**The State of Aquaculture in the Salt Ponds**

**Kettle Pond Visitor Center, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI**

**June 292017, 5:00 – 7:00pm**

**Agenda**

**Event Purpose:**

1. Understand from different perspectives the state of aquaculture in the Salt Ponds.
2. Answer any questions or concerns from the community about aquaculture in general.

**Moderator:** Jennifer McCann, Director for the U.S. Coastal Programs, Coastal Resources Center and Rhode Island Sea Grant College Program, University of Rhode Island (URI)

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| 5:00 | **Welcome and Purpose** – *Alicia Eichinger, Executive Director, Salt Pond Coalition and Jen McCann, URI Coastal Resources Center/RI Sea Grant* |
| 5:15 | **The State’s Perspective** – *Dave Beutel Aquaculture Coordinator, RI Coastal Resources Management Council and Janet Coit, Director, RI Department of Environmental Management*  |
| 5:25 | **The State of Aquaculture*** *Dale Leavitt, Associate Professor of Biology, Roger Williams University*
* *John West, Owner, Moonstone Oysters*
* *Doug McLean, Senior Planner, Town of South Kingstown*
* *Robert Lyons, Chair, Charlestown Coastal Pond Management Commission and Owner, Ocean House Marina*
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| 6:15 | Discussion |
| 7:00 | Adjourn |

**Topic Experts:**

* + - Dave Beutel, Aquaculture Coordinator, RI CRMC
* Art Ganz, President, Salt Pond Coalition
* Eric Schneider, Principal Biologist, Marine, RI DEM
* Robert Rheault, Executive Director, East Coast Shellfish Growers Association
* Dave Prescott, South County Coast Keeper, Save the Bay
* Bryan DeAngelis, Marine Habitat Scientist &Program Coordinator The Nature Conservancy

**Resource People:**

* Sue AnderBois, Director of Food Strategy, State of Rhode Island
* Ken Ayars, Chief Division of Agriculture, RIDEM
* Louise Bishop, President and CEO, South County Tourism Council
* John Riendeau, Director, Business Development at RI Commerce Corporation

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