**18th ANNUAL GATHERING OF SHELLFISH COMMISSIONS**

Saturday, April 2, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 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. Thank you for your participation!

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 **AGENDA**

**9:00 a.m. Welcome**

*Tessa Getchis, Extension Educator, Connecticut Sea Grant/UConn Extension*

**9:05 Introductions to DA/BA Staff**

*David Carey, Director, CT Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture*

**9:10 Hazardous Algal Bloom and Shellfish Disease Status Review**

*Emily Marquis, Fisheries Biologist 1, CT Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture*

**9:30 Water Sampling Collection Procedures**

*Alissa Dragan, Supervising Environmental Analyst 3, CT Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture*

**9:50 Shellfish Restoration Guide & Surveys of Natural Oyster Habitat**

 *Tessa Getchis, Extension Educator, Connecticut Sea Grant/UConn Extension*

**10:10 Break**

**10:20 Natural bed enhancement efforts**

*David Carey, Director, CT Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture*

**10:40 Pump Out Boat Programs**

*Kate Brown, BIG/CVA Program Coordinator, Boating Division, Outdoor Recreation DEEP*

*& Alissa Dragan, Supervising Environmental Analyst 3, CT Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture*

**11:00 Commission Roundtable** and **Refreshments**

**1:00 p.m. Closing Remarks**