

## 22nd ANNUAL GATHERING OF SHELLFISH COMMISSIONS

Saturday, January 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Jones Auditorium

123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT 06511



The Connecticut Sea Grant Extension Program hosts this event with support from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. The purpose of this program is to improve shellfisheries management by providing training, educational resources, and tools that allow commission members to make informed, science-based decisions regarding recreational and commercial shellfisheries.

### AGENDA

9:00am

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Recreational Shellfisheries Management - Sampler Training**

*Alissa Dragan*

#### **Recent Observation of the European Flat Oyster in CT Waters**

*Lydia Bienlien*

#### **Economic Valuation of Recreational Shellfishing Sector**

*Tessa L. Getchis, Rigoberto Lopez*

10:15am

#### **Commission Roundtable**

12:00pm

#### **Lunch (provided)**

1:00pm

#### **Training Assessment**

#### **Shell Recycling Update**

*Michael Gilman, Tim Macklin*

#### **Pesticide Toxicity and Risk Assessment in Bivalves**

*Dick Harris*

#### **Recent Studies on PFAS in Coastal CT Fish and Shellfish**

*Jess Brandt*

#### **Do Nitrogen & Ocean Acidification Make a 'Perfect Storm' of Harmful Algal Blooms?**

*Diane Greenfield, Penny Vlahos*

2:30pm

#### **Safe Journey Home!**