



Is the PEARL operational?

Currently, all PEARL staff are working remotely, with the exception of Facilities Manager Jon Farrington. Jon is performing a once-daily check on laboratory facilities, infrastructure, vessels, and vehicles.

What is the status of the Summer PEARL Internship Program?

The PEARL will not be able to accept on-site interns for its summer internship program. Any interns who can perform project tasks remotely will still be considered for inclusion in the internship program.

What is the status of the PEARL Oyster Aquaculture Program?

PEARL researcher Dr. Ming Liu's oyster genomics research program depends on annual spawning to continue to improve his oyster lines. Spawning – intended to begin in early April – have been postponed. A short-term postponement is not expected to have major impact, as successful spawning efforts could commence as late as early June.