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**Farming the Sea: Classroom Connections
25th Annual Woods Hole Conference
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Boston, MA -- What are the complex issues facing the future of farming the sea? How are shellfish farmers in Southeastern Massachusetts taking advantage of new techniques? On April 28, 2001, the Massachusetts Marine Educators (MME), an organization of teachers K through 12 and other educators, will hold our 25th annual Woods Hole Marine Science Conference in Woods Hole, MA. The event will include three exciting talks on aquaculture by world famous Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) scientists, field trips to local laboratories and outdoor locations, and exhibits by marine and coastal educational institutions. Registration will take place in the Redfield Auditorium in Woods Hole starting at 8:30 AM.

The speakers will include Dr. Hauke Kite-Powell, WHOI Marine Policy Center, who will speak about the economic and fisheries issues of aquaculture; George Hampson, who will speak about the biological aspects of shellfish aquaculture, featuring projects and techniques begun at WHOI; and Dale Leavitt, WHOI Sea Grant Extension Agent, who will speak about aquaculture efforts in southeastern Massachusetts and a new aquaculture curriculum project.

The cost is \$35.00 and includes participation in most events, a delicious chowder lunch, a goody bag of classroom materials, wine and cheese reception in the afternoon, and a one-year membership in MME. Teachers will receive 6 PDP for the daylong event. The conference is open to any interested individuals.

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