

I strongly support SB 357.

SB 357 will create an independent, multi-disciplined body, including members of industry, academia, administrative and regulatory that can effect change to benefit the entire CT shellfish industry AND perform 3-rd party mediation and arbitration between industry participants and regulators.

Third party arbitration/mediation is a very commonly used tool in business, government and labor to settle disputes between parties. The ability of the mediator to settle the dispute is a key component. It is an excellent tool to increase transparency and fairness and will give both parties more confidence in the system as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration.

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