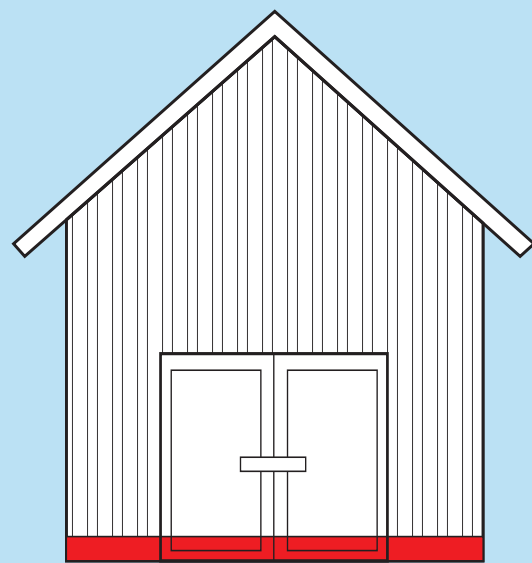
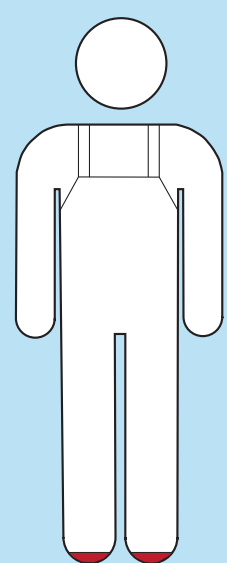
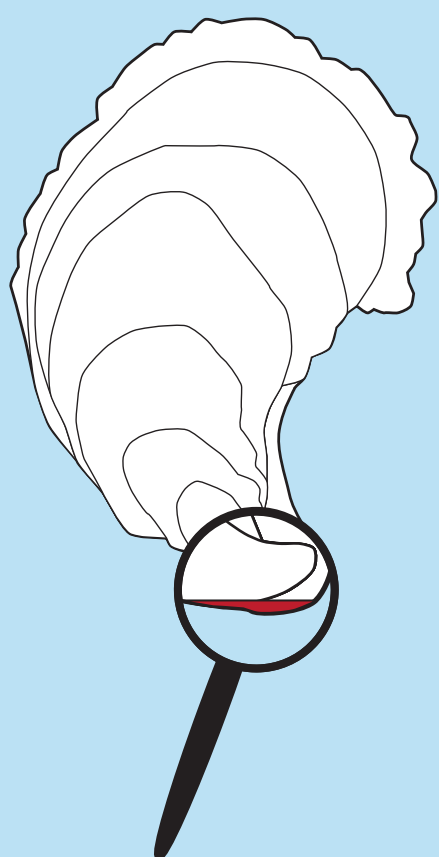


the cost of *sick* oysters

Oysters

Harvesters

Shucking Houses



50000

136



1%

1000

6

□ = historical amount

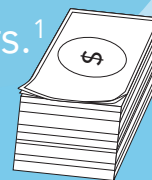
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Did you know...?



The decline of oysters was so catastrophic to the ecosystem and economy that scientists debated introducing a non-native, Asian species of oyster for over a decade.

An estimated \$4 billion has been lost from the economies of Virginia and Maryland due to the decline in oysters.¹

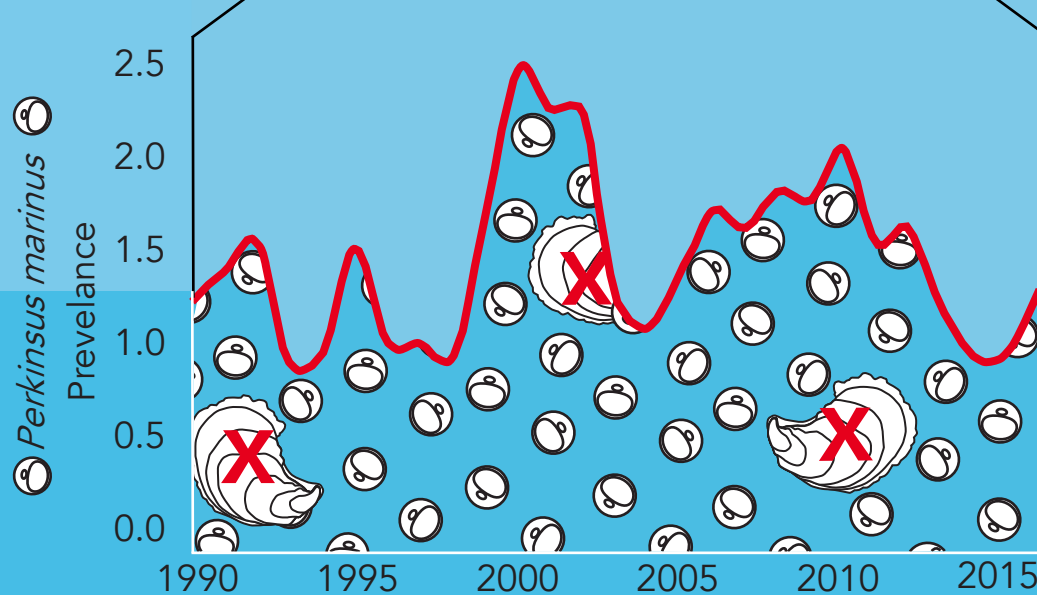


Causes

Poor Management

Habitat Loss

Disease²



It's getting better.

Scientists are currently studying if oysters are better at surviving infection than they have been in the past. By looking at preserved tissues, they can see how many parasites the oyster has and how sick it is.

