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## What does the ECSGA do for you?

- In 2020 we organized a broad coalition to ensure shellfish growers were eligible for Coronavirus Food Assistance relief payments roughly equal to 10% of 2019 sales.
- We worked with congressional allies to ensure shellfish growers were eligible for relief under the CARES Act NOAA fisheries funds.
- We set up an online store finder to help consumers locate growers and dealers who were forced to pivot to online sales, farmers markets and farm stands.
- We finally got the FDA and the EU to publish a final rule allowing resumption of trade after eight long years of work.
- We continue to push a decade-long effort to rationalize the regulatory challenges associated with the interstate transport of seed.
- In 2008 we formed the East Coast Breeding Consortium and in 2019 the Consortium received a \$4.4 million grant from NOAA to help us determine the functions of thousands of oyster genes. We were also successful in getting the senate to appropriate funding for two USDA-ARS geneticists in the FY20 Senate Agriculture budget.
- We were successful in getting language into the 2018 Farm Bill that directs the USDA Risk Management Agency to make changes to the Whole Farm Revenue Protection program to accommodate the crop insurance needs of shellfish farmers.
- We serve as a point of contact for dozens of press inquiries annually, ensuring that reporters get accurate information about food safety and our efforts to reduce illnesses.
- We responded to several Federal Register requests for comment to ensure that regulatory agencies understand our concerns.
- We provide timely and accurate information through our website, newsletter and LISTSERVE.
- We have successfully brought pressure to bear on agencies like the Army Corps and the FDA to speed regulatory review and avoid crippling regulations.

***You need us and we need you.***  
*We hope you will support our work  
and encourage your friends to join by spreading the word about what we do.*

## Membership Categories and Dues

We have full voting membership categories for *Growers, Dealers* and *Equipment Suppliers*. (If you are both a grower and a dealer simply ask yourself where you get the majority of your revenue.)

We also have a new *Restaurant Ally* membership category.

Supporters that don't fall into one of these industry categories can join as a *non-voting Associate Member*.

Industry members are listed on our website, and advertising opportunities are available in our quarterly newsletter.

Questions call Bob Rheault (401)783-3360 or e-mail: [bob@ECSGA.org](mailto:bob@ECSGA.org)

The dues schedule is shown below. Dues are based on your gross annual sales. (Sales information is closely guarded and will not be shared.)

Your Gross Annual Sales	Your Dues
Grower \$0 to \$50K	\$100
Grower \$50K to \$100K	\$200
Grower \$100K to \$300K	\$500
Grower \$300K to \$1M	\$1,000
Grower \$1M to \$3M	\$2,000
Grower over \$3M	\$3,000
Shellfish Dealers	\$250
Equipment Suppliers	\$250
Restaurant Ally	\$100
Non-voting associate member	\$50

You can pay online using PayPal or your credit card on our website <https://ecsga.org/join-ecsga/>.

Or mail this form in with your check to: ECSGA, 1623 Whitesville Rd, Toms River, NJ 08755.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Membership category and level: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 dues or 2021 dues ? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about us?: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support!