

Mussel Farming in New England – status and opportunity updates

A workshop sponsored by Rhode Island Sea Grant, Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center, Roger Williams University and the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory

When: Friday May 17th 2013 12:30 - 5:00 pm

Where: Hazard Room, Coastal Institute Bldg, University of Rhode Island Bay Campus
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This workshop is intended for those with practical experience working on the water and who are interested in mussel farming. Opportunities for mussel farming expansion are in offshore waters where there are fewer potential conflicts and some logistical challenges. Speakers and attendees at this workshop will share their experience with at least 4 different offshore sites in New England over the last 12 or so years. We are fortunate to have a veteran of the mussel farming industry in New Zealand give a presentation with insights into developing an industry here.

Draft Agenda and Speakers:

12:30 PM: Welcome and Introductions – Scott Lindell, MBL Woods Hole

12:40 PM - Offshore Mussel Farming in New Hampshire – Michael Chambers, UNH

1:00 PM – Offshore Mussel Farming off Gloucester – Mark Fregeau, Salem State University

1:20 PM – Offshore Mussel Farming in Southern New England – Scott Lindell, MBL

1:40 PM - Lessons from start-up to maturity in New Zealand mussel industry - Joe Franklin, Quality Equipment

2:40 PM – Break

3:00 PM - Permitting issues in the EEZ – David Alves, NOAA

3:20 PM – Innovations in Offshore Anchoring – Bill Silkes, Salt Water Farms

3:40 PM - Sea Duck Threats to Mussel Farms in New England – Samantha Richman, URI

4:00 PM - Seed Collection Strategies and Challenges – Scott Lindell, MBL Woods Hole

4:20 PM - Market update and outlook – Bill Silkes, American Mussel Harvesters

4:40 PM – Wrap up discussion

Please call or email Scott Lindell to register – slindell@mbi.edu or 508/289-7097