

WORKING HAND-IN-HAND: OYSTER RESTORATION & AQUACULTURE



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HOW VIRGINIA RANKS AND WHY IT MATTERS



- Largest restoration program in the Country
- Largest replenishment program in the Country
- Largest producer of Hard Clams in the Country
- Largest Producer of Oysters on the East Coast
- 3rd largest producer of all seafood in the Country
- ~1.5 Billion Oysters harvested over the last 10 years.
- \$400 million dockside value
- Directly supports or provides more than 4,000 jobs in Virginia
- All this economic activity does not just stay in Virginia (looking at you PA and MD)







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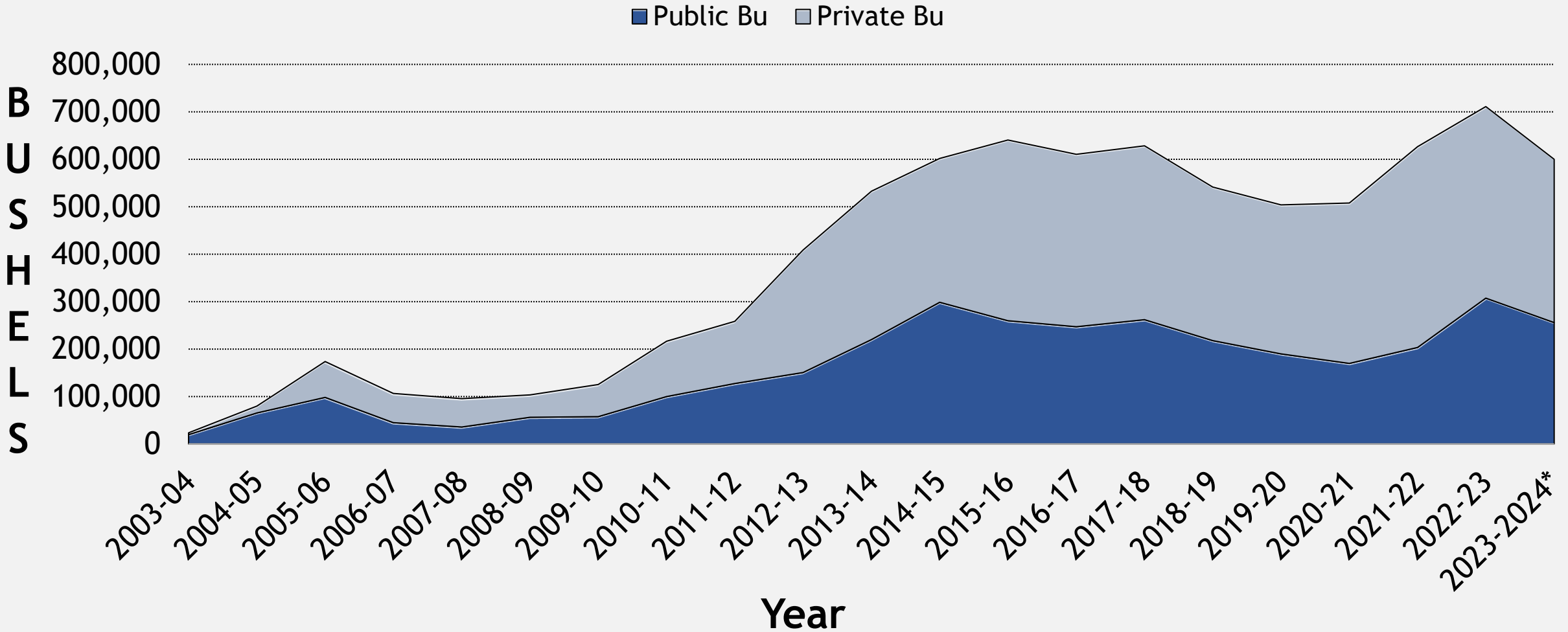
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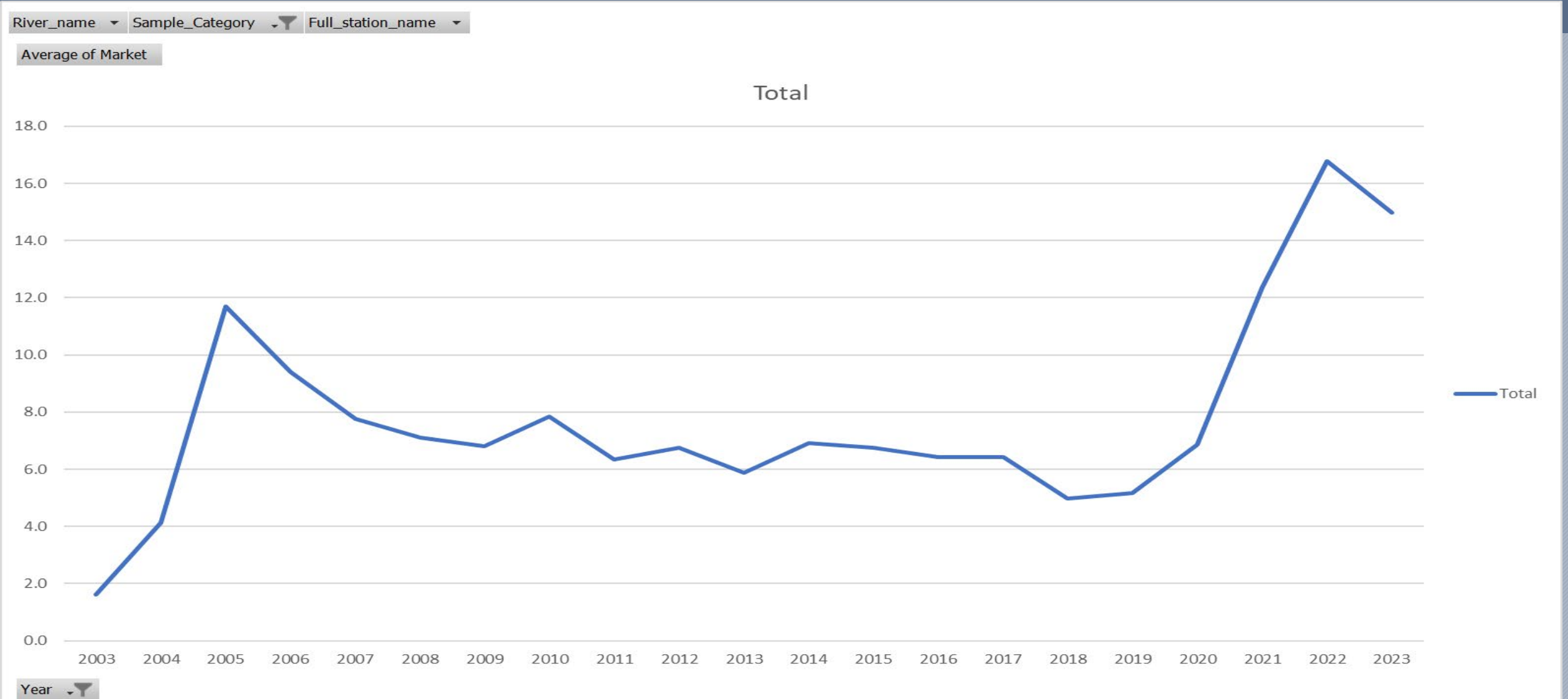
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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OYSTER HARVEST

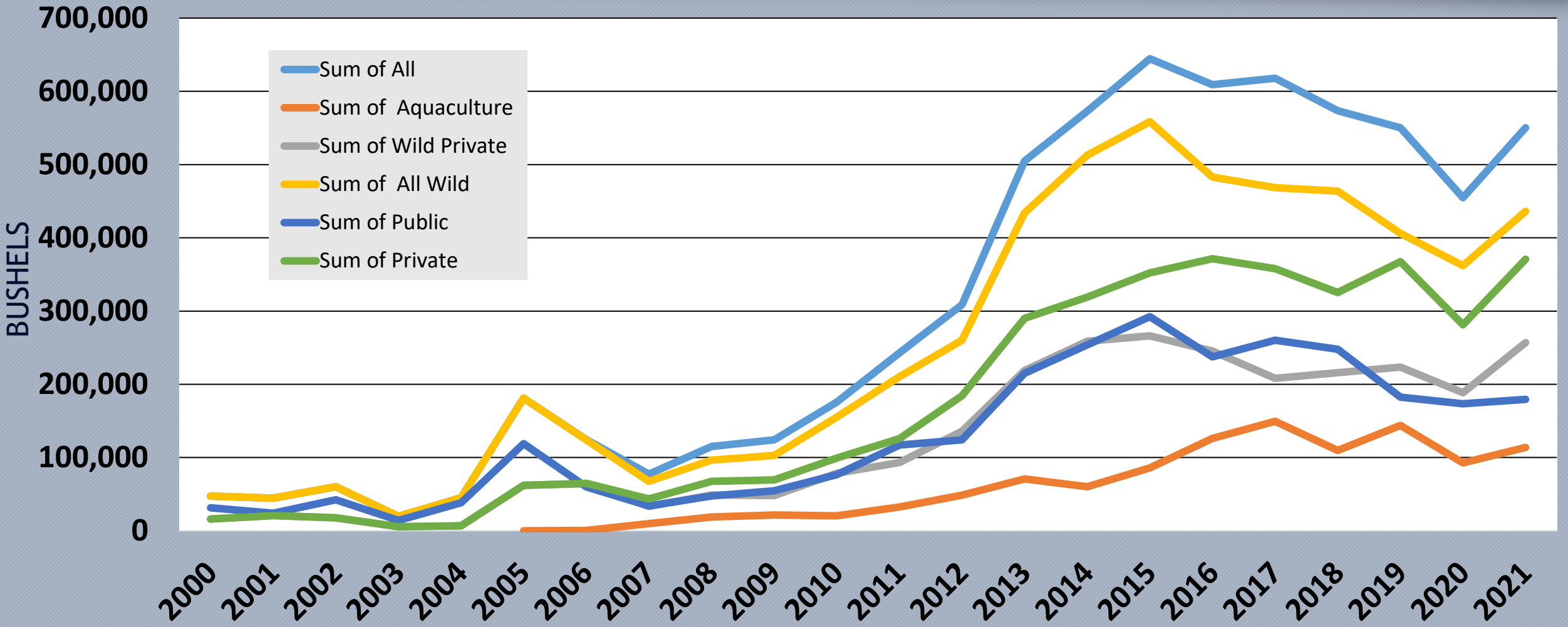


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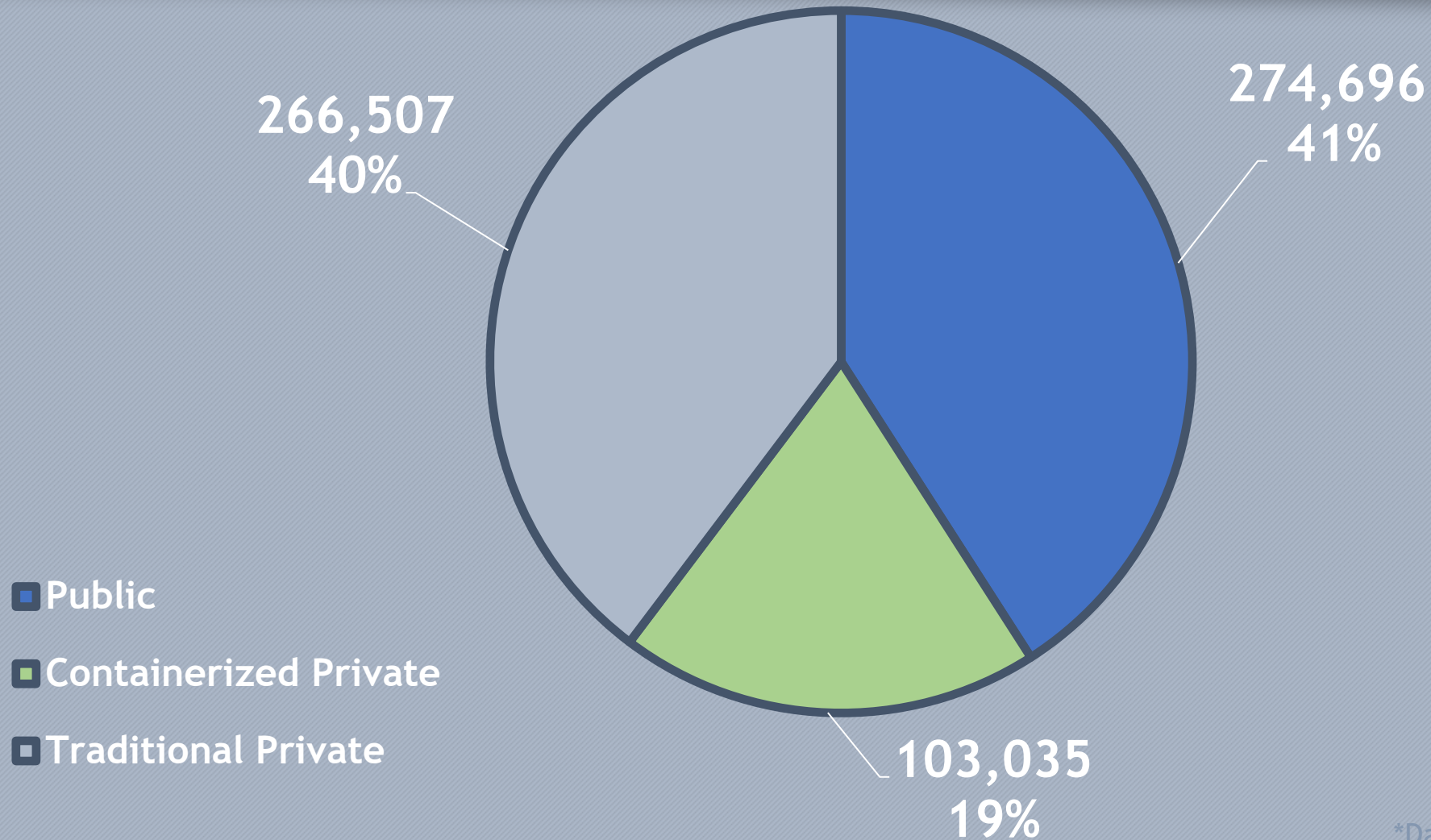
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PUBLIC VS PRIVATE (WILD VS CULTURED) OYSTER HARVEST



2023 OYSTER HARVEST * (BUSHEL AND % OF HARVEST)



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THREE-LEGGED STOOL OF SUCCESS

- Traditional harvest, on both public and private ground
- Restoration and maintenance of all suitable oyster habitat
- Hatchery based aquaculture



- In many cases the participants are the same in all three categories
- We work closely with industry to develop and implement oyster restoration projects
- In many cases oysters produced in cages are being shipped on the same trucks and from the same locations as those produced by traditional methods, and those same drivers and employees and companies may directly work on large scale oyster restoration projects





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