

**20th ANNUAL GATHERING OF SHELLFISH COMMISSIONS**  
Saturday, February 3, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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 educational resources and tools that allow commission members to make informed, science-based decisions regarding recreational and commercial shellfisheries.

**AGENDA**

- 9:00am**      **Welcome**
- 9:05am**      **Shellfish Commission Updates**  
*Tessa Getchis, Extension Educator, Connecticut Sea Grant/UConn Extension*
- 9:10am**      **Cultural Background Information**  
*Michael Thomas, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation*
- 9:30am**      **Shellfish Disease Status Review**  
*Dr. Lydia Bienlien, State Shellfish Pathologist CT DoAG*
- 10:00am**     **Overview of Shellfish Recreational Program Requirements & Emerging Concerns**  
*Alissa Dragan, Supervising Environmental Analyst, CT DoAG*
- 10:30am**     **Break**
- 10:45am**     **Commission Roundtable**
- 12:00pm**     **Lunch**
- 1:00pm**      **Overview of DoAG Website Resources for Shellfish Commissions**  
*Emily Marquis, Environmental Analyst II CT DoAG (virtual/pre-recorded)*
- 1:15pm**      **Update on Shell Recycling**  
*Mike Gilman, CT Sea Grant Shell Recycling Coordinator*  
*Tim Macklin, Collective Oyster Recycling & Restoration (CORR)*