



February 18, 2025

Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board
ATTN: James Devitt
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Dear Members of the Board,

Please let this letter serve as notification that the Louisiana Oyster Task Force convened on August 29, 2023, and voted to recommend the attached table and cost calculation regarding oyster harvesting costs. The task force motioned to recommend that the updated figures replace the old calculation of \$5.00/ sack in the 'Initial Damage Prediction' in the Uniform Evaluation Methods.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your support in implementing these recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch Jurisich", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Mitch Jurisich
Chairman
LA Oyster Task Force

Oysters Harvesting Cost Calculation by Applying Dr. Keithly & Dr. Kazmierczak Estimated Parameters from 2005 Report

Table 1 - Oysters Harvesting Cost Calculation

	Variables	Values
1	Priv-Publ Reefs	46.39
2	Fuel Price (\$)	5
3	Crew_Wage per Trip (\$)	200
4	Crew Wage per Hour (\$)	33.33
5	Captain Wage per Trip (\$)	350
6	Captain Wage per Hour (\$)	58.33
7	length (Feet)	45
8	Oysters Harvesting Cost	13.65



How to use this table:

This oysters harvesting cost (row 8) is calculated by the given values in table 1. You can change any of these variables (values 1 to 7) to see how it impacts the estimated cost.

For example if you change the fuel price from 5 to 4 the estimated harvesting cost will change from \$13.65 to \$13.34. Please do not touch any other tables below. They are just used for the cost calculation.