



**Dear Chef,**

**On behalf of the Galveston Bay Foundation, we would like to invite you and your restaurant to participate in our Houston Oyster & SeaFest. This unique event will take place from 11:30AM – 2:30PM on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at The Water Works in Buffalo Bayou Park (105 Sabine Street, Houston, Texas 77007). We estimate to have over 700 attendees.**

Galveston Bay Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1987 to preserve, protect and enhance Galveston Bay as a healthy and productive place for generations to come through programs in education, habitat restoration, water protection, land conservation and advocacy.

The Festival will benefit our Oyster Shell Recycling Program which promotes a sustainable Eastern oyster population by returning shucked oyster shells from local restaurants back to Galveston Bay to restore native oyster habitat, and out of landfills. By returning shucked oyster shells to Galveston Bay, Galveston Bay Foundation is working to ensure a healthy oyster population for all to enjoy!

Each chef will prepare a minimum of one bite-sized oyster or seafood dish for our guests to enjoy. There is the opportunity to win either the People's Choice Award or the Judge's Choice Award!

All proceeds will directly fund the Foundation's Oyster Shell Recycling Program, and your in-kind donation is tax deductible. We think you would be an amazing addition to our 2025 event and hope you will consider joining us for a day of food, fun, and fundraising. Together we can preserve and enhance Galveston Bay for generations to come.

**Sincerely,  
Bob Stokes,  
Galveston Bay Foundation President**



## THE HOUSTON OYSTER & SEAFEST WILL PROVIDE EACH RESTAURANT WITH:

- City of Houston food permit and all necessary required supplies and equipment
- One 10' x 10' space

*Please let us know if you will need additional space.*

- Two tables for your serving area
- Table sign with restaurant logo
- Trash receptacles
- Oyster shell recycling bin(s)
- PR/recognition/advertising

*Restaurants will be included in all Houston Oyster & SeaFest collateral; i.e., listed on website, social media, press releases, day-of event signage, logo projection during the Houston Oyster & SeaFest, etc.*

- Priority option to participate in the Oyster Shell Recycling Program
  - Hand washing stations
  - Two guest tickets to the event
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## WE ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS TO:

- Provide restaurant logo
- Bring additional signature dishes to promote your restaurant
- Decorate your space to creatively reflect the restaurant's brand and identity
- Prepare one bite-size oyster or seafood dish
- Supply ALL food items and enough to provide servings to 700 people from 11:30AM to 2:30PM
- Supply ALL warming and/or cooling equipment, table server(s), and necessary staff
- Supply ALL serving pieces necessary for dish (plates, bowls, cups, mini forks, etc.)
- Inform Galveston Bay Foundation if power is needed
- Recycle ALL oyster shells, and encourage patrons to do the same
- Encourage restaurant customers to attend the Oyster & SeaFest and promote the event to patrons

# 2025 Houston Oyster & SeaFest Restaurant Commitment Form

(Please print legibly so names appear correctly in any printed materials)



RESTAURANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

RESTAURANT MAILING \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## LOAD IN INFORMATION:

\_\_\_\_\_ Load-in time is 8AM – 4PM on Friday, April 4, 2025. Please confirm your set-up time with Galveston Bay Foundation due to limited loading dock capacity

\_\_\_\_\_ After load-in, you will have time on Saturday morning, April 5 to complete set-up. Doors open and food service will begin at 11:30AM

\_\_\_\_\_ Tear down will begin immediately after the event ends at 2:30PM

## PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH THIS COMMITMENT FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_ Restaurant logo (please submit a high resolution .eps or .png file

\_\_\_\_\_ Menu item must be submitted by March 14, 2025 for food permit

\_\_\_\_\_ All special equipment and set up requests must be submitted in writing by March 14, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed vendor agreement

\*All requests are subject to approval\*

## CANCELLATION

It is important that we have adequate food for our guests, do not mislead our guests as to who will be participating, and represent the Galveston Bay Foundation in the highest regard. In the event that the chef is no longer able to represent the restaurant, the restaurant is committed to providing a substitute chef to represent the restaurant and to fulfill all competition requirements. If the restaurant is not able to provide a substitute chef, the withdrawing chef will assist in finding another chef/restaurant to take his/her place in the competition. We sincerely thank you for your support with this tax-deductible, in-kind contribution which helps make it possible for the Galveston Bay Foundation to preserve and enhance Galveston Bay for generations to come! Galveston Bay Foundation Tax ID No. 76-0279876

Signature of Restaurant Owner or Chef: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_