

ABSI SCIENCE UPDATE

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SUB-TIDAL MONITORING

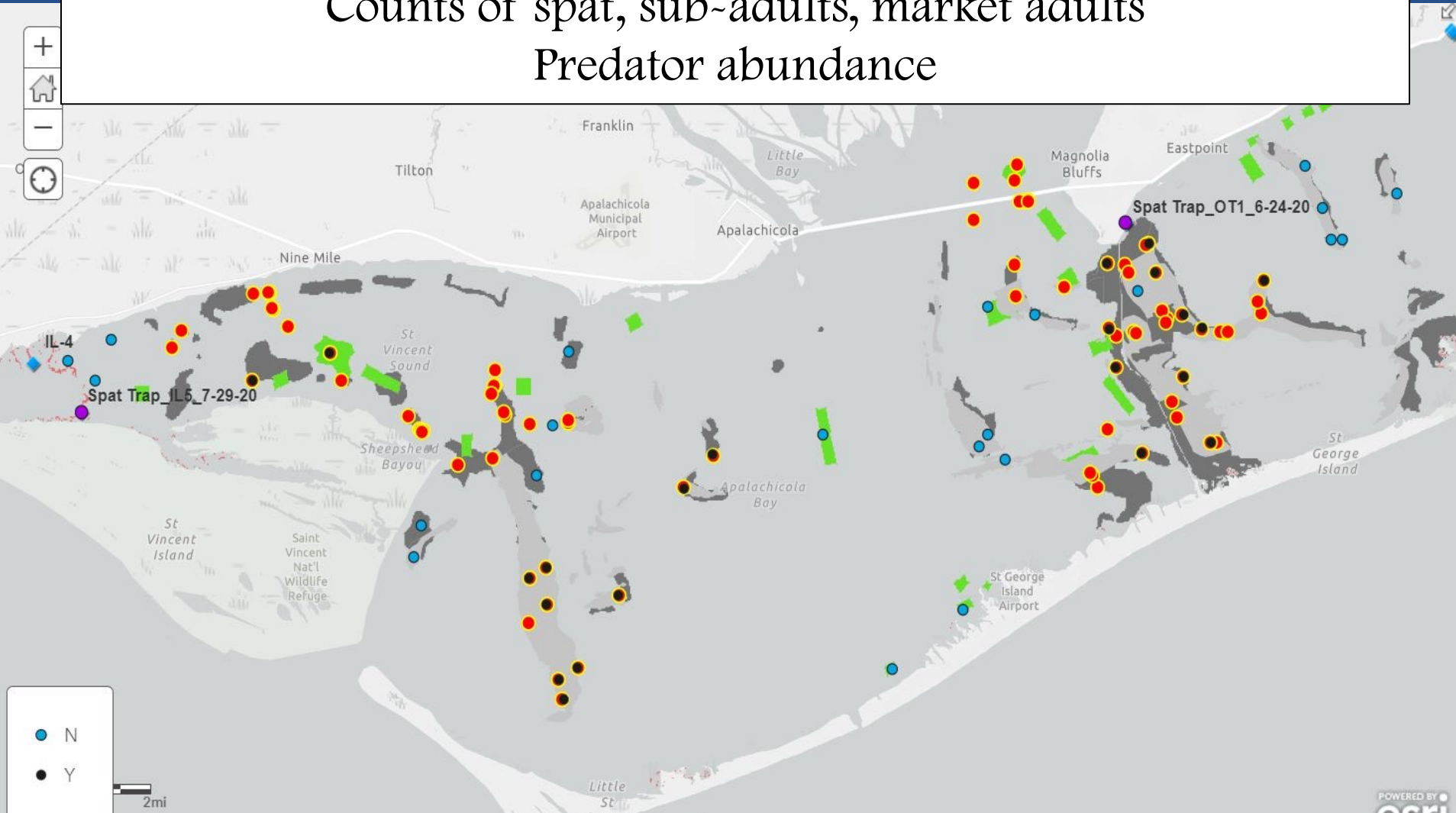
Monthly tong sampling

Random sub-set of sites with substrate

Volume of rock, shell, live oysters

Counts of spat, sub-adults, market adults

Predator abundance

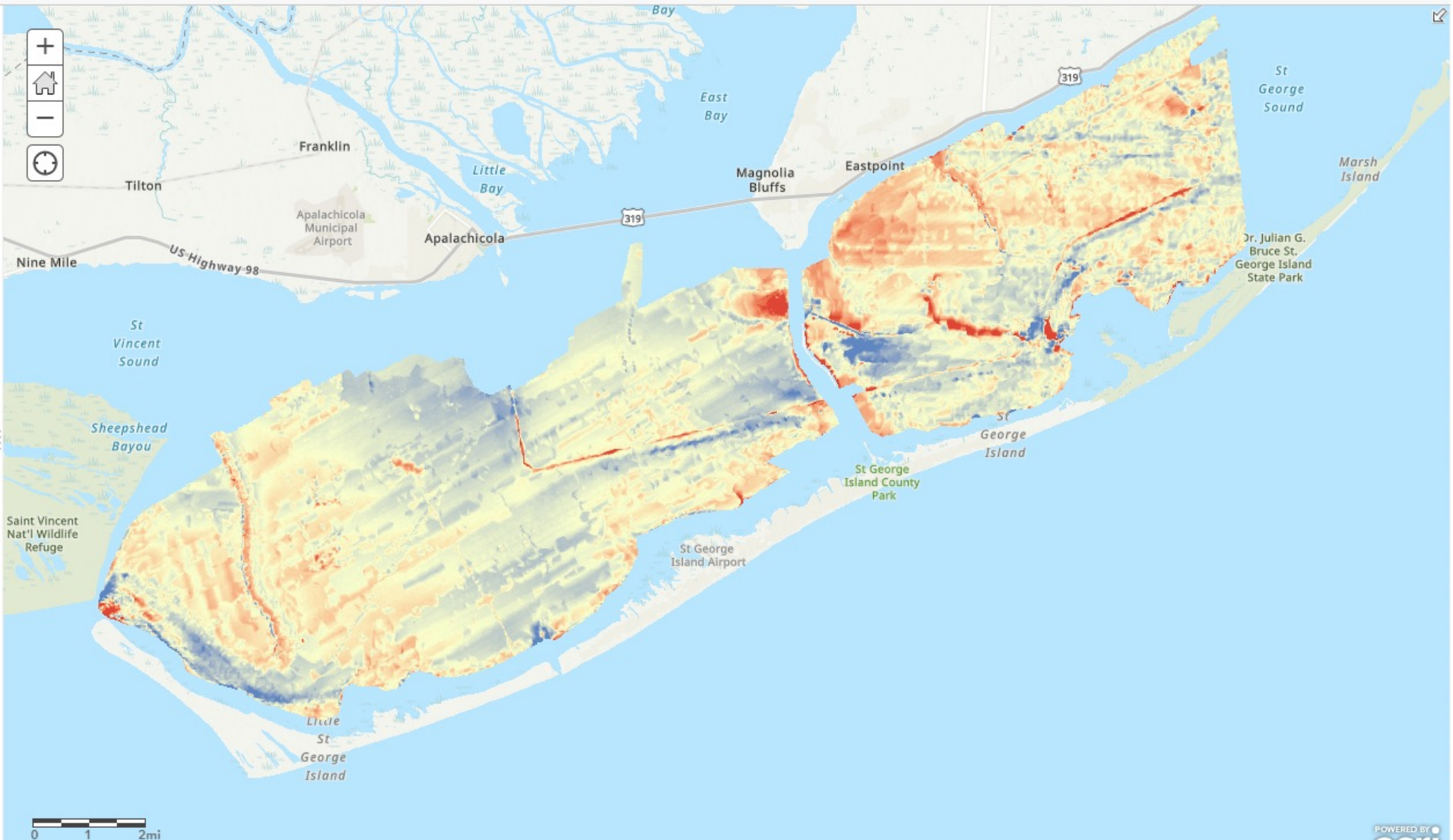


SUB~TIDAL SPAT TRAPS

Supplement FWC traps
Switched monthly



COMPARISON OF REEF HEIGHTS 1935 ~ 2006



Other studies

FOOD WEB STUDY

Collections of fishes, oysters and plankton have been made for the spring (wet) sampling season. The isotopic values will be compared with the data from 1993 to determine whether the food source of target animals has changed over time.

POPULATION GENETIC STUDY

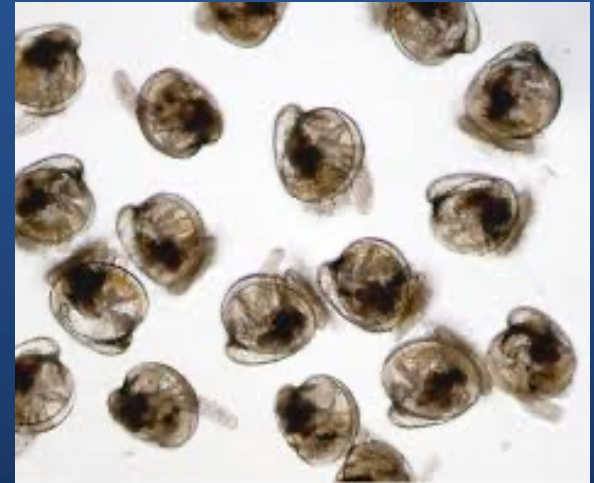
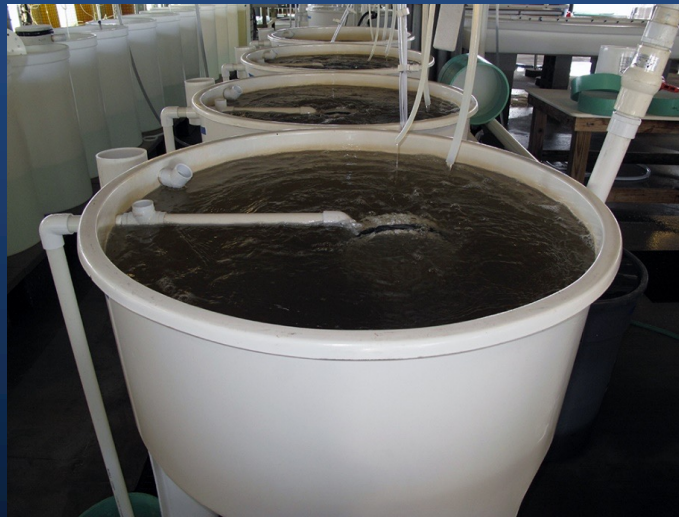
DNA extraction and genomic library development has been completed for 5 of the 8 target sites. We still need samples from Choctawatchee Bay, St Andrews Bay and Oyster Bay.

POLLUTION STUDY

Sediment samples (12) and sediment cores (5) have been collected from across the bay and will be processed for 5 metals/metalloids, and 7 pesticides to assess contemporary and historical levels.

ABSI HATCHERY

First successful spawn 13th April



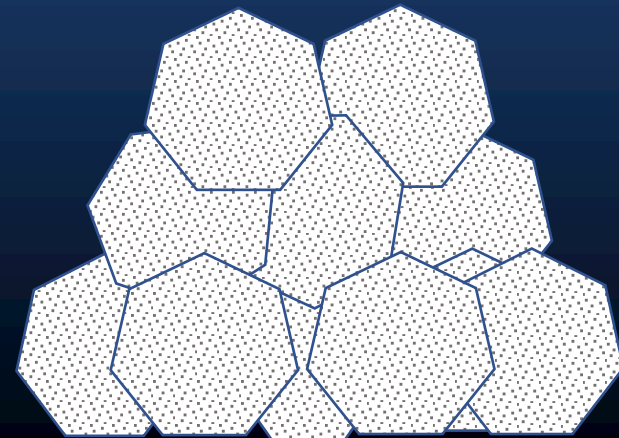
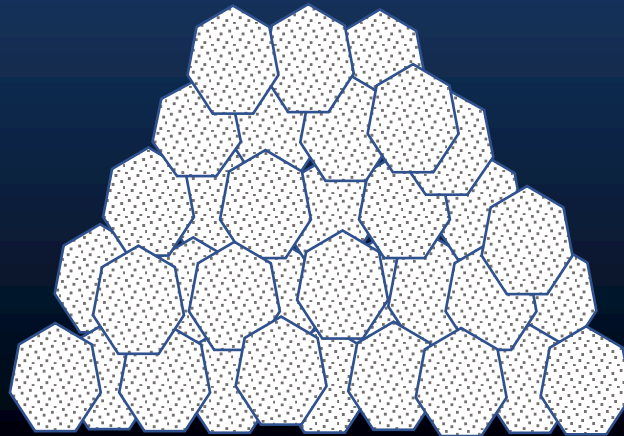
Materials

Shell and limerock

Natural oyster shell – good for spat settlement, can be harvested with tongs

Small limerock (4") creates mound, small spaces, many layers, can easily be harvested with tongs

Medium limerock (6-8") – creates stable structure, medium spaces, few layers, good for habitat development, can be harvested once oysters develop.



Restoration Experimental design

5 Sites: 1) Peanut Ridge, 2) Monkeys Elbow, 3) Hotel Bar, 4) Dry Bar, 5) The Miles
3 replicates per site

6 treatments per replicate (each material with and without hatchery spat)

Total number of reefs: $5 \times 3 \times 6 = 90$



Restoration Experimental design

4 Sites: 1) Peanut Ridge, 2) Monkeys Elbow, 3) Hotel Bar, 4) Dry Bar, 5) The Miles
3 replicates per site

3 reefs – one of each material - per replicate (with cages of hatchery spat and shell)

Total number of 30 x 30 ft reefs: $4 \times 3 \times 3 = 36$



A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sky is a mix of deep blue, orange, and yellow, with scattered clouds catching the low sun. The water's surface is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the foreground on the left, there are tall, green reeds. In the middle ground, a long bridge with multiple spans stretches across the water. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Questions?