

# AGENDA

## THE FUTURE OF SHELLFISH IN RHODE ISLAND:

Providing sustainable seafood, economic opportunities, and ecosystem benefits

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ronald C. Baird Sea Grant Science Symposium

November 14, 2013

### Facilitators:

Jennifer McCann, Director, RI Sea Grant College Program Extension Programs; Director, URI Coastal Resources Center U.S. Coastal Programs

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| Time | Activity   |
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| 7:30 | <b>Registration and Refreshments</b>   |
| 8:30 | <b>Welcome and Symposium Purpose</b><br><br><i>Dennis Nixon, Director, RI Sea Grant College Program</i><br><i>Bruce Corliss, Dean, URI Graduate School of Oceanography</i><br><i>Janet Coit, Director, RI Department of Environmental Management</i><br><i>Grover Fugate, Executive Director, RI Coastal Resources Management Council</i><br><i>Azure Cygler, Fisheries Extension, RI Sea Grant College Program and URI Coastal Resources Center</i> |
| 9:00 | <b>Shellfish in Rhode Island: Opportunities for Growth</b><br><br><i>Moderator: Dale Leavitt, Associate Professor, Roger Williams University</i><br><br><i>Presenter: Robert Rheault, Executive Director, East Coast Shellfish Growers Association</i>   |
| 9:35 | <b>The Value of Restoring Shellfish</b><br><br><i>Moderator: James Turek, NOAA Fisheries Restoration Center, Narragansett, RI</i><br><br><i>Presenters:</i><br><i>Boze Hancock, Marine Restoration Scientist, Global Marine Team, The Nature Conservancy</i><br><i>Jon Grabowski, Associate Professor, Northeastern University</i>   |

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|       | <p><i>Carl LoBue, Senior Marine Scientist, The Nature Conservancy</i></p> <p><i>Discussant: James Arnoux, President, Ocean State Aquaculture Association</i></p>   |
| 10:50 | <p><b>Morning Break</b></p>  |
| 11:10 | <p><b>Growing the Crop</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Dave Beutel, Aquaculture Coordinator, RI Coastal Resources Management Council</i></p> <p><i>Presenters:</i><br/> <i>Michael A. Rice, Department of Fisheries, Animal &amp; Veterinary Science, University of Rhode Island</i><br/> <i>Robert Rheault, Executive Director, East Coast Shellfish Growers Association</i><br/> <i>Rich Langan, Director, Coastal and Ocean Technology Programs; Professor, School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering, University of New Hampshire</i></p> <p><i>Discussants:</i><br/> <i>Rick Karney, Shellfish Biologist; Director, Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc.</i><br/> <i>Graham Brawley, Managing Partner, Ocean State Shellfish Cooperative</i></p> |
| 12:20 | <p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p><b>Plenary</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Bryan DeAngelis, North American Coastal Restoration Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy</i></p> <p><i>Presenter: Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish Farms</i></p>   |
| 1:45  | <p><b>Maximizing Harvest</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mike McGiveney, President, RI Shellfishermen's Association; Commercial Shellfisherman</i></p> <p><i>Presenters:</i><br/> <i>Jeff Mercer, Principal Biologist, RI Department of Environmental Management</i><br/> <i>John Kraeuter, Marine Science Center, University of New England; Haskin Shellfish Research Lab, Rutgers University</i></p> <p><i>Discussants:</i><br/> <i>Jeff Grant, Vice President, Rhode Island Shellfishermen's Association; Commercial Shellfisherman</i><br/> <i>Katie Eagan, Commercial Shellfisherman</i></p>  |
| 2:40  | <p><b>Afternoon Break</b></p>  |

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| 2:55 | <p><b>Shellfish and Water Quality</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Chris Deacutis, Supervising Environmental Scientist, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management</i></p> <p><i>Presenters:</i><br/> <i>Lisa Kellogg, Research Scientist, Virginia Institute of Marine Science</i><br/> <i>Tom Uva, Director of Planning, Policy and Regulation, Narragansett Bay Commission</i></p> <p><i>Discussant: Jody King, Commercial Shellfisherman</i></p>  |
| 3:55 | <p><b>Selling Shellfish at Home</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ken Ayars, Chief, Division of Agriculture, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management</i></p> <p><i>Presenters:</i><br/> <i>Maureen Pothier, Chair, College of Culinary Arts, Johnson and Wales University;</i><br/> <i>Member board of directors, Farm Fresh Rhode Island</i><br/> <i>Peter Ramsden, President &amp; CEO, M.F. Foley Company, Inc.</i><br/> <i>Perry Raso, Owner and Operator, Matunuck Oyster Bar and Matunuck Oyster Farm</i></p> |
| 4:55 | <p><b>Where Do We Go From Here?</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Jennifer McCann, Director, RI Sea Grant College Program Extension Programs; Director, URI Coastal Resources Center U.S. Coastal Programs</i></p> <p><i>Presenters:</i><br/> <i>Janet Coit, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management</i><br/> <i>Grover Fugate, Executive Director, Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council</i><br/> <i>Dale Leavitt, Associate Professor, Roger Williams University</i></p>                    |
| 5:10 | <p><b>Adjourn</b></p>  |
| 5:15 | <p><b>Reception</b></p>  |