HABITAT

**77,000**

Total number of acres of shellfish beds

**4**

Harvested types (oysters, clams, mussels, bay scallops)

**7**

Minimum days shellfishing areas are closed following a significant rainfall event

**14**

Towns with recreational harvest areas open to public

HARVESTING

**$30,000,000**

Estimated value of commercial harvest

**3**

Average number of growing seasons before an oyster can be harvested

**41**

Shellfish companies

**800**

Water quality sampling stations

AMAZING OYSTERS

**100 million**

Average number of eggs produced by a healthy oyster

**1%**

Of fertilized oyster eggs that survive to maturity

**30**

Number of gallons one oyster can filter in a day

SHELLFISH & CONSUMERS

**$20**

Average cost for an annual recreational shellfishing permit for Connecticut resident

**70**

Calories in a quarter pound serving of clams

Source: Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture