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Why Money Island New Jersey?



Money Island is the landing port for **9 independent watermen's businesses employing more than 30 seasonal workers** harvesting oysters, crabs, conch, menhaden, perch, shad and raising baitfish and soft-shell crabs. One waterman is licensed to harvest horse shoe crabs (kept alive) for medicinal purposes.



Money Island is New Jersey's **second most productive seafood landing port** with an estimated **\$30 million annual impact** on the regional economy. The port and its independent producers have the potential to grow exponentially with the required permitting.



Crabs and oysters are **two of the only fisheries that are expected to increase** and thrive in a scenario of long term climate change with warmer and more acidic water conditions and expected compression in species biodiversity.



Money Island is a **host site for research** conducted by five local New Jersey universities plus three research teams from outside the state. Nonprofit groups have ongoing projects here in oyster reef restoration and living shoreline stabilization. Baysave's shoreline stabilization research work was selected for commendation by NJDEP for exemplary work in shoreline erosion.



Chesapeake Bay oyster aquaculture has grown more than tenfold since 2012 and more than twentyfold over the last decade. In contrast, the Delaware Bay oyster aquaculture is just getting started with this **new dynamic growth phase**.



Money Island is chosen by the region's three largest oyster companies as the **most ideal spot in the state** for FLUPSY systems (floating oyster nurse systems housed inside a docked barge) due to our fast-flowing deep creek with medium salinity water that is high in necessary nutrients. This proven technology has the potential to dramatically increase the industry's production.



Money Island is ready with the leadership, personnel and matching financing for more than a dozen proposed **sustainable redevelopment projects** already endorsed by most local, country, state and federal government authorities.

BaySave is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit association registered as a New Jersey charity with a mission of advocacy, stabilization, restoration and sustainable economic redevelopment of tidal wetlands along the Delaware Bay.