

## Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc.

### July 5, 2011. Scallop distribution begins.

The first batch is only 300 to 400 microns but the hatchery is bursting at the seams so they need to go out into the field.

Every day for the next few weeks, our "master baster", hatchery assistant Elizabeth Mellon, will cut, count and load hundreds of pieces of cheesecloth with baby scallops. The loaded piece will then be wrapped in a tissue into a little bundle and given to the shellfish constables to put in nursery hanging bags.

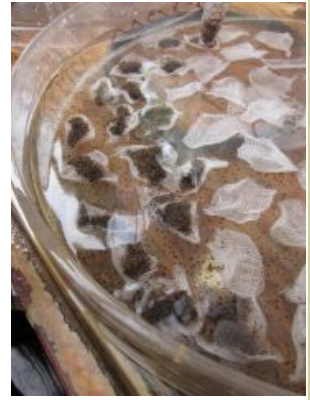
The seed scallops will grow well in the bags until they are ready to be planted in the field, later in the season.



"Master baster" Elizabeth Mellon.



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