

Long Island Sound Eelgrass Collaborative Workshop- Agenda

Date (Time): Thursday – May 29, 2025 (9:30 am – 3:30 pm)

Location: UConn Avery Point Campus
1080 Shennecossett Rd., Groton, CT 06340

9:30 am	Check-In and Coffee - UConn Avery Point, Lowell Weicker Building (LWB) Room 103
9:45 – 9:50	Welcome and Workshop Overview – <i>Katie Lund, CT NERR</i>
9:50 – 11:20	<p>Featured Speakers – focus on NPS and EPA eelgrass restoration/resilience projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Phil Colarusso (Marine Biologist, U.S. EPA) – 20 mins</i>- <i>Stephanie Kamel (Professor, UNCW Biology and Marine Biology Dept.) – 40 mins</i> <p>Panel with additional speakers for added insight and audience Q&A: 30 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Bradley Peterson (Associate Professor, Stony Brook University) – NPS Project</i>- <i>Suzy Ayvazian (Scientist, U.S. EPA) – EPA Project</i>
11:20 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Poster and Tour Rotation (two groups rotate – 30 mins in each location):</p> <p>Group A – start inside at poster session, Lowell Weicker Building (LWB) Room 103 Lobby</p> <p>Group B – start outside in front of LWB and choose one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rankin Lab tour - viewing & discussion of restoration facility upgrades2. Visit CT Sea Grant's new mobile seaweed lab
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch - Mort's in the Academic Building (including time to walk across campus)
1:30 – 3:00	<p>Breakout Session Rotation (two groups rotate – 45 mins in each location):</p> <p>Group A – start in Academic Building, Room 211 Topic: Eelgrass Seed Restoration Survey Results & Related Discussion of LISS FY 26 Funding <i>Facilitators: Torrie Hanley (SHU) & Cayla Sullivan (EPA)</i></p> <p>Group B – start in Academic Building, Room 206 Topic: NEIWPCC Seed Based Restoration Grant Discussion <i>Facilitators: Steve Schott (CCE), Jamie Vaudrey & Craig Tobias (CTNERR and UConn)</i></p>
3:00 – 3:30	Breakout Debrief, Next Steps, and Adjourn – Academic Building Auditorium

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