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Operational Plan for Growing Seed Oysters/Clams in Prohibited Waters

In accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance, Chapter VI .03 Each aquaculture site that cultures seed in waters classified as prohibited or unclassified shall have a written operational plan. Operational Plans must be approved by the DoAG prior to implementation and are a requirement of the permit and licensing process.

You are required to provide a signed and dated Operational Plan for your operation. You must thoroughly address each item below for DoAG approval prior to the deployment of any gear.

1. Provide the Plan view of your permitted operation including location (town and lot/lease), all coordinates, and dimensions of all gear being used and the gear area. You may submit the drawings used for your permit application.
2. Provide a description of all activities that will be conducted at your site(s).
3. List the species you are growing.
4. Provide the procedures you will be using to ensure that no poisonous or deleterious substances are introduced to the water through your activities. Poisonous or deleterious substances include fuel, oil, degreasers, chemicals (including those used for anti-fouling), etc. If you become aware of an oil or chemical spill, industrial fire, or other potential source of poisonous or deleterious substances near your permitted site, you must immediately notify DoAG.
5. You are required to contact the DoAG in the event that seed exceeds the maximum seed size before it can be moved out of prohibited waters. The oyster seed size is no more than 2.5" length, and the hard clam seed size is no larger than 1.25" diameter.

The DoAG will determine the appropriate corrective action. There is a **zero-tolerance policy** for moving seed that is larger than the maximum seed size.

You are required to maintain this Operational Plan and all ACOE and DEEP permits, and complete and maintain all required relay, harvest, sanitation, and HACCP records. Records must be maintained on site, or on vessel for DEEP Patrol review and DoAG inspections.