

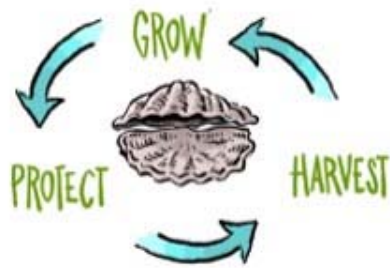
DO YOU CARE ABOUT SHELLFISH?

Commercial and recreational harvesters, shellfish farmers, tribes, regulators, restoration practitioners, public officials, and the general public, we need your input!

Please share your opinions by taking the anonymous online survey:

tinyurl.com/MSISurvey2017

OR CALL MEL AT 508-945-2432 x103 TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY OF THE SURVEY



MASSACHUSETTS SHELLFISH INITIATIVE

GOALS

- Provide a framework for **increasing shellfish** in the Commonwealth.
- Provide the support and commitment across stakeholder groups that is needed to **promote** the environmental, economic, and cultural importance of shellfish.
- Provide **credibility** to existing or future shellfish projects, to earn **funding** or community support.
- Improve **communications** and relationships among stakeholder groups.
- Provide guidance for how the state and towns should **balance growing and competing demands** for shellfish resources
- Provide guidance for future **regulation** or **legislation** changes related to shellfish.

TIMELINE

- Survey by UMASS Boston PhD students (Summer 2017) to identify key issues from stakeholders
- Convene working groups to develop recommendations/draft plan (starts Fall 2017)

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