WORKING THE WATERFRONT AND KEEPING CLAM

Margaret Pilaro Barrette
Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association
Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium
March, 2013
Working Waterfronts
And these too!
Value exceeds $228 Million (west coast)
Conflicts with Adjacent Uses

- Variety of conflicting uses
  - Threaten water quality
- Shellfish Growers Approach
  - Volunteer time on action committees, resource groups, engage with decision makers and agencies, take legal action (last resort)
- All in spirit of eliminating potential conflict and protecting ability to work
Ahhh....Vermont
How do shellfish growers respond?

 Shellfish Growers Approach
  • Support Quality Science
  • Best Practices
  • Regulatory process
  • Good neighbor approach
  • Environmental Education
  • Shellfish farm visits
  • Public education efforts - events/fairs

 Up Next – realtor and decision makers workshops