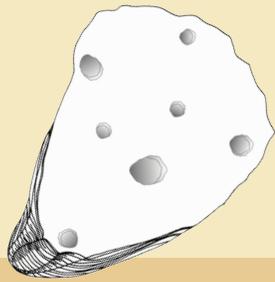


# INTERESTING FACTS OYSTERS...

...can live up to **20 years** 1 ● 5 ● 10 ● 15 ● 20

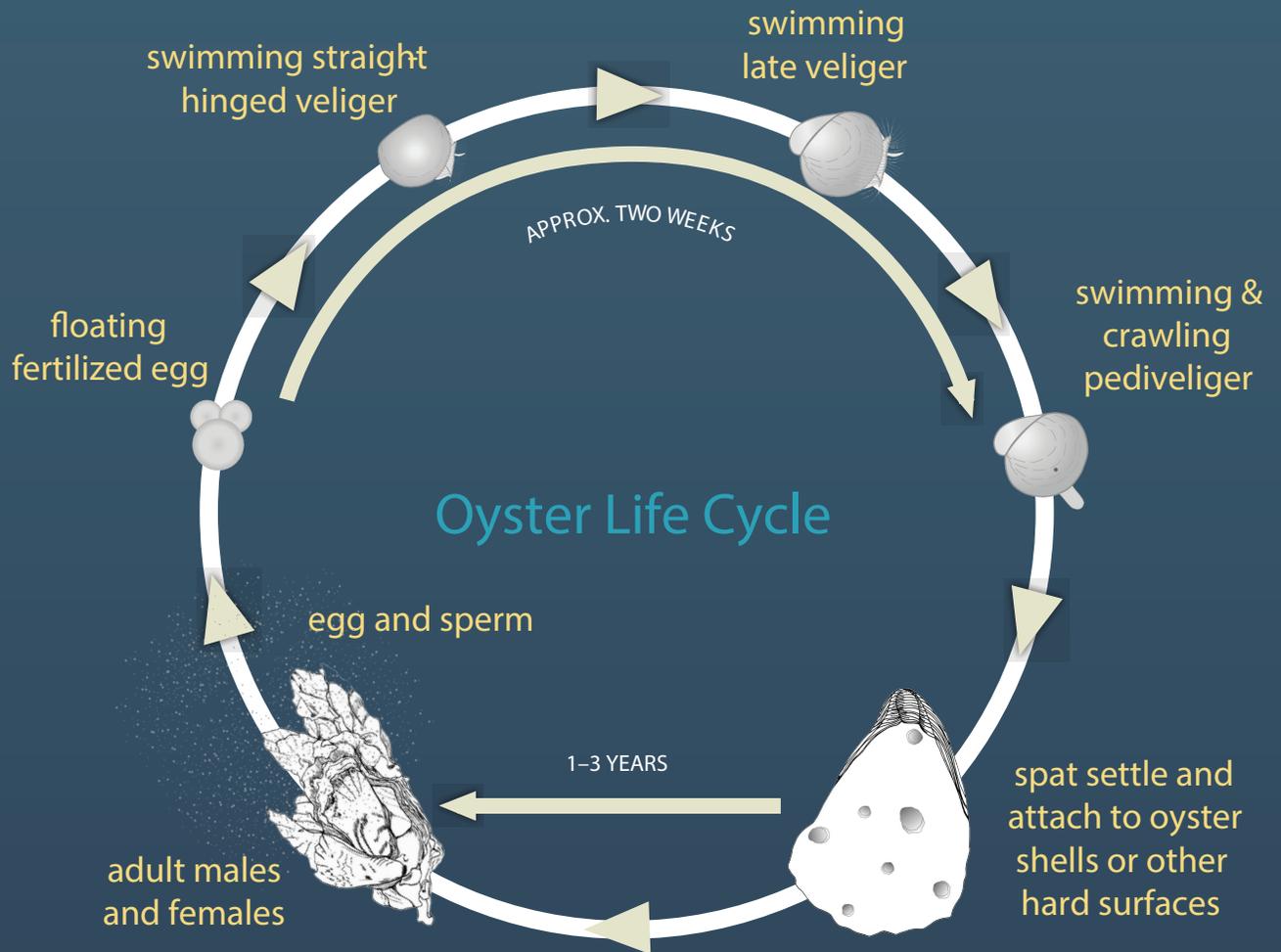


...in Texas can grow to market size  
(**3 IN.**) in **18 MONTHS**

...can be eaten  
**year round**

- ...feed by filtering algae and other food particles from the water
- ...reproduce by releasing eggs or sperm into the water when temperatures warm
- ...can change gender once or more during their lifetime

**One** oyster can filter up to **50 gallons** of water **per day**



Credit: Karen R. Swanson/COSEE SE/NSF