Aquaculture Associations and Interest Groups in Connecticut

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The Connecticut Seafood Council is a member-based organization, which is supported in part by the State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture, research and outreach grants, and membership dues. The Council represents the interests of all Connecticut seafood harvesters, producers, shippers, and markets. The board members consist of shellfish and finfish growers, commercial fishermen and lobstermen, and retail markets operators. The Seafood Council board meets monthly at rotating locations across the State. All members are welcome at regular meetings, and guests may request to be present. “Member Nights” are held biannually, meeting in both Western and Eastern Connecticut.

EAST COAST SHELLFISH GROWERS ASSOCIATION
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Joe Conti, Member, Board of Directors
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The mission of the ECSGA is to promote responsible commercial shellfish aquaculture through market research and promotion, active involvement in public education, participation in policy formation at the state and national levels, and directed research.

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The Connecticut Farm Bureau Association (CFBA) is a member-based volunteer organization who work with state and federal regulatory agencies and elected officials on issues ranging from economic viability, property rights, taxation, land use planning to labor laws and farmland preservation. Connecticut Farm Bureau was formed in 1919 with the goal to make farming more profitable and the community a better place to live. Today, the mission of CFBA is to elevate the stature of agriculture in our state. The Connecticut Farm Bureau has several Connecticut aquaculturists on their membership.

CONNECTICUT MARITIME COALITION
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The Connecticut Maritime Coalition is a non-profit association facilitating the competitiveness of Connecticut’s maritime industries. CMC’s cluster network is mostly composed of small and medium-sized businesses. Together, the group has reached a consensus on the issues facing the maritime industries in Connecticut and an approach to solve these issues. Their goal is to serve as the linchpin between maritime businesses and policy makers.

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The Ocean Technology Foundation (OTF) is an undersea research and education service organization whose activities range from supporting its own projects to developing deep water technologies and research programs. The Foundation’s mission is to foster excellence in ocean exploration, marine research and education, and to promote commercial development - all with an emphasis on underwater activities from the coast to the deep ocean.