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Washington Sea Grant Accepting Registrations for 17th Annual Shellfish Growers Conference

Registration is open for Washington Sea Grant's 17th Annual Conference for Shellfish Growers, March 2-3, 2009, at the Alderbrook Resort & Spa in Union, Wash.

This year, the conference will focus on shellfish and marine vegetation issues and feature presentations on natural shellfish resources and culture and harvesting techniques. A special session will showcase Aquarius 2.0 computer software, a program used to evaluate closure rules for the shellfish industry and simulate a series of hypothetical scenarios for various situations within a growing area.

The conference cost is \$90 for registration before Feb. 20, 2009, and \$125 thereafter. The fee includes admittance to all sessions, Monday lunch and reception, and Tuesday breakfast. The registration form is available at www.wsg.washington.edu/mas/resources/shellfish_conf_08.html. The conference agenda will be posted by Jan. 30.

Washington Sea Grant, part of the University of Washington's College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences, funds marine research and works with communities and businesses to manage and protect marine resources. It sponsors a conference every year for shellfish growers and researchers.