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### September 2016 Report

All the scallop cages are out of the water. Some are in rough shape, so we will be building more this winter. All the wild spat bags have been brought in and the seed broadcast out into Lagoon Pond. We have also started to empty some of the scallop seed bags we received from the hatchery.

We have begun emptying the quahog nursery rafts and have about a third in. So far we have only put seed into Sengekontacket Pond. We will be seeding both the harbor and Lagoon Pond.

The steamer seed in the harbor upweller is growing well. We are seeding them out when they catch on a 3/8 mesh. They should all be seeded out by mid-October.

We have installed the third experimental site of the living shoreline project. The EPA personnel from the Atlantic Ecology Division have been out to collect samples. The project sustained some damage from the storm Hermine. We have the sites cleaned up and did most of the repairs. We need to replace some of the coir logs. This will likely take place September 23rd. The EPA will be sending several people over to assist. They will also be here on September 21, 2, and 27 collecting sample and other monitoring.

The rapidly approaching bay scallop season outlook is good. We have snorkeled and dragged in both ponds and there are scallops out there. We saw some very large adults in Sengekontacket in or near the dredged channel.

We have received our new truck and should be labeled soon.

This year's oyster seed will be moved to larger mesh bags and put into clean cages for the winter. Some of last year's seed will be large enough (3 inches) to be harvested beginning October first. They have been planted to the left of mouth of Major's Cove off Pecoy Point toward Gravel Island.

I have received a video link to the Wampanoag Aquinnah Tribe video on the oil grit separator that was installed by New York Ave a year ago. The link is <https://vimeo.com/85839759>. The video was produced by Martha's Vineyard Production.

Respectfully submitted,