CITY OF NEW LONDON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO LEASE
SHELLFISH LOTS L-1, L-2 & L-3

Submission Deadline: Proposals will be received up to 2:00 P.M. on October 7, 2015.

Overview
The City of New London, Connecticut is accepting proposals for a License Agreement to lease three shellfish lots L-1, L-2 & L-3, located in the Thames River north of the Gold Star Bridge, Interstate 95. As determined by the Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Aquaculture, shellfish Lot #1 is approximately 74.35 acres, shellfish Lot #2 is approximately 67 acres, and shellfish Lot #3 is approximately 109 acres. Boundary information for these lots is attached. All lots are classified as “Restricted Relay” grounds. Please note that the lot boundaries are as of August 28, 2008. It is not known if prohibited areas have changed as a result of Homeland Security provisions.

Lease Terms of the License Agreement
Below is a summary of some of the lease terms that may be imposed:

- The minimum lease term shall be for five (5) years with options to renew the license agreement for additional five (5) year terms upon a favorable performance review by the City of New London.
- The lease rate shall be an annual fee payable upon the execution of the lease and upon each anniversary date. Rates may be subject to change at the beginning of each five year term.
- Compliance with all governing local regulations and all State regulations as required by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture Division is mandatory.
- The Licensee shall make every effort to avoid waterfront beach, and recreational and commercial mooring areas. Nor shall there be any interference with the property rights of the City of New London and the City’s exclusive proprietary rights to the area subject to the lease, nor interference with the property or riparian rights of others.
- During clam harvesting operations any artifacts such as, but not limited to, antique intact bottles, clay pipes, old ship remnants and any items that may be of historical significance shall be separated, saved and delivered to the City of New London for its possession.
- During clam harvesting operations the Licensee will make every effort to pick out any man-made debris, rubbish or trash, e.g. plastics, metal scrap, cans etc., and properly dispose of these items on land.
- Upon reasonable notice, a designated representative of the City of New London shall be permitted to inspect vessels and equipment used for clam harvesting under the License Agreement, and to permit said representative to go along with Licensee during clam harvesting operations as described in the Lease.
- Any economic development projects which may conflict with shellfish harvesting operations will be given preference over the shellfish lease and may reduce or impact the lot area available for harvesting.

Proposal Process
Anyone interested in submitting a proposal to lease the shellfish lots must submit a sealed proposal by the Submission Deadline time and date which is 2:00 P.M. on October 7, 2015.
Each proposal submitted must be made with the form entitled *Shellfish Grounds Proposal Form*, included with this information package. Each envelope containing the Proposal Form must be clearly marked “Shellfish Lots Proposal 2015”

With all other terms and conditions of merit being equal a responsible New London based business will be given a preference if its proposed annual rent is within fifteen percent (15%) of the highest rent proposed and acceptable to the City, and the New London based business is willing to enter into a lease at the higher rent. Any proposer claiming to be a New London based business must provide documentation that it has an established office in New London, or shellfish operating vessels registered in New London and to be used for harvesting at New London shellfish lots, or currently has shellfish operating vessels leasing dockage in New London for a minimum of six months.

**At its sole discretion, the City of New London may reject any or all proposals for any reason, and may decline to offer or may withdraw the RFP for these shellfish lots.**

**DISCLAIMER**
While the information contained herein is believed to be correct it is the responsibility of the proposer to perform its own due diligence and to check with the Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Aquaculture on all State of Connecticut requirements associated with a shellfish harvesting operation in Lots L-1, L-2 and L-3 identified in this RFP.

All materials are provided for informational purposes only and do not constitute all or part of an offer or a contract. The information is designed to assist interested parties in determining whether to proceed with a proposal to lease the shellfish lots described herein.

**CONTACT**
If there are any questions please contact Ned Hammond at the Office of Development & Planning, 181 State Street, New London, CT 06320, phone (860) 437-6309 or by e-mail at nhammond@ci.new-london.ct.us.

**ATTACHMENTS**
The following attachments are included with this RFP:
- Lot 1 Boundary Map and Corner Locations in Latitude and Longitude
- Lot 2 Boundary Map and Corner Locations in Latitude and Longitude
- Lot 3 Boundary Map and Corner Locations in Latitude and Longitude
- *Shellfish Grounds Proposal Form*