

**Exploring Successful Program Elements and Potential Improvements  
to Maine's Municipal Shellfish Program  
May 2022**

Monday, May 2 at 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm – Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick

Wednesday, May 4 at 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - UMaine, Machias

Thursday, May 5 at 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Ellsworth Library, Ellsworth

Monday, May 9 at 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm – Virtual; Register here

More than 70 municipalities in Maine work in partnership with the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) to co-manage the shellfish resources within their towns through established municipal shellfish programs. This unique approach to community-level management of marine resources has several benefits but comes with its challenges. The Shellfish Advisory Council, with interest from DMR, is hosting a series of meetings to hear from shellfish harvesters, dealers, municipal shellfish program participants, town clerks and other municipal leaders. Come share your ideas for potential improvements to the current co-management system and how to implement an effective municipal shellfish program.

Objectives:

1. Share key components of a successful municipal shellfish program
2. Generate strategies for achieving a successful program
3. Identify possible additional improvements for future consideration

Draft Agenda:

**0:00 Welcome & Overview – Laura Singer, Facilitator**

*Overview of meeting purpose, agenda and where this process may lead.*

**0:10 Setting the Stage for Our Conversation – Kohl Kanwit, DMR**

*Brief review of the role of the shellfish conservation plan, DMR and the municipal role in co-management and highlights of some current issues across municipal shellfish programs.*

**0:30 Panel Discussion: Components of an Effective Municipal Shellfish Program**

*A panel session with 3-4 people who are from the region to share what they see as the key components of an effective municipal shellfish program with audience interaction.*

*Key questions:*

- *What does it look like to have an effective program?*
- *What do you see as the key components for success?*

**1:15 Break**

### **1:30 Generating Solutions – Strategies for Success**

*World Café – Meeting participants will rotate through tables to discuss key topic areas.*

*Key Questions:*

- *What does your municipality currently do to address this issue?*
- *What additional strategies could be used?*
- *How could municipal shellfish programs be improved to address these issues?*
- *What ways could DMR and municipalities partner for a more effective municipal shellfish program to address this issue?*

### **2:30 Sharing of Ideas**

*Each group will report back on key themes, ideas or needs for more conversation with opportunity for brief discussion.*

### **2:50 Wrap-up and Next Steps**

#### **Post-Workshop Survey:**

- A survey will be created and distributed broadly to gain additional feedback, based on workshop ideas.