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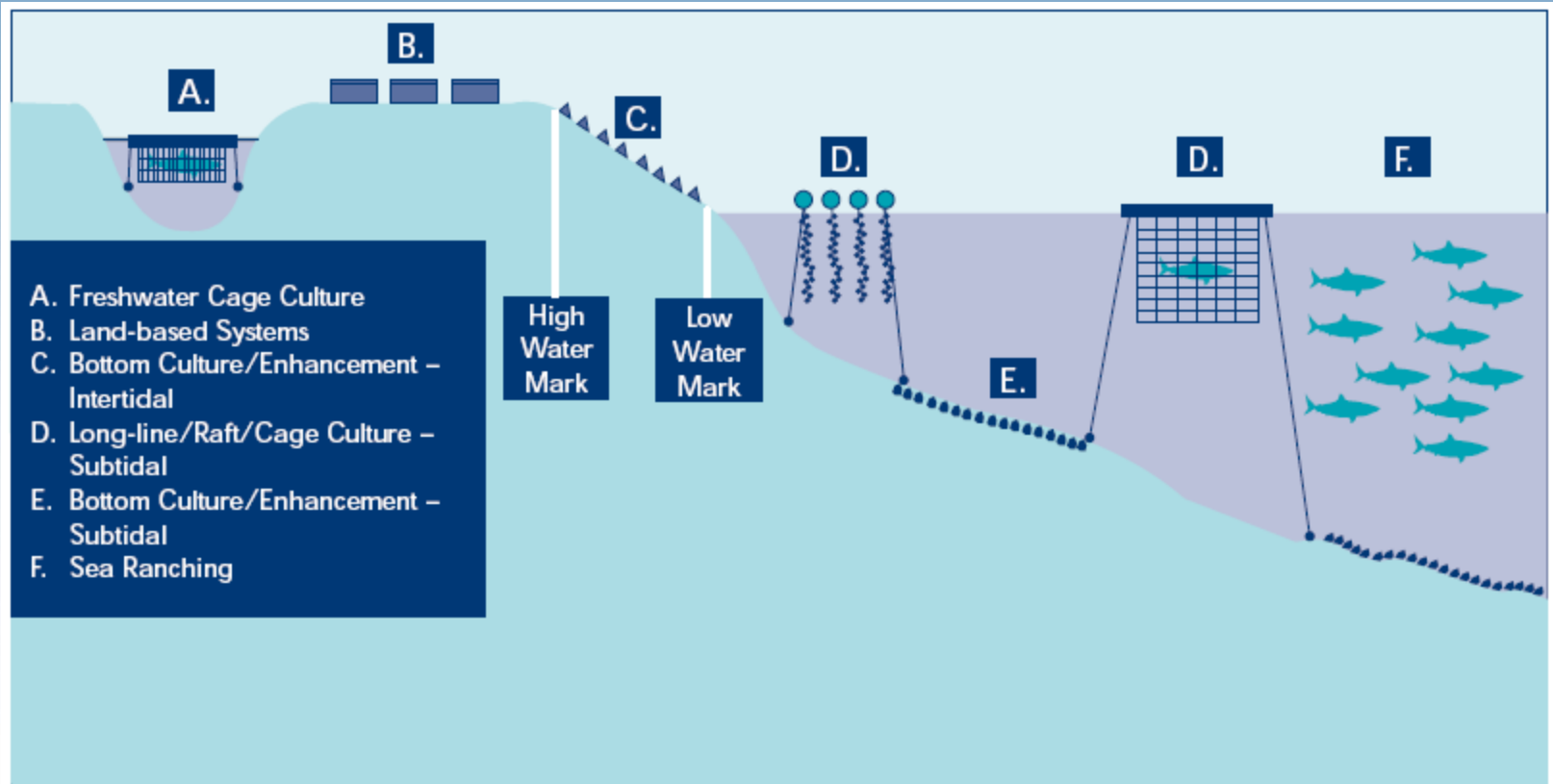
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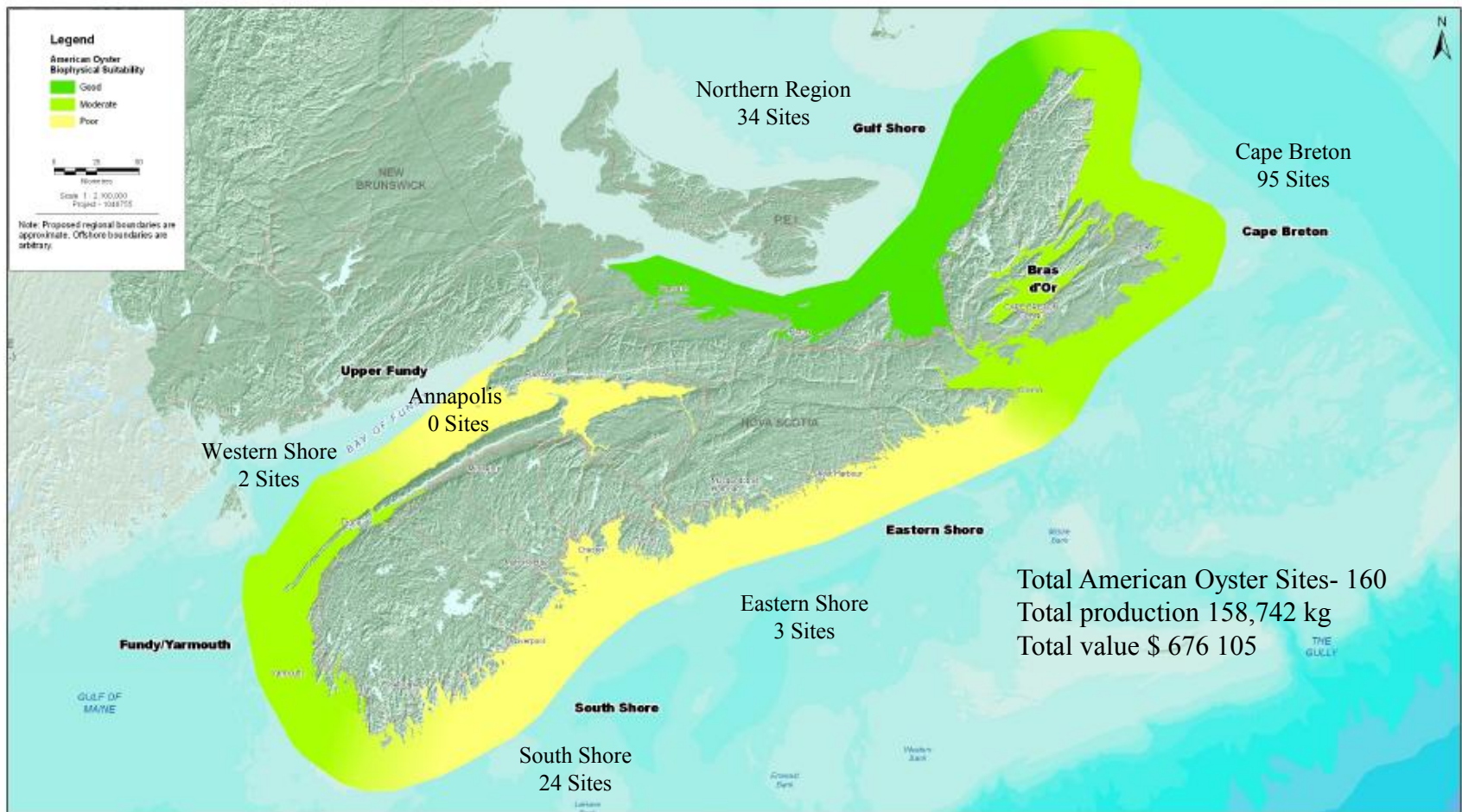
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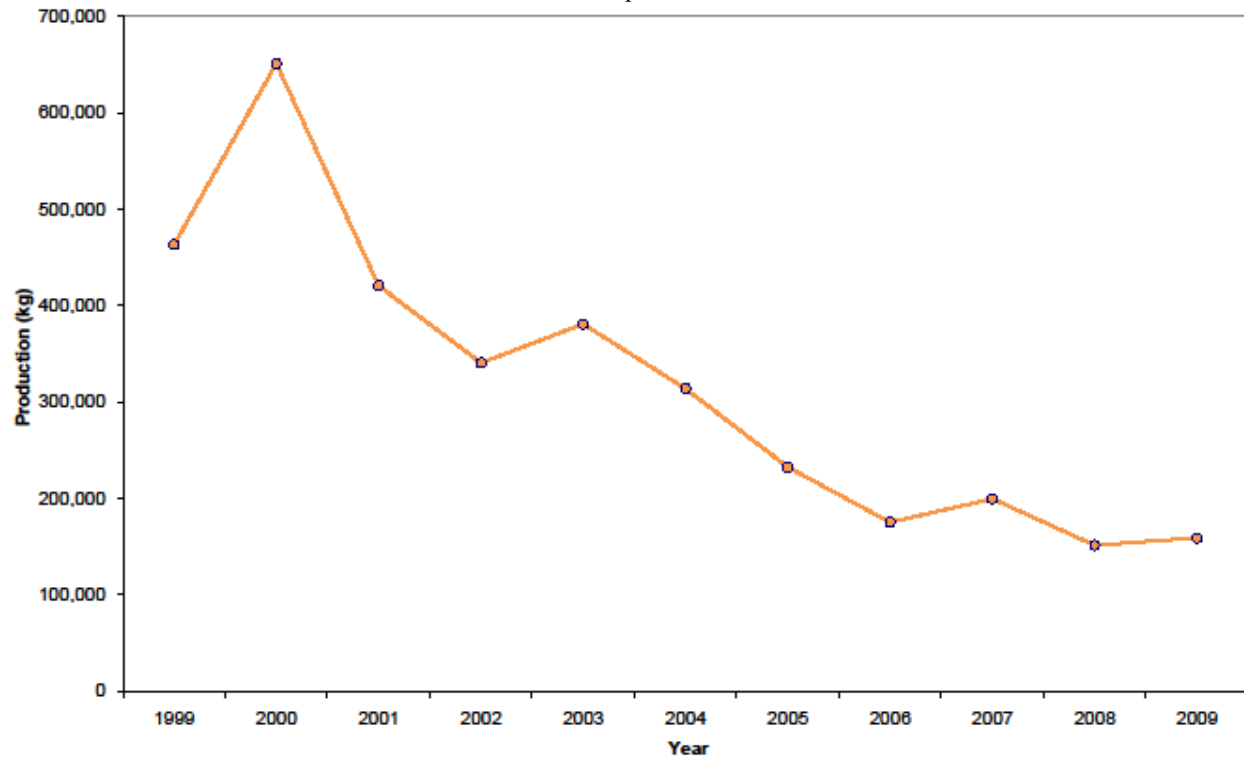


DATE: November 2009	Road Map for Aquaculture Investment in Nova Scotia	Scale: 1:2,000,000
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	AMERICAN OYSTER - REGIONAL BIOPHYSICAL SUITABILITY	

Note: Rating of regional aquaculture suitability has been based on general biophysical conditions only. The figures do not survey site-specific conditions and are not intended to preclude aquaculture development in any region of Nova Scotia. The figures are intended as a general guide to suitability and should not be used to make specific investment decisions.

Nova Scotia American Oyster Production

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Governance

- Canada/NS Memorandum of Understanding on Aquaculture Development
- Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act
- Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations
- Atlantic Provinces' Memorandum of Understanding for the Development of the Aquaculture Sector

Memorandum of Understanding

Province/Canada

Environmental sustainability
Effects monitoring & follow up
R&D priority setting
Information/data sharing

Province

Canada

Applied development

Scientific research

Licensing & leasing

Input on applications

Site Inspection and compliance

CEAA

Fish health management

National & regional fish diseases

Collect production data

Compile and publish national report

Aquaculture Division

Director & Administrative Staff

- Policy & Licensing
- Development & Environmental Management
- Fish Health

Fisheries & Coastal Resources Act

- Farming for commercial purposes
- Animals/plants exclusive property of the leaseholder
- Licences & Leases (10yr/5yr)
- Exclusive right to the water column and sub-aquatic land
- Amendments/assignments/cancellations/conditions
- Production report mandatory
- Best overall applicant

Application Process

- Application received
- NSDFA technical review (ongoing)
- Network agencies engaged
- Collection/analysis of baseline information by proponent
- CEAA as triggered by TC (NWPP)
- NSDFA public engagement including First Nations
- Regulator working group meetings
- Recommendation to Minister

Inter-Agency Cooperation

Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

- Development Group of Aquaculture Division
- Licensing Group of Aquaculture Division
- Fish Health Group of Aquaculture Division

Department of Fisheries and Oceans

- Regional Aquaculture Coordinating Office
- Habitat Branch

Transport Canada

- Navigable Waters Protection Program
- Environmental Affairs

Issues

- MSX
- Open / restricted / prohibited
- Eel grass
- Suspended/bottom
- Opposition- traditional fishery and public
- Cocktail oyster versus fishing licence

Applicant Caused Delays

- Lack of experience / not in good standing
- Incomplete application
- Weak research/planning/community engagement
- Non-responsive
- Cost – application, baseline, advertising

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