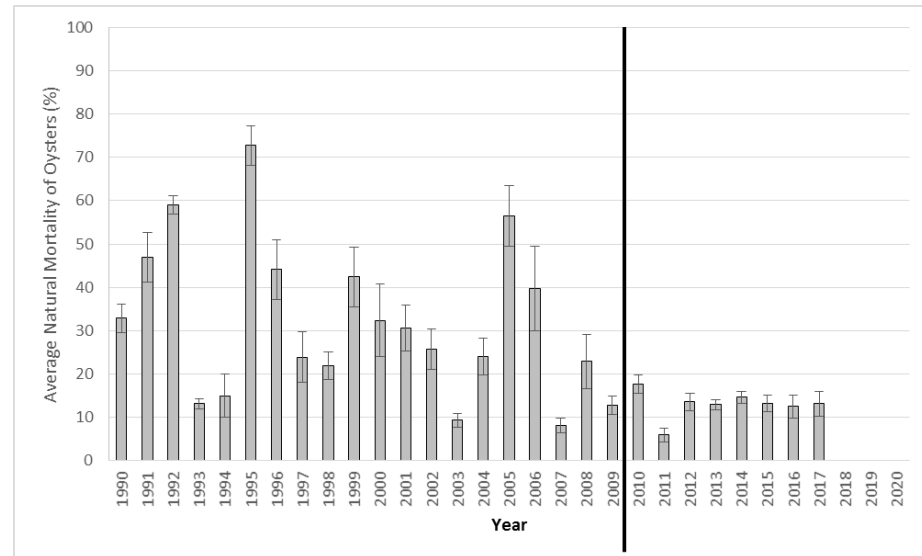
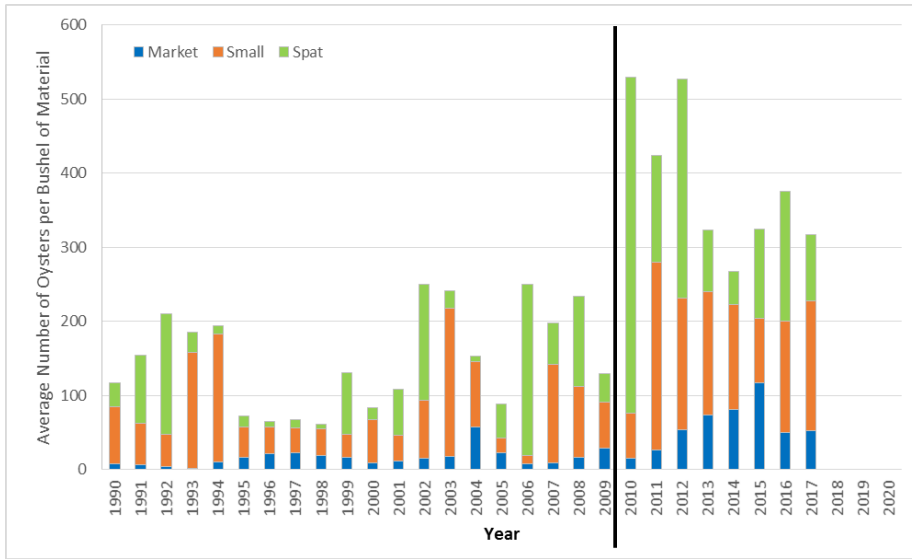
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Manokin Sanctuary

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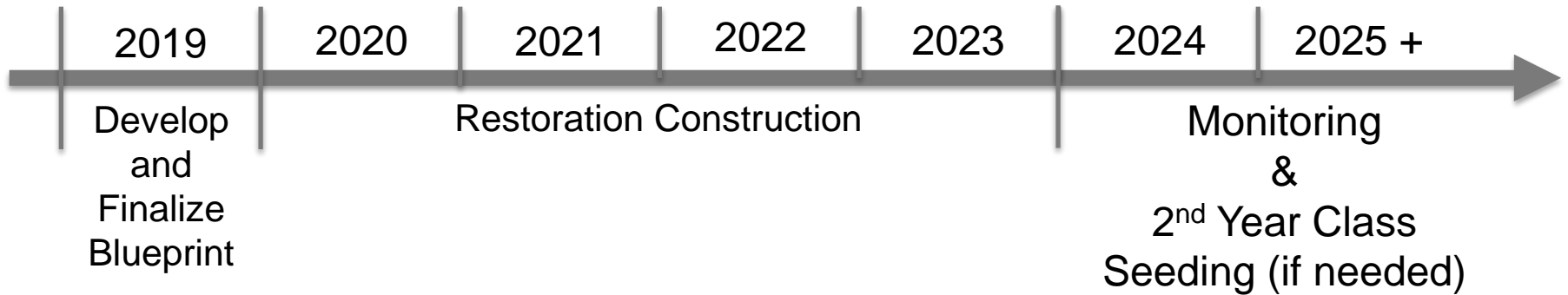


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