



How levies are divided up

Context



- OT's 1st priority: cost and value for money for oyster industry as a whole.
- Changing the mix between oyster growers would need broad support.
- Increasing the number of oyster growers would reduce levy per grower.
Otherwise, any change involves winners and losers.

Options to base levy on:

- Licences
- Hectares
- Spat
- Reported production
- Reported employment
- Oyster farming taxable income



OT suggestion



- To base your ShellMAP levy on the lesser of:
 - your share of state-wide hectares
 - your share of state-wide employees
- Hectares and employees are more closely related to production than licences
- Using the lesser of two measures avoids dropping of low-productivity hectares
- Dropping the per-licence basis removes a barrier to amalgamation and expansion



OT suggestion

Your levy = The Department's total levy requirement

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the lesser of:

 your share of state-wide hectares

 your share of state-wide employees (full-time equivalent, on-farm)

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a small uplift factor so the total levy requirement is collected

(i.e. the total levy requirement divided by the sum of the initial levy assessments)

Additional OT suggestion



If a lease was unlicensed for at least a year, no ShellMAP levy charged in first year back as a licensed lease.