



Maryland Shellfish Aquaculture Conference

November 15, 2011
Doubletree Hotel
Annapolis, Maryland

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**Doubletree Hotel, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis MD 21401 (off Riva Road at Forest Dr.)
Phone: 410-224-3150.**

From the South: MD Route 2 North to Left on Forest Drive, straight across Riva Road onto Holiday Court to hotel.

From North or East: US 50 West to Route 665 (Aris T. Allen Blvd), get off at Riva Road exit, make a left at light onto Riva Road to left at second light onto Holiday Court to hotel.

Rooms are available on Nov 14 for \$119; call 800-222-TREE by Oct 26, 2011 and ask for the "MD Aquaculture Conference" rate.

Registration

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I enclose **\$40 per person** registration fee for _____ attendees (please provide names of additional attendees)

Make checks payable to “**University of Maryland**” and send to **Martha Milligan, University of Maryland WREC, P.O. Box 169, Queenstown MD 21658**. Need information? **Call 410-827-8056** or Email mmiliga@umd.edu
We are sorry but we are not able to take credit cards for this meeting. Your registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, am & pm breaks.

Detach registration form and mail with payment

Building A New Industry

In 2009 Maryland made sweeping changes in the State’s shellfish leasing program and recently organized government agencies to make permitting more efficient. The objective is to provide growers with new opportunities to raise oysters and clams profitably. The goal is to rebuild our historically important industry to provide economic growth and employment while helping the environment through biofiltration and nutrient transfer.



Finance programs have been developed to provide low interest loans to start operations by funding equipment, renovating grounds and purchasing seed and larvae for improved production. Other programs provide no-cost use of regional setting systems for cost-effective seed production for planting leases. An Oyster Aquaculture Education & Training Program is providing information and skills to new growers. Regional workshops, short courses and this conference provide important information to producers and are backed up with printed and electronic training materials.

This production oriented conference will provide you with information on obtaining leases; applying for financing; managing crops; developing markets; and creating profitable businesses through proper planning. Growers with experience in shellfish aquaculture will discuss how they built their businesses, showcasing opportunities they took advantage of and highlighting the potential they see for our shellfish industry. We hope you will join us for this exciting and educational conference.

We hope to see you at this important production oriented conference as we work to rebuild our shellfish industry!

2011 Program Agenda

Tuesday November 15, 2011

8:00 Registration opens with continental breakfast

**8:30 Opening and welcoming remarks—
“Opportunities In Aquaculture”**

8:40 Business Planning & Finance

- Planning for Profit in Shellfish Aquaculture, *Matt Parker, University of Maryland Extension*
- Financing Aquaculture—*overview of programs available for shellfish growers to fund businesses for the purchase of equipment, seed and shell*

9:40 Getting Your Business Organized

- New Leasing Procedures, *Karl Roscher, MD Department of Natural Resources*
- Harvester Permits, *Katie Busch, MD Department of Natural Resources*
- Permits and Licenses—*other permits and licenses that may be needed for operating your business*

10:40 Break (included in registration)

11:00 Rebuilding Our Industry

- Oyster Aquaculture Education & Training Program—*Don Webster, University of Maryland Extension*
- Remote Setting Training for Seed Production—*panel discussion with summary of activities, results and ideas for improving production in 2012. Includes Stephan Abel, Oyster Recovery Partnership, Steven Wechsler and Alan Roache, UM Horn Point Lab and growers who participated this year.*

12:00 Lunch (included with registration)

1:00 Production Planning

- Choosing a Lease with NOAA’s Oyster Data Tool--*Peter Bergstrom, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office*
- Importance of Site Selection & Bottom Type—*Don Meritt, UM Horn Point Lab*
- Producers Panel—*growers share experiences with production with cages, floats, bottom culture, hard clams and nurseries*

3:00 Break (included in registration)

3:20 Assuring Quality Products

- Shellfish Harvest Requirements—*Erin Butler, MD Department of Health & Mental Hygiene*
- Protecting Your Shellfish—*Maryland Natural Resources Police*

4:00 Conference Closing Remarks and Discussion