

NJ Shellfish Aquaculture Agency Contact Information

<p><u>NJ Department of Agriculture:</u> <i>Aquatic Farmer License and for general aquaculture information.</i></p>	<p><i>Contact: Amanda Wenczel</i> P: (609) 913-6499 Main Office: (609) 913-6490 Amanda.Wenczel@ag.nj.gov</p> <p>New Jersey Department of Agriculture Office of Aquaculture Coordination P.O. Box 330 Trenton, NJ 08625-0330</p>
<p><u>NJDEP Fish & Wildlife, Bureau of Marine Habitat & Shellfisheries:</u> <i>Leased ground information, lease applications, NJ Commercial Shellfish Licenses, shellfish importation.</i></p>	<p><u>Atlantic Coast:</u> <i>Contact: Megan Swain</i> Megan.Swain@dep.nj.gov or <i>Contact: Ricky DiVaccaro</i> richard.divaccaro@dep.nj.gov</p> <p>Bureau of Marine Habitat & Shellfisheries 360 Route 9 North, PO Box 418 Port Republic, NJ 08241</p> <p><u>Delaware Bay:</u> <i>Primary Contact: Alissa Wilson</i> P: (856) 785-0730 Alissa.Wilson@dep.nj.gov</p> <p><i>Secondary Contact: Craig Tomlin</i> P: (856) 785-0730 Craig.Tomlin@dep.nj.gov</p> <p>Delaware Bay Shellfisheries Office 1672 E. Buckshutem Road Millville, NJ 08332</p> <p><u>Seed Importation</u> <i>Contact: Megan Swain</i> Megan.Swain@dep.nj.gov</p> <p>Bureau of Marine Habitat & Shellfisheries 360 Route 9 North, PO Box 418 Port Republic, NJ 08241</p>

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NJDEP Division of Land Resource Protection:

For many aquaculture activities, a permit may be required from the NJDEP Division of Land Resource Protection. Information concerning what activities require a permit, and how to apply and receive a permit, please reach out to the following contacts.

Primary Contact: Kip LeWarn

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NJDEP Division of Land Resource Protection

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NJDEP Fish & Wildlife, Bureau of Law Enforcement, Marine Region:

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Bureau of Law Enforcement

Marine Region

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For general information:

<https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/conservation/law-enforcement/>

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<p><u>NJDEP Bureau of Coastal & Land Use Compliance & Enforcement</u></p> <p><i>For aquaculture activities requiring an NJDEP Land Use Permit/permit by rule, the Bureau ensures compliance with said permits, permit conditions, and approved plans. In addition, the Bureau investigates reports of aquaculture activities being conducted without first obtaining the required Land Use approvals. Enforcement action is taken as appropriate to ensure compliance with N.J.A.C. 7:7.</i></p>	<p><i>Contact:</i> Harry Nicol P: (732) 504-0922 Harry.Nicol@dep.nj.gov</p> <p>Bureau of Coastal & Land Use Compliance & Enforcement 1510 Hooper Avenue Suite 140 Toms River, NJ 08753</p> <p>Use NJDEP Hotline: (877) 927- 6337 to report possible unauthorized aquaculture activities.</p>
<p><u>NJDEP Bureau of Tidelands:</u></p> <p><i>Any aquaculture activity taking place at or below the mean high water line, or that requires a Division of Land Resource Protection permit, will need a Tidelands Instrument. Contact the Bureau of Tidelands Management if you have any questions, no matter how small.</i></p>	<p>For general questions concerning application submittal: <i>Contact:</i> Michael Cuccia Technical Support P: (609) 292-2573 C: (609) 256-0290 Michael.Cuccia@dep.nj.gov</p> <p>For other inquires: <i>Contact:</i> Melissa Miller Melissa.Miller@dep.nj.gov</p> <p><i>Contact:</i> Randy Bearce P: (609) 292-2573 Randy.Bearce@dep.nj.gov</p> <p>Division of Land Use Regulation Bureau of Tidelands Management P.O. Box 420 Code 501-02B Trenton, NJ 08625-0420</p>
<p><u>NJDEP Bureau of Marine Water Monitoring:</u></p> <p><i>Shellfish Water Classification, Water Quality Data, Permits for Shellfish Harvesting and Aquaculture.</i></p>	<p><i>Contact:</i> Sarah K. Gentile P: (609) 748-2001 Sarah.Gentile@dep.nj.gov</p> <p>NJDEP Bureau of Marine Water Monitoring PO Box 405 Leeds Point, NJ 08220</p>

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<p><u>NJ Department of Health:</u></p> <p><i>The Shellfish Project oversees a certification program which requires all wholesale shellfish dealers to handle, process, and ship shellfish under sanitary conditions and maintain records verifying that the shellfish were obtained from approved areas.</i></p>	<p><i>Primary Contact: Virginia Wheatley</i> P: (609) 826-4935 Virginia.Wheatley@doh.nj.gov</p> <p><i>Secondary Contact: Loel Muetter</i> P: (609) 826-4935 Loel.Muetter@doh.nj.gov</p> <p>Public Health and Food Protection Program Visit the NJDOH Shellfish Project webpage for more information: https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/shellfish/</p>
<p><u>US Food and Drug Administration:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>FDA- Prevention of Illnesses & Molluscan Shellfish safety issues including Aquaculture for all species of Clams, Oysters, Mussels and Whole-Roe-on Scallops</i> • <i>Based on the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP).</i> • <i>Provides Technical Guidance</i> • <i>Conducts Training</i> • <i>Conducts State Program Evaluations</i> • <i>Evaluates State Program Elements including Shellfish Harvest and Patrol of Harvest Areas</i> • <i>Vibrio Control Programs & Risk Assessments to Reduce the Potential for Vibrio Illnesses in Humans</i> • <i>Growing/Harvest Area Classification</i> • <i>Aquaculture</i> • <i>Processing and Shipping Requirements for Certified Plants including Wet Storage and Depuration</i> • <i>Tagging/Recordkeeping Requirements</i> • <i>Multi-State Illness Reporting and Response</i> • <i>Traceability and Recalls</i> • <i>Shellfish Laboratory Methods</i> • <i>Foreign Imported Shellfish Requirements</i> 	<p><i>Contact: Gary J. Wolf</i> P: (856) 290-4019 F: (856)783-1513 Gary.Wolf@fda.hhs.gov</p> <p>Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Service Food and Drug Administration 525 Route 73 South Marlton, NJ 08053</p>

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<p><u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:</u> <i>Regulates work and structures that are located in, under, or over navigable waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.</i></p>	<p>For General Information: https://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Aquaculture/</p> <p>Philadelphia District Office P: (215) 656-6728 philadelphiadistrict@usace.army.mil napregulatory@usace.army.mil</p> <p><i>Primary Contact:</i> Nikolas Tranchik nikolas.p.tranchik@usace.army.mil</p> <p><i>Secondary Contact:</i> Alex Kuklantz alexandra.j.kuklantz@usace.army.mil</p> <p>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attn: Regulatory Branch, 5th Floor 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103</p>
<p><u>NJDEP Bureau of Program Development</u> <i>Development of land use regulations for shellfish aquaculture activities (placement of structures) requiring a permit from the NJDEP Division of Land Resource Protection.</i></p>	<p><i>Contact:</i> Sarah McCabe P: (609) 777-0979 Sarah.Mccabe@dep.nj.gov</p> <p>NJDEP Bureau of Program Development 501 E. State Street Mail Code: 501-02A Trenton, NJ 08625-420</p>