

## ***Use Only Healthy Shellfish Seed***

Shellfish growers will maximize their return, reduce wasted effort and materials, protect neighbors and own business, and avoid loss liabilities if only healthy shellfish seed is purchased.

### ***Benefits of using healthy shellfish seed!***

- Get the greatest survival of planted shellfish
- Get the best performance of planted shellfish
- Prevent possible (permanent) devaluation of shellfish production grounds
- Protect yourself from legal liability and regulatory penalties

### ***How to purchase healthy shellfish seed?***

- Get the permit you need from your State authority to plant shellfish seed
- Ensure that your seed supplier has a record of shellfish health surveillance for brood and seed stocks
- Ensure that the seed you are purchasing is accompanied by a copy of your State authority permit, showing that the seed has been examined by disease detection procedures

### ***Develop a Shellfish High Health plan and document your operation***

Use the framework Shellfish High Health Program (SHHP) developed by the PCSGA. Make it as simple as possible – just use what you need from the framework program. For a shellfish seed purchaser, your SHHP can be as simple as documenting the health status of seed provided by your seed supplier and keeping your own independent records. For seed producers, your SHHP will include other components, as outlined in the Association's framework plan. If you are a producer of shellfish seed for sale, you should have a program of shellfish disease monitoring. A shellfish disease monitoring program may be required by your State authority and is required by the USDA if you are exporting seed.



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