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What does the ECSGA do for you?

- We work on several Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC) committees to help foster the development of regulations that are workable and don't cripple the industry.
- We are working to develop effective bird deterrents for floating gear, and improved ways to evaluate the health risk associated with guano.
- We got the CDC to modify their website to prevent journalists from killing our markets with misleading information about flesh-eating bacteria.
- We published a revised [Best Practices Manual](#) to give growers the tools to educate employees, regulators and customers about the steps they are taking to protect the environment and work in harmony with other users of the marine resources.
- 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 continue a decade-long effort to rationalize the regulations associated with the interstate transport of seed and established hatchery certification protocols. (Visit 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 Listserv.
- 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.

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

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-grower associate member	\$50

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

Or mail this form in with your check to: ECSGA, 111 Myrtle St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

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!