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Interns from Kimball Jenkins help process recycled oyster shells from the CCA for use on restored reefs. Read more about their efforts on Page 6. © Jerry Monkman/EcoPhotography



Shellebrating Partnership

Restoring oysters to the Great Bay Estuary is truly a collaborative effort. For proof, look no further than the Coastal Conservation Association's Oyster Shell Recycling Program. Baby oysters settle and grow best on other oyster shells. CCA aims to provide those shells for reef restoration while raising public awareness of oysters' vital role in the ecosystem at the same time. They collect oyster shells weekly from area restaurants and "season" (store and dry) them in 30-yard containers provided by Harding Metals of Northwood before turning them over to TNC and UNH to go back into the water. CCA provides more than 7,000 bushels of shell a year for restoration—a testament to their dedication to restoration. Thanks, CCA!