

CONSUMER ADVISORY: OYSTER SHELL REUSE

This establishment reuses oyster shells in one or more menu items containing cooked oysters. North Carolina General Statutes* allow oyster shell reuse provided consumers are informed. Questions regarding this process should be directed to the Manager on Duty.

***N.C. G.S. 130-248(c3) states “Notwithstanding any provisions of this Part, a food establishment may reuse an oyster shell to serve shucked oysters that are cooked, regardless if the shucked oysters are reused in the same shells from which they originated, provided the establishment does all of the following: (1) Posts on the premises a conspicuous sign, clearly legible and easily readable by the public, advising that the establishment reuses oyster shells to serve cooked oysters. (2) Protects each reused oyster shell from contamination by, at a minimum, doing all the following on the same day the oyster is removed from the shell: a). Boils the shell for a minimum of ten minutes b). Thoroughly dries the shell c). Reuses the shell within 48 hours after the oyster is removed from the shell.”**