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# SHELLFISH BY THE NUMBERS



## HABITAT

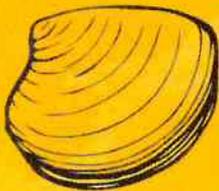
**77,000**

total number of acres of shellfish beds

## HARVESTING

**\$30,000,000**

estimated value of commercial harvest



**4** harvested types (oysters, clams, mussels, bay scallops)



**7** minimum days shellfishing areas are closed following a significant rainfall event

**14** towns with recreational harvest areas open to public



**3** average number of growing seasons before an oyster can be harvested



**41** shellfish companies

## AMAZING OYSTERS

**100 million** average number of eggs produced by a healthy oyster

**800** water quality sampling stations

**1%** of fertilized oyster eggs that survive to maturity

**30** number of gallons one oyster can filter in a day

**\$20** average cost for an annual recreational shellfishing permit for Connecticut resident

**70** calories in a quarter pound serving of clams

## SHELLFISH & CONSUMERS



Source: Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture

Sea Grant  
**50**  
YEARS

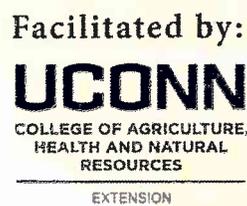
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# CONNECTICUT SHELLFISH INITIATIVE

A Stakeholder-Based Vision Plan to  
Grow and Protect Connecticut's  
Commercial, Recreational and Natural Shellfish Resources  
and  
Increase Public Awareness of Connecticut's Shellfish Heritage

## Steering Committee:

Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture  
Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development  
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
Connecticut Department of Public Health  
Connecticut Farm Bureau Association  
Connecticut Northeast Organic Farming Association  
Connecticut Seafood Council  
Connecticut Sea Grant (*ex officio*)  
Connecticut Shellfish Commissions  
EPA Long Island Sound Study  
EPA Office of Ecosystem Protection  
Harbor Watch  
Industry  
NOAA Fisheries  
Sustainable Food Systems LLC  
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University of Connecticut  
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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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