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-- **Inferring shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) growth characteristics from life history stage structure analysis.**

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-- **Effects of tidal restrictions and potential benefits of tidal restoration on fecal coliform and shellfish-water quality.**

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-- **Out-crossing among commercial strains of the northern quahog, *Mercenaria mercenaria*: survival, growth and implications for selective breeding.**

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-- **Biotic and abiotic factors influencing growth and survival of wild and cultured individuals of the softshell clam (*Mya arenaria* L.) in eastern Maine.**

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-- **Reproduction and spawning in calico scallops, *Argopectin gibbus*, from Bermuda.** Samia Sarkis^{1*}, Cyr Couturier and Andrew Cogswell. Department of Conservation Services, P.O. Box FL 588, Flatts FLBX, Bermuda. Email: scsarkis@gov.bm

-- **Genotype-dependent survival, growth and production in cultured blue mussels, *Mytilus* spp.: results of reciprocal seed transfer experiment.** R. W. Penney*, M. J. Hart and N. D. Templeman. Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Science Branch, P.O. Box 5667, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, A1C 5X1. Email: penneyra@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

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