

# SMP Stakeholder Meeting

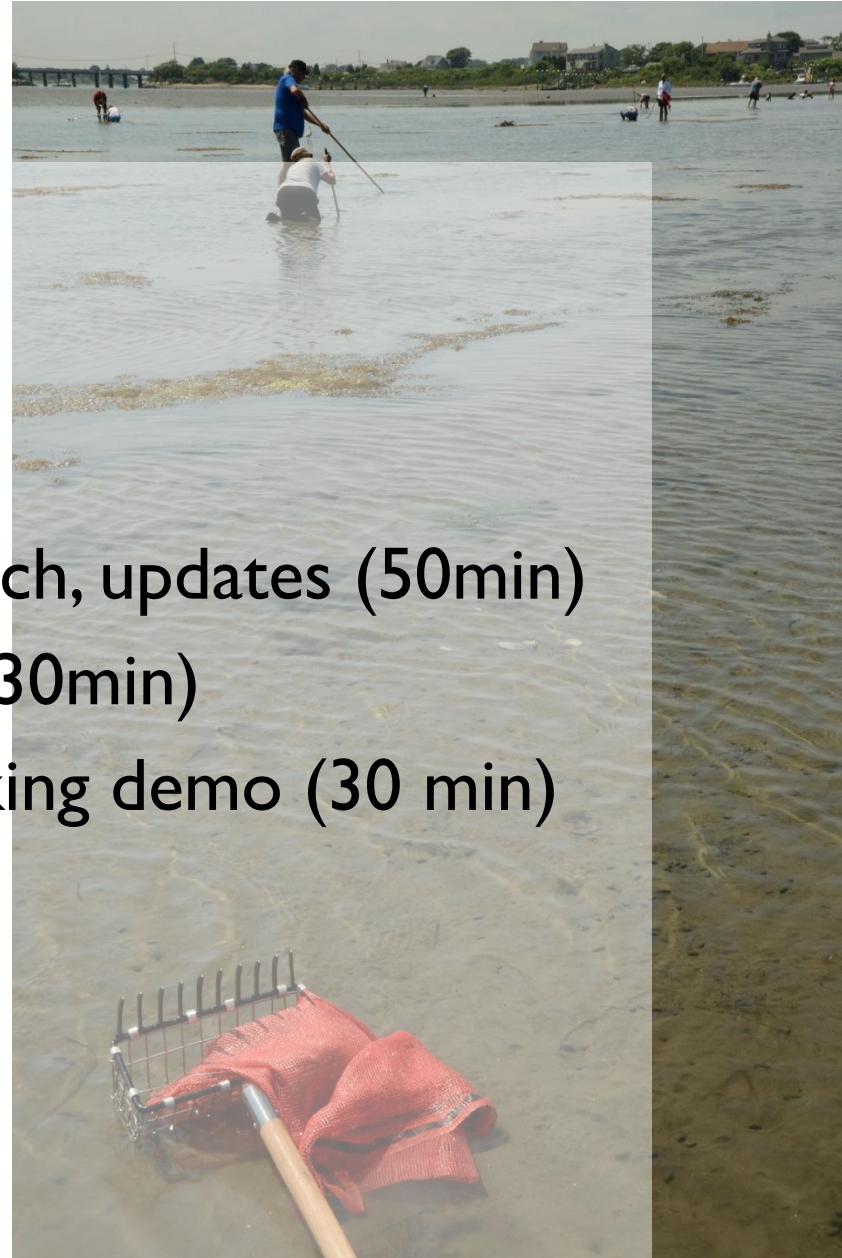
## Welcome

*Thurs. June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 5-7pm  
Corless Auditorium, URI/GSO*



# Welcome

- ✓ “Live Casting”
- ✓ Evening Agenda
  - Life after the SMP launch, updates (50min)
  - Feature presentation (30min)
  - Going clamming, shucking demo (30 min)
  - Adjourn



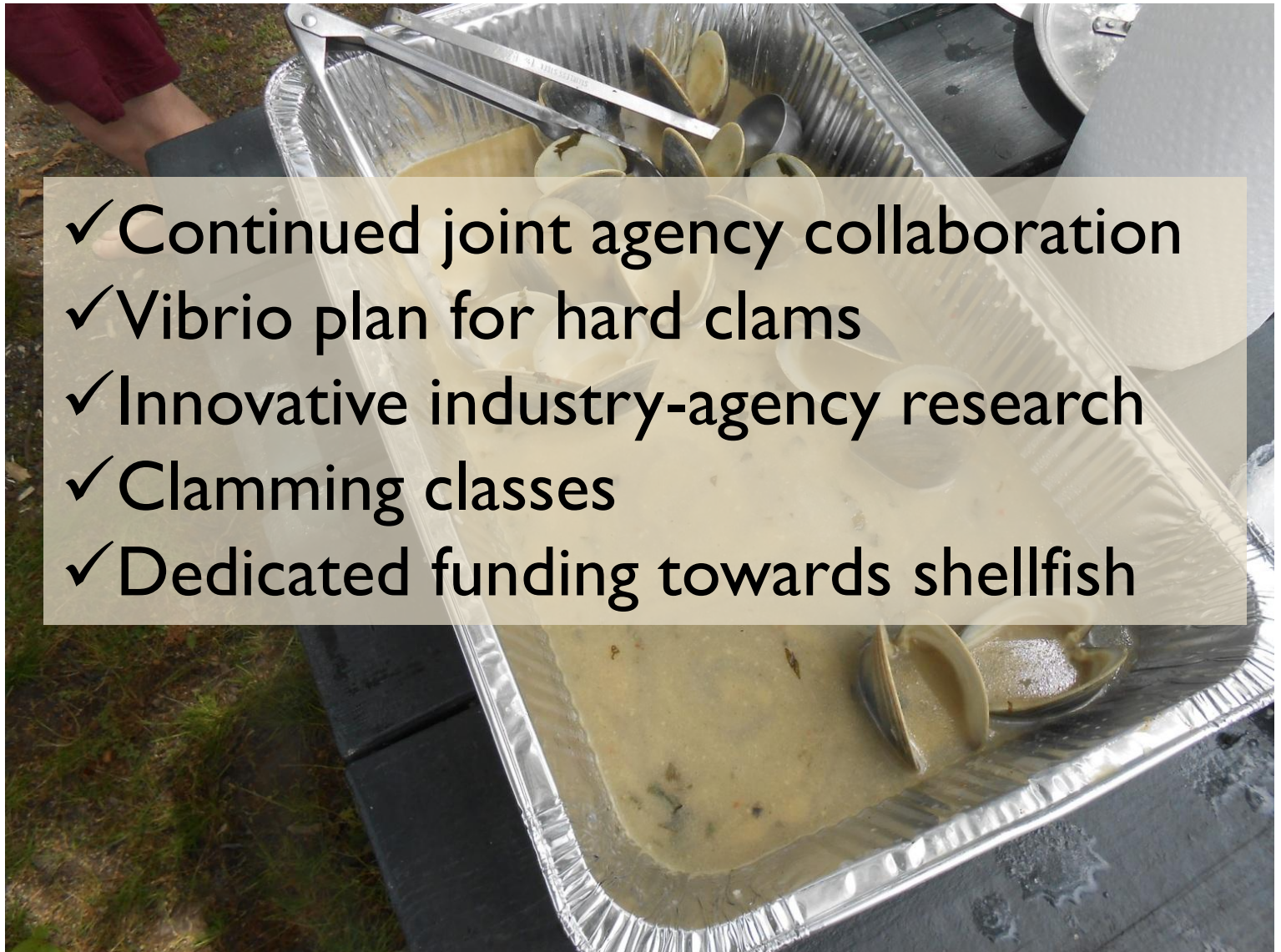
*Ubuntu:*

“I am because we are”





# Progress...



- ✓ Continued joint agency collaboration
- ✓ Vibrio plan for hard clams
- ✓ Innovative industry-agency research
- ✓ Clamming classes
- ✓ Dedicated funding towards shellfish



# “Oh the Places We’re Going!”

- ✓ Implementation Team
- ✓ Action Plan
- ✓ Research Agenda



# Congratulations!

- ✓ 5 out of 15 relate to shellfish & seafood
  - DEM and RI Seafood Marketing Collaborative
  - Brian Pinsky, Matt Behan, Jim Arnoux, Jules Opton-Himmel, and Dr. Michael Rice
  - Eating with the Ecosystem
  - The Local Catch
  - Rhode Island Shellfishermen's Association
- ✓ More info at:

<http://www.rifoodcouncil.org/lasaFAQ>



# Shellfish Research

- ✓ 2014-2016 on-going research
- ✓ 2016-2018 research opportunities



*Images courtesy of Meredith Haas, RI Sea Grant*

# Perceptions of Aquaculture

P3



How acceptable  
do you find this  
setting? (circle one)

Very Unacceptable ←————→ Very Acceptable

1 2 3 4 5 6 7



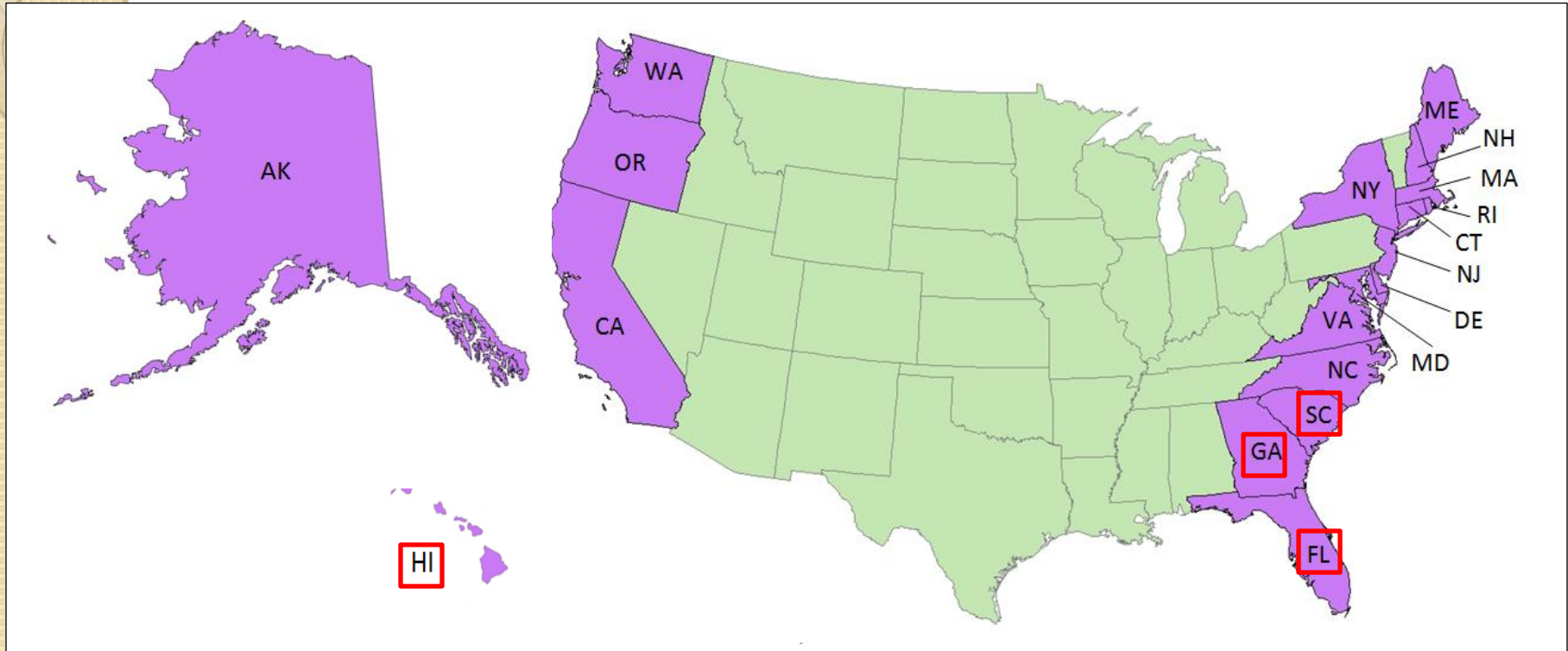


# **Shellfish Farms as Agritourism Destinations**

## **The Grower's Perspective**

Thesis work by Maria Vasta  
URI Marine Affairs Department, 2015

# Study Region



Study region shown in purple

64 growers  
15 states

# Study Findings

## What tourism activities do you offer on your farm?

n = 28

- **Tours (25)**
- Open Farm Days (3)
- Farm Dinners (3)
- Workshops (3)
- Festivals (2)
- Tastings (2)
- Event Hosting (2)
- Product Showcases (1)

## Why do you offer tourism on your farm?

n = 28

- **Education and Outreach (18)**
- Marketing (7)
- Public Demand (4)
- Income (3)
- Fostering Goodwill (2)
- Additional Products (1)
- Farm Assistance (1)
- Grower Enjoyment (1)
- Charity (1)
- Research (1)
- Other (1)

## Why don't you offer tourism on your farm?

n = 36

- **Time (11)**
- **Future Goal (10)**
- **Young Farm (7)**
- Sell Wholesale (5)
- No Desire (5)
- Privacy (3)
- Liability (3)
- Personnel (2)
- Location (2)
- Lack of Awareness (2)
- No Demand (1)
- Additional Costs (1)
- Infrastructure (1)
- Complicated Procedure (1)



# RI Shellfish Initiative



**NOAA FISHERIES**  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION



**Sea Turtle Week 2015**  
June 15–19  
#seaturtleweek



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## National Shellfish Initiative

In 2011, NOAA established the National Shellfish Initiative. The goal of the initiative is to **increase populations of bivalve shellfish in our nation's coastal waters**—including oysters, clams, abalone, and mussels—through both sustainable commercial production and restoration activities.

Since its inception, NOAA and its partners have made welcome progress on many fronts with the initiative. Check out [what we've accomplished so far](#).

- News & Multimedia
- Fisheries Resources
- Congress
- Educators and Students
- Get Involved
- Forms

## Benefits of Shellfish

NOAA recognizes the broad suite of economic, social, and environmental benefits provided by shellfish, including

- jobs and business opportunities;
- meeting the growing demand for seafood;
- habitat for important commercial, recreational, and endangered and threatened species;
- species recovery;
- cleaner water and nutrient removal; and
- shoreline protection.



Oyster farming, Cambridge, MD

## NOAA Offices

- Office of Aquaculture
- Office of Habitat Conservation
- National Sea Grant Program

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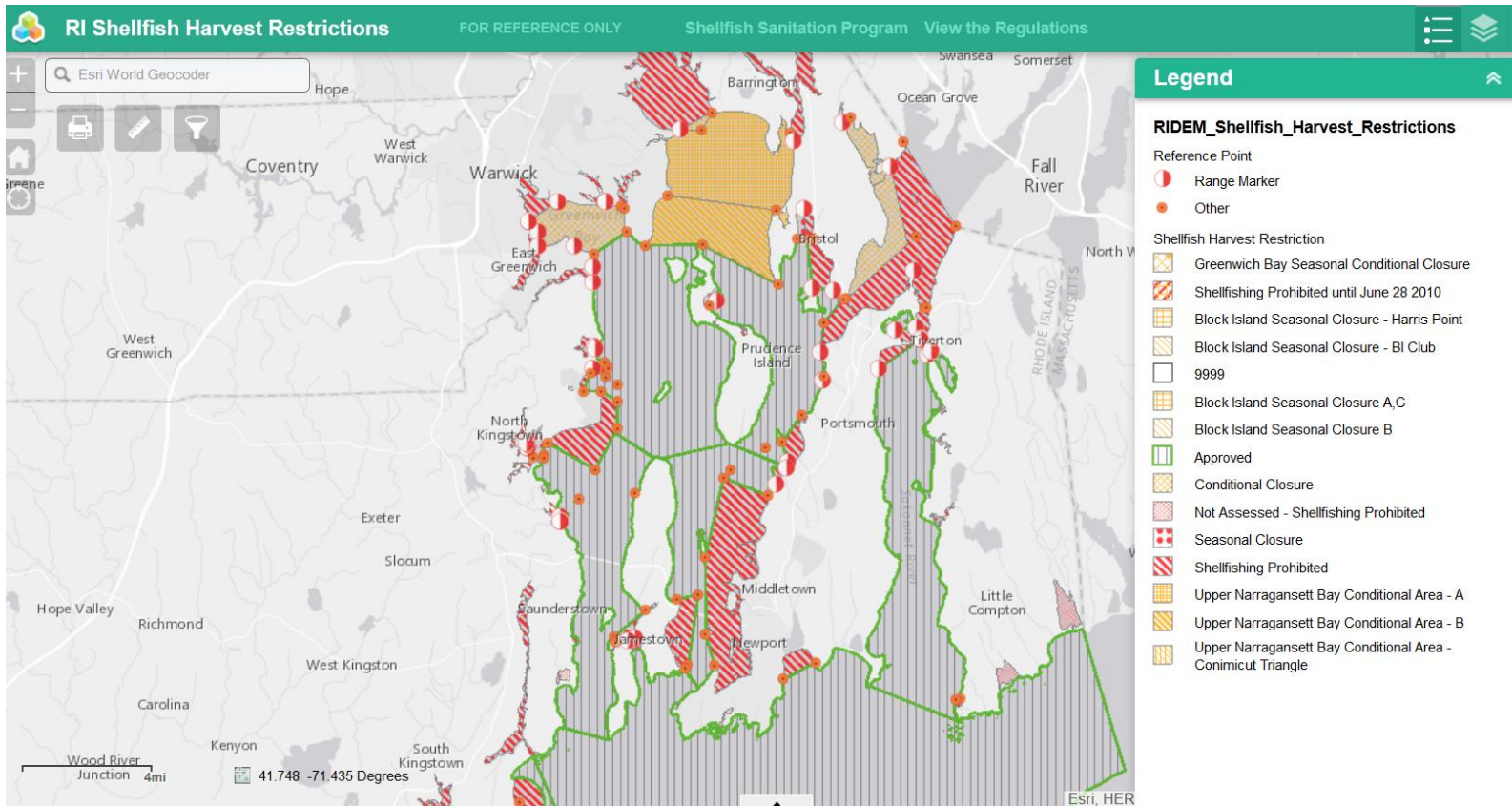
## Working with Partners

Efforts are underway with partners in several states to expand opportunities for shellfish farming and restoration. A **comprehensive partnership in Washington** is promoting new **economic opportunities, restoration, improved water quality, and science**.



# Updates at DEM...

- Office of Water Resources - Revised shellfish page: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/shellfish/clos/>





# Shellfish Marketing



✓ Hope & Main, Schoolyard Market  
<http://makefoodyourbusiness.org/>



# Feature Presentation

Rhode Island Oyster Restoration: We're great at growing oysters but what happens ten years later?

*-Griffin, M., D. Leavitt, S. Patterson, and T. Scott. Center for Economic and Environmental Development, Roger Williams University*



# Clamming time!

- ✓ Clamming classes by DEM  
[Kimberly.Sullivan@DEM.RI.GOV](mailto:Kimberly.Sullivan@DEM.RI.GOV)
  - 7/30, 12-3pm, Spink's Neck Beach
  - 8/20, 4-6pm at NK Town Beach
  - 9/16, 3-5pm at Spink's Neck Beach
- ✓ Recreational clamming guide
- ✓ Let's get shucking!

