



Oyster Reefs: An Edible Essential Habitat Teacher Workshop



All Sessions 8:30am-3:30pm

Friday, April 9-NOAA/NERRS Classroom, Pivers Island, Beaufort

Friday, April 16-North Carolina Aquarium at Manteo-Schooling Spot

Friday, April 23-North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher-Oceans Classroom

The North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve/Coastal Reserve is conducting a workshop focusing on oyster reefs. Oyster reefs are a unique and essential habitat providing multiple services in the marine environment, such as water filtration and providing habitats for many economically important fish. In addition to this, they also are a valuable fishery themselves. Oyster reefs serve as model ecosystems to teach students about:

- Water quality
- Essential habitats
- Basic ecological concepts
- How people alter ecosystems

This workshop will provide teachers and educators with background knowledge about oyster reefs and how they function. Four separate activities will be introduced for use in your classroom to teach students about the history of fisheries harvest and basic marine ecology. Activities will focus on data management and interpretation, ecological principles, and biological diversity.

Participation is open to all educators and teachers and is free of charge. Credit for this workshop is offered in teacher renewal credits (0.6 CEUs).

For more information or to register, please contact Lori Davis, Education Specialist at lori.c.davis@ncdenr.gov or 252-838-0883.

