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)