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Connecticut's Aquaculture Programs to Be Focus of National Meeting of Career and Technical Education Leaders

AVERY POINT, GROTON - Programs that prepare Connecticut's public school students for careers in the marine sciences and aquaculture will be the focus of a national meeting of educators who oversee career and technical education programs in their home states from September 7 through 11 in Mystic. The meeting will include an "ocean research expedition" aboard Project Oceanography – a research and teaching vessel – on Long Island Sound and presentations from teachers, scientists and participating students.

The presentations are part of a four-day conference of the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education (NASDCTE) at the Mystic Marriott Hotel and the Avery Point Campus of the University of Connecticut.

The program will include presentations on several aspects of Connecticut's Aquaculture programs, including:

- *The History of Aquaculture Program Development in CT:* John Curtis, Director, Bridgeport Agriculture (Aquaculture) Science and Technology Education Center, Bridgeport, CT and Timothy Visel, Coordinator, Sound School (Aquaculture) Agriculture Science and Technology Education Center, New Haven, CT;
- *CT V-Notch Lobster Management:* John Roy, Sound School and Alex Pesarik, Ella Grasso Technical High School, Groton, CT;
- *Educational Hatchery Systems for Shellfish Aquaculture:* Neil Geist, Sound School and Kirk Shadle, Bridgeport Aquaculture School.
- *Globalization of Aquaculture Science and Technology Education: Bridgeport Connecticut Case Study:* Dr. Charles Yarish, Professor, University of Connecticut at Stamford;
- *Early College Experience Program:* Kirk Shadle, Bridgeport Agriculture (Aquaculture) Science and Technology Education Center;
- *Ledyard Ag-Science Freshwater Aquaculture:* Matthew Smith, teacher, Brandy Morneau and Kyle Beglau, students, Ledyard High School; and
- *Coral Aquaculture and Education in Connecticut:* Justin Gabel, Science and Technology Magnet High School, New London, CT.

State Education Commissioner Mark K. McQuillan and UConn Associate Provost Joseph Comprone will address the conference attendees on September 9. The group will also visit the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

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