

Interstate Seafood Seminar (ISS)
October 8-10, 2024
The Grand Hotel
1045 Beach Avenue
Cape May, NJ
Seafood Dinner @ Harry's Ocean Bar & Grill

Monday, October 7th

4:00 p.m. – Registration Desk Open

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Informal Welcome Social

Tuesday, October 8th

7:30 a.m. – Registration Desk Open

**Fruit, pastries, coffee, tea, and juice available
outside of conference room from 7:30 – 8:30**

Session 1: Welcome and Program Updates

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Session and Conference Introduction/Welcome (Vic Poretti / Sarah Gentile)

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome to Cape May

Cape May County Tourism Speaker

9:15 a.m. – 9:45

Keynote Address – A Look Back of the Bureau of Marine Water Monitoring
Over the Last Fifty Years
Previous/Retired Bureau Staff and Managers

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference Updates
Keith Skiles – Executive Director, Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

US FDA – Office of State Cooperative Programs Updates
Michael Lombardi – US FDA, Shellfish Sanitation Branch 2 Director

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
US FDA – Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Updates
Place Holder – US FDA

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
East Coast Shellfish Growers Association Updates
Bob Reault – President, East Coast Shellfish Growers Association

Session 2: State Lab Panel Discussion

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Each State Provides a Lab Expert Panel Member
Moderators: Linda McFarland (VA) & Bill Heddendorf (NJ)

Discussion topics will include:
State Lab Updates (5 minutes per State)
Mtec Media Issues (10 minutes)
15-minute general conversation

LUNCH BREAK (on your own)
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Session 3: Floating Aquaculture Gear & Birds

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Presenters:
State Regulator
Oyster Grower
Microbiologist

Session 4: Vibrio Panel

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenters:
Cape May County Health Department Speaker
Virginia Wheatley, NJDOH
Research Presenter

Session 5: Climate Change Impacts Panel Discussion

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Moderator: Loel Muetter, NJDOH
University Professor

NJDEP Speaker on Ocean Acidification
NOAA Climate Scientist

Wednesday, October 9th

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Aquaculture in Federal Waters: Michael Lombardi, FDA

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

NJ Shell Recycling Program: Bureau of Shellfisheries, NJDEP

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The Impacts of Climate Change on the Coast and Ecosystems: Tracy Fanara, NOAA

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Imported Oyster Shell: Chris Judy, MD

Session 6: Food Safety Panel Discussion

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Moderator: Alan Talarsky, NJDOH
Speakers TBD

LUNCH BREAK (on your own)

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Session 7: Oyster Restoration Panel Discussion

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Moderator: Sarah Gentile, NJDEP
Monmouth University
ReClam the Bay, Bill Walsh
Other states restoration projects

Session 8: State Oyster Survey Panel Discussion

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Moderator: Craig Tomlin, NJDEP
Other ISS States Oyster Survey Representatives
Regional Seed Import

Session 9: University Research Panel

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Moderator: Dave Bushek, Rutgers University

Jason Adolf, Monmouth University
Stockton University

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
SEAFOOD DINNER @
Harry's Ocean Bar & Grill
1025 Beach Ave, Cape May, NJ 08204

Thursday, October 10th

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Species Spotlight:

Blue Catfish -- Nick Hargrove (Tilghman Island Seafood, MD)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Project Spotlight:

Pollution Source Trackdown (3 Projects) – Bill Heddendorf, NJDEP

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Munitions Response: Gerald Conrad, USCG

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

NJ's Remote Sensing Program – Briana Morgan, NJDEP

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Coastal Flights & the NJ Beaches Program – Marina Reid

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Next Year ISS Host Remarks

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Announcements & Concluding Remarks

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