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### **Project Oyster Pensacola: Learn How Oysters Can Improve Local Water Quality**

PENSACOLA – The Bream Fishermen Association (BFA) in conjunction with the Pensacola Bay Oyster Company is sponsoring an education through engagement program to encourage improvement of local water quality in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Interested citizens, schools, and organizations are invited to participate.

Join us Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 9 -11:30 a.m. at 1615 East La Rua Street Pensacola, FL 32501 (Miraflores Park Activity Building) for a short course on oysters (living bio-filters), including their care, life cycle, and everything you may need to know about this project. Oysters will be grown in cages off area docks for 9-12 months and returned for measurements. The oysters will be counted, weighed, and measured before and after deployment. Students and citizen volunteers will collect data to assist with this pilot project. Access to a dock is necessary to participate, however, if you do not have dock access, the BFA will be partnering local marinas to provide access.

Registration is required along with a fee of \$50 per oyster cage. Participants will receive an instructional booklet, a calendar for recording information, and an oyster cage along with 75 triploid baby oysters.

To register, learn more about this program, and/or become a sponsor, please send an email to [TheBreamFishermen@gmail.com](mailto:TheBreamFishermen@gmail.com) or contact Barbara Albrecht, BFA President, at 850-384-6696. This information is also available on our website <http://www.breamfishermen.org>.

***Please join the BFA & Pensacola Bay Oyster Company to help clean local waters. Seventy-five oysters filtering off your dock could make a difference and improve the quality of our local estuaries!***

*The Bream Fishermen Association is a 501(C)3 Organization Chartered in 1970 dedicated to the promotion of the conservation responsibilities as well as the recreational enjoyment of fishermen, hunters, campers and related outdoorsmen. It is the objective of the BFA to support, develop, and implement programs that will:*

- 1) Improve the quality of our environment;*
- 2) Protect and maintain our present wilderness type lakes, rivers, swamps, marshes, bays, forests, and beaches in their natural undeveloped state;*
- 3) Advance the causes of plant, marine, and wildlife preservation; and*
- 4) Environmental outreach and education*