

# Long Island Sound Eelgrass Collaborative Workshop- Agenda

Date: Thursday – May 29, 2025

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

9:15 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	<b>Featured Speakers</b> – focus on NPS and EPA eelgrass restoration/resilience projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Phil Colarusso (Marine Biologist, U.S. EPA) – 20 mins</i></li><li>- <i>Stephanie Kamel (Professor, UNCW Biology and Marine Biology Dept.) – 40 mins</i></li></ul> <b>Panel</b> with featured and additional speaker for added insight and audience Q&A: 30 mins <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Bradley Peterson (Associate Professor, Stony Brook University) – NPS Project</i></li></ul>
11:20 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Poster and Tour Rotation</b> (two groups rotate – 30 mins in each location): <b>Group A</b> – start inside at poster session, Lowell Weicker Building (LWB) Room 103 Lobby  <b>Group B</b> – start outside in front of LWB and choose one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <a href="#">Rankin Lab tour</a> - viewing &amp; discussion of restoration facility upgrades</li><li>2. Visit CT Sea Grant's new <a href="#">mobile seaweed lab</a></li></ol>
12:30 – 1:30	<b>Lunch</b> - Mort's in the Academic Building (including time to walk across campus)
1:30 – 3:00	<b>Breakout Session Rotation</b> (two groups rotate – 45 mins in each location):  <b>Group A</b> – start in Academic Building, Room 211 Topic: Eelgrass Seed Restoration Survey Results & Related Discussion of LISS FY 26 Funding <i>Facilitators: Torrie Hanley (SHU) &amp; Cayla Sullivan (EPA)</i>  <b>Group B</b> – start in Academic Building, Room 207 Topic: NEIWPCC Seed Based Restoration Grant Discussion <i>Facilitators: Steve Schott (CCE), Jamie Vaudrey &amp; Craig Tobias (CTNERR and UConn)</i>
3:00 – 3:30	<b>Breakout Debrief, Next Steps, and Adjourn</b> – Academic Building Auditorium

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