



## **Roger Williams University to Offer Applied Shellfish Farming Course**

### **Non-credit course will teach shellfish farming basics to local residents**

**BRISTOL, R.I., 5 January 2015** – The Roger Williams University Center for Economic and Environmental Development today announced it is presently enrolling students to its non-credit course in Applied Shellfish Farming for the winter 2015 semester. This course will provide interested individuals the technical information needed to confidently undertake a small shellfish farming enterprise in Rhode Island and nearby areas of southern New England. All aspects of shellfish farming, from the broodstock to the market, will be covered over the thirteen-week course. Students will learn the basic principles of hatchery, nursery and grow-out operations; as well as risk management, siting and permitting, and business management.

Associate Professor and Aquaculture Extension Specialist, Dr. Dale Leavitt, will instruct the course which will be held on the Bristol, R.I. campus of Roger Williams University (Room 200 in the Marine and Natural Sciences Building). The course will consist of a minimum of thirteen classes, which will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. The class will commence on 20 January 2015 and run through 28 April 2015, weather permitting. The fee for the entire thirteen-week course, including all handout materials, is \$125 per student. Students may attend classes on a drop-in basis at a rate of \$10 per evening session. Pre-registration is preferred by contacting Cheryl Francis at (401) 254-3110 or [cfrancis@rwu.edu](mailto:cfrancis@rwu.edu) or Dale Leavitt at [dleavitt@rwu.edu](mailto:dleavitt@rwu.edu).

# 2015 – Applied Shellfish Farming Course

**Each class will go from 6:00 to 8:30 PM in the evening**

**Location: 200 Marine & Natural Sciences Building**

**Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Discussion Topics</b>
20 Jan	Introductions and shellfish aquaculture overview
27 Jan	Shellfish Biology*
3 Feb	Site Selection & Monitoring
10 Feb	Shellfish Growout Systems I – Oysters*
17 Feb	Shellfish Growout Systems II – Quahogs & other Clams
24 Feb	Shellfish Growout Systems III – Scallops & Mussels
3 Mar	Shellfish Nursery Systems I
10 Mar	Shellfish Nursery Systems II
17 Mar	no class (RWU Spring Break)
24 Mar	no class (National Shellfisheries Association Annual Meeting)
31 Mar	Permitting/Regulations*
7 Apr	Risks to Growing Shellfish I – Predators & Pests*
14 Apr	Risks to Growing Shellfish II – Diseases*
21 Apr	Shellfish Business Management
28 Apr	Shellfish Hatchery Techniques (optional)

\* Required classes to qualify for a RI Recreational Aquaculture Permit.