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## **2019 Draft Oyster Management Plan Comment Summary Document**

The department's thirty-day public comment period for the 2019 Draft Oyster Management Plan occurred between February 18 - March 19, 2019.

The department received thirty-seven responses during that time period. There were 527 specific comments within those responses. The agency reviewed all the comments, and made some changes to the draft plan.

The department received comments on each part of the plan. However, some sections of the plan received a higher volume of comments than others, and some text and/or sections caused confusion. Sections which received higher volumes of comment included: adaptive management as a guide to improve the success of oyster projects, developing risk-adverse harvest management strategies, identifying areas for leases, addressing stock status with current day fishing rates, and sanctuary goals.