

# Shellfish Aquaculture Gear Management Workshop



In partnership with the **National Marine Sanctuary Foundation** and NOAA's **Marine Debris Program**, the **FDACS Division of Aquaculture** is hosting a workshop to discuss shellfish aquaculture gear management techniques and strategies to prevent gear loss.

Guestspeakers **Charles Grisafi**, of NOAA's **Marine Debris Program**, and **Bob Rheault**, **Executive Director of the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association**, will discuss the importance of marine debris prevention as the shellfish aquaculture industry increases in size and begins utilizing new production methods and gear.

Informal group discussions of oyster and clam gear management techniques will be led by **Dr. Bill Walton**, **MS-AL Sea Grant** and **Leslie Sturmer**, **UF-IFAS**. Each session will feature a panel of farmers that will discuss their personal experiences working with shellfish gear.

The workshop will conclude with an overview of a recent aquaculture debris survey in Cedar Key, and the organization of a cleanup event on September 15th, International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Register online at: [Eventbrite.com/e/shellfish-aquaculture-gear-management-workshop-tickets-49285923524](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shellfish-aquaculture-gear-management-workshop-tickets-49285923524)

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## Date

Wednesday, September  
12th, 2018 1-5pm

## Location

FWC Senator Kirkpatrick  
Marine Lab.  
11350 SW 153rd Court,  
Cedar Key, FL 32625

## View Live Broadcast Online!

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