



75th Annual Mid-Atlantic Interstate Seafood Seminar

Hosted by the State of Delaware

May 13 – 15, 2025

Virden Retreat Center

Lewes, Delaware

*“The Diamond Anniversary of the ISS in the Diamond State:
Polishing our Practices for a Brighter Seafood Future”*

Dear ISS Members and Participants:

Delaware is honored to host the 75th annual Mid-Atlantic Interstate Seafood Seminar. The seminar will be held May 13th through May 15th, 2025, at the Virden Retreat Center (700 Pilottown Road, Lewes, Delaware 19958), located on the Hugh R. Sharp Campus of the University of Delaware College of Earth, Ocean, & Environment.

The theme of this year’s seminar is “The Diamond Anniversary of the ISS in the Diamond State: Polishing our Practices for a Brighter Seafood Future”. Topics will emphasize current and emerging issues of concern to the field of shellfish sanitation, such as risk-based approaches for growing area classification and shellfish dealer inspections, pioneering research into *Vibrio* and other pathogens, and emerging technology such as drones, plus opportunities for discussion and collaboration on proposals for the upcoming ISSC Biennial Meeting.

Early registration will be held on Monday, May 12th from 3-5:00 p.m. in the Virden Retreat Center lobby. Tuesday, May 13th and Wednesday, May 14th will be full-day sessions, concluding with a half-day session on the morning of Thursday, May 15th. Full registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, and coffee/refreshment breaks on Tuesday and breakfast and coffee/refreshment breaks on Wednesday. Full registration also includes the Seafood Banquet on Wednesday evening.

Please complete the enclosed conference registration form with credit card information and mail or email to: Debbie Rouse, 100 Quail Run, Wyoming, DE 19934 or debbierouse@comcast.net. Or, to process credit card payments, please call Debbie at 302.632.2434.

Hotel reservations can be made directly with the Virden Retreat Center at 302.645.4100 – reference the group code “Interstate Seafood Seminar” for the special rate of \$120/night. The hotel is located adjacent to the Virden Retreat Center where the conference will be held. Another option for lodging is The Beacon Hotel located a short drive away in downtown Lewes at 514 East Savannah Road, which will honor the per diem rate of \$129.60 including taxes until 4.12.2025. Contact the hotel for reservations at 302.227.5780 or at www.beaconmotel.com - reference the group code “ISEA.”

For questions, please call Andrew at 302.739.9939 or Debbie at 302.632.2434, or email at debbierouse@comcast.net and andrew.bell@delaware.gov. Additional conference information is posted at www.issc.org. We look forward to seeing you at the Interstate Seafood Seminar.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bell and Debbie Rouse, Coordinators, 2025 Mid-Atlantic Interstate Seafood Seminar



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____ Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

FULL REGISTRATION (full days Tuesday & Wednesday, and half day Thursday)

Includes breakfast & refreshments on all days, lunch and social hour on Tuesday, and Seafood Banquet on Wednesday

If registering <u>on or before</u> May 1, 2025	\$275.00	\$
If registering <u>after</u> May 1, 2025	\$285.00	\$

DAILY REGISTRATION

Includes breakfast & refreshments on Tuesday and Wednesday

Tuesday- 5.13.2025 (full day; includes lunch and social hour)	\$100.00	\$
Wednesday- 5.14.2025 (full day)	\$ 70.00	\$
with Seafood Banquet	\$152.00	\$
# of additional guests to Seafood Banquet: _____	\$82.00 per person	\$
Thursday 5.15.2025 (half day)	\$23.00	\$

Amount Enclosed for TOTAL COST:	\$
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Please return completed form ASAP, whether you pay now or later, as early receipt of this form helps us with planning.
Call us to pay by credit card. Our IRS EIN# is 90-0198014.

Mail or email form to: Debbie Rouse | 100 Quail Run | Wyoming, DE 19934

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Hotel room reservations are made directly with Virden Retreat Center, 302.645.4100 or <https://udconferencevird.securepayments.cardpointe.com/pay> for \$119.00/daily or Beacon Motel Suites (use code ISEA) at 302.645.4888 or www.beaconmotel.com at \$129.60/daily, directly make reservations by 4.12.2025 to ensure hotel reservation.