

AQUACULTURE SESSION

June 4, 2005 (Saturday)

1:00 – 5:00 PM

North Samoset Room

The legal regime governing aquaculture is constantly evolving to address pollution, invasive species, and other environmental concerns. Sea Grant extension agents need to stay abreast of new legislative, regulatory, and policy developments and understand their potential impact on the industry. This session will update participants on key legal and regulatory (federal and state) developments over the past 18 months. The text of pertinent bills, regulations, laws and reports will be distributed during the session.

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- 1:00 – 1:15 Welcome/Overview
Stephanie Showalter, Director, National Sea Grant Law Center
- 1:15 – 2:00 Effluent Limitations for Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Facilities
John Hocheimer, EPA
- 2:00 – 3:00 Louisiana Platforms for Mariculture Task Force
Jim Wilkins and Lisa Schiavinato, Louisiana Sea Grant Legal Program
- 3:00 – 3:15 Break
- 3:15 – 3:45 NOAA Offshore Aquaculture Bill (if introduced by SG Week '05).
Jim McVey, National Sea Grant Office
- 3:45 – 4:45 Regional Issues/Updates
- New England
 - Great Lakes (Jeff Gunderson, Minnesota Sea Grant)
 - Gulf of Mexico – Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's Generic Amendment to Provide for Regulation of Offshore Marine Aquaculture of Selected Fish
 - Alaska/Pacific Northwest – Public Relations Issues (Pete Granger, Washington Sea Grant)
- 4:45 – 5:00 Wrap-up, Concluding Thoughts