

## **Agenda: NC Sea Grant Shellfish Aquaculture Workshop**

**October 15, 2016, UNCW Center for Marine Science, Wilmington**

9:30-9:50 *Welcome/Overview of NC shellfish industry & potential for expansion- Chuck Weirich, NC Sea Grant*

9:50-10:20 *Overview of the NC shellfish lease program - Valerie Wunderly, NC Division of Marine Fisheries*

10:20-10:50 *How to use the NC shellfish aquaculture siting tool - Troy Alphin, UNCW*

**10:50-11:00 Break**

11:00-11:30 *Overview of regulations regarding harvesting, storing, and transporting shellfish - Shannon Jenkins, NC Division of Marine Fisheries*

11:30-12:30 *Overview of UNCW shellfish aquaculture research and tour of facilities – Ami Wilbur, UNCW*

**12:30-1:30 Lunch and keynote speaker: Bill Walton, Auburn University – “Growing the oyster aquaculture industry in the Gulf of Mexico”**

**12:00-12:30 NC Shellfish Growers Association and NC Sea Grant sponsored lunch**

1:30-2:00 *NC shellfish industry: a grower’s perspective – Jay Styron, Owner, Carolina Mariculture and President of the NC Shellfish Growers Association*

2:00-2:30 *Shellfish aquaculture gear types and construction demo - Dave Cerino, Carteret Community College*

**2:30-2:40 - Break**

2:40-3:30 *Enhancing the market value of NC shellfish - Barry Nash, NC Sea Grant*

3:30-3:50 *USDA programs available for shellfish growers – Emmett Rogers, USDA Farm Services Agency*

3:50-4:00 *Concluding remarks - Chuck Weirich, NC Sea Grant*