

NC Sea Grant Offers Shellfish Aquaculture Workshop in Morehead City, Sat. Feb 11

As part of the NC Aquaculture Development Conference, North Carolina Sea Grant is offering a free shellfish aquaculture workshop on **Saturday**, **February 11 from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm.** The workshop will be held in Morehead City on the shared campuses of the NC State Center for Marine Sciences and Technology and Carteret Community College. **The meeting will convene at the Bryant Building on the CCC campus at 205 College Circle.**

Information will be provided on a number of oyster and clam farming topics for potential and established growers, including site selection, leasing procedures, business plan development, budgeting and economic info, culture gear and techniques, harvest and storage regulations, marketing strategies, and USDA programs available to producers. In addition, Gef Flimlin, Professor and Marine Extension Agent with Rutgers University, will provide an overview of shellfish aquaculture and its development in the Mid Atlantic.

A map and agenda are provided on back. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend but registration is required and will be limited to 75 attendees. To sign up, contact Vanda Lewis, at 252-222-6307 or vanda_lewis@ncsu.edu, by Feb. 4, 2017.

If you wish to attend the NC Aquaculture Development Conference, which will be take place in New Bern on February 10 and 11, visit http://www.ncaquaculture.org/.

Best regards,

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Agenda: NC Sea Grant Shellfish Aquaculture Workshop

Sat., February 11, 2017, Bryant Bldg., Carteret Community College, 205 College Circle, Morehead City, NC

10:30-10:50 Welcome/Overview of NC shellfish industry & potential for expansion- Chuck Weirich, NC Sea Grant

10:50-11:20 Overview of the NC shellfish lease program - Steve Murphy, NC Division of Marine Fisheries

11:20-12:00 How to use the NC shellfish aquaculture siting tool and ecosystem services research - Troy Alphin and Beth Condon, UNCW

12:00-12:45 Lunch and keynote speaker: Gef Flimlin, Rutgers University – "Overview of shellfish aquaculture and its development in the mid Atlantic."

12:45-1:15 NC shellfish industry: a grower's perspective - Speaker TBD

1:15-1:45 - Shellfish aquaculture development in MD, developing a business plan, and economic considerations – *Matt Parker, University of Maryland*

1:45-2:15 - "Crunching the Numbers: Using the VA Sea Grant oyster aquaculture budget tool – Jane Harrison, NCSG

2:15-3:00 - Shellfish aquaculture gear types and construction demo - Dave Cerino, Carteret Community College

3:00-3:15 - Break

3:15-3:45 Overview of regulations regarding harvesting, storing, and transporting shellfish – Shawn Nelson, NC Division of Marine Fisheries

3:45-4:10 Enhancing the market value of NC shellfish - Barry Nash, NC Sea Grant

4:10-4:35 Marketing shellfish, an industry perspective – Ryan Speckman, Locals Seafood

4:35-4:55 USDA programs available for shellfish growers – Emmett Rogers, USDA Farm Services Agency

4:55 Concluding remarks - Chuck Weirich, NC Sea Grant

