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This award is part of a collaborative multi-state project to validate, verify, update, and document the conversion factors used to determine whole weight of commercial landings from reported units, such as meat weights or bushels. Under this award, which funds the Rhode Island portion of the project, quahogs (*Mercenaria mercenaria*), soft shell clams (*Mya arenaria*), blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*), and whelks (*Busycon canaliculata*) from the normal commercial catch will be purchased and measured to determine conversion factors.