

Protocol: Oyster Reef Area and Height



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Introduction

This protocol provides methods on standardized data collection for the areal dimensions and height of an oyster reef. The area is defined as the reef itself with a continuous edge extending to approximately 25% cover of living or dead shell. The height of an oyster reef is defined as the mean height of the reef above the surrounding adjacent substrate, excluding the terrestrial shoreline. At a particular site, several reefs or patch reefs could be present. Each reef within the vicinity should have both the height and area measured if other forms of data are taken from it.
