

Disease on the Half-Shell: Prevalence and impact of the protistan pathogen MSX on oyster population health throughout the Gulf of Maine

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The Gulf of Maine (GoM) encompasses thousands of miles of coastline characterized by numerous bays and estuaries that have historically supported abundant shellfish populations. A keystone species in this environment is the American oyster, *Crassostrea virginica*, whose structura