

# Gathering of the Shellfish Commissions

## Shell Recycling Roundtable Discussion

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# Interested in shell recycling as a town?

- Are you interested in starting a shell recycling program in your town?
  - Does your town recycle materials or is it private pickup only?
  - Does your town have a municipal or private compost program?
    - Stonington's New Program
- Are you interested in pursuing any of the shell recycling models presented?
  - Which and why?



# Does a need for shell exist?

- To build and update on the previously done town survey, does your commission conduct any oyster restoration work or would you like to in the future?
  - How much shell do you use in your work and where is it sourced?
- Does your commission have a need for recycled oyster shells?
  - Is this stopping you from conducting oyster restoration work?



# Shell Sources...

- Are there restaurants or festivals in your town that serve oysters and clams?
  - Do you have a relationship with any of these owners or organizers that can help to establish a relationship?



# Limitations

- Do you know if your town has any regulations or ordinances that prohibit shell recycling or the storage of oyster shells?
  - Do you have contacts or relationships with any transfer station, stump dump, public works or property owners that can help store shell?
- Would you be able to establish a short-term shell bucket storage site?
- Any other limitations that you can think of?





# How can you be involved?

- Do you have someone that can be a point of contact or liaison that can oversee shell recycling in your town?
- Do you have volunteers willing to make weekly or bi-weekly shell pick-ups from restaurants in your town and transport it to a temporary storage site in your town?
- Do you have access to a pickup truck?



**FIGURE 2.9** Shellfish and conservation commission members meet with the research team to survey shellfish beds in Old Saybrook. Photo: Griffin O'Neill

# Additional questions or concerns?

This is a good time to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have as we are all together!!

Interest in turning this into a survey?



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