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Ricklefs, R.A. 1973. *Ecology*. Chiron Press, Newton, Massachusetts USA. 861 pp.
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Waddell, J.E. 1964. The effect of oyster culture on eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) growth. M.S. Thesis. Humboldt State University, Arcata, California USA. 48 pp.
Whiting, M.C. 1983. *Distributional Patterns and Taxonomic Structure of Diatom Assemblage in Netarts Bay, Oregon*. Ph.D. Dissertation. Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon USA. 138 pp.
5. Articles, Books, or Journals in Press or Preparation:
Creswell, L. [In press]. *Aquaculture Desk Reference*. CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida USA. 202 pp.
Glazer, R. [In press]. Status of queen conch (*Aliger gigas*) in the Florida Keys. *Florida Scientist* 25:in press. (include volume number of journal if known).
Boidron-Metairon, I.F. [In preparation]. Influence of food quality on length of larval period and development sequence for *Strombus gigas* larvae reared in natural sea water.
6. Proceedings
Author, A.B. and C.D. Author. 1995. Title of article. Proceedings, Name of Conference, City, ST, Country, Date (day(s) Month year), p. 00-00.
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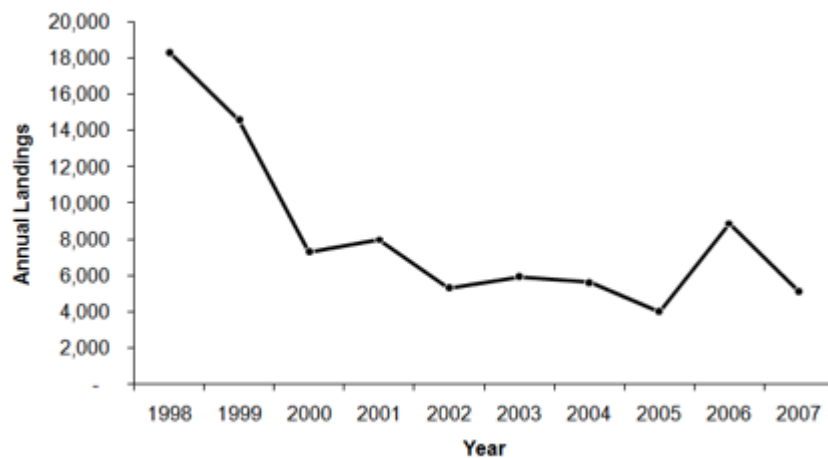


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