



Save the Date for Shellfish! Tuesday, September 12

What: Florida Shellfish Aquaculture Reception

When: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 5:30 – 7:30 pm

(Immediately following the Red Tide Stinks! Industry Strategies for Dealing with Harmful Algal Blooms Workshop)

Where: South Florida Museum, 201 10th St. W, Bradenton, FL 34205

Why: Sample local seafood, mix and mingle with shellfish industry members and scientists, and learn more about Florida Aquaculture products!

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Florida Sea Grant and the Gulf Shellfish Institute cordially invite you to a reception in recognition of the Florida shellfish aquaculture industry.

Did you know that shellfish aquaculture provides considerable economic and environmental benefit to the state of Florida? Here are a few quick facts to get you hooked:

- The US imports over 90% of the seafood we consume.
- Aquaculture industries currently provide half of the world's seafood.
- Shellfish aquaculture has enormous potential to expand -- and Florida provides one of the best growing habitats in the nation.
- Expansion of the U.S. aquaculture industry will reduce the trade deficit, create new businesses and jobs and revitalize working waterfronts.

Florida shellfish farming creates jobs and provides economic input to the state. Estimated annual production is approximately 150 Million clams. Shellfish aquaculture is a green industry and actually enhances water quality and seagrass growth. A single clam can filter 5 gallons of water per day – so shellfish farms make for cleaner water and healthier ecosystems while providing a delicious seafood source!

Please join us as we celebrate southwest Florida's shellfish industry.

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