



The largest operation at the Oxford Laboratory is the Shellfish Mortality Program, directed by Dr. Aaron Rosenfield of Easton, Maryland. In recent years massive oyster mortalities due to disease have virtually wiped out the oyster industry in Delaware Bay, and seriously damaged the industry in Virginia.

The laboratory staff at present numbers 23, with additional scientists scheduled to join the research group in the near future.

The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries operates 20 biological research laboratories on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts, and in Hawaii and Alaska. Each has specific missions concentrating on important commercial species in its area.

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