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## What does the ECSGA do for you?

- In 2022 we passed a bill through Congress making aquaculture workers who qualify for state workers compensation exempt from the Jones Act, protecting employers from unlimited liability lawsuits brought by injured employees.
- We organized a broad coalition to ensure shellfish growers were eligible for **free, weather-related disaster relief** through the Farm Service Agency's ELAP program.
- We are working with private firms to help the USDA Risk Management Agency develop crop insurance policies or shellfish farmers.
- We serve as your advocate to ensure that the FDA and the ISSC don't cripple our firms with unworkable regulations.
- We continue a decade-long effort to rationalize the regulations associated with the interstate transport of seed and established hatchery certification protocols. (Visit [RSSBP.org](http://RSSBP.org) for details)
- We formed the East Coast Breeding Consortium and secured continuing funding for a team of USDA-ARS geneticists and NOAA scientists working to improve oyster disease resistance.
- We serve as a point of contact for dozens of media inquiries annually, ensuring that reporters get accurate information about food safety and our efforts to reduce illnesses.
- We analyzed hundreds of pages of Federal Register announcements and responded to requests for comment to ensure that regulatory agencies understand our concerns.
- We provide timely information through our website, newsletter and LISTSERVE.
- We ensured shellfish farmers were eligible for Coronavirus Food Assistance relief payments roughly equal to 10% of 2019 sales and 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 got the FDA and the EU to publish a final rule allowing resumption of trade.

***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 *Restaurant Ally* membership category.

Supporters that don't fall into one of these industry categories can join as a *Non-Grower 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.)

<b>Your Gross Annual Sales</b>	<b>Your Dues</b>
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-grower 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you for your support!