THE U.S. AQUACULTURE SUPPLY CHAIN

The U.S. aquaculture supply chain supports many industries on land and sea. If we expanded the industry to the deep Pacific and Atlantic waters off our coasts, it would boost American fish feed and seafood retail sectors with jobs and revenue, while stocking restaurants, markets and grocery stores with locally grown, sustainable seafood. With the global aquaculture market projected to reach \$378 billion by 2027¹, the federal government has the chance to enable the U.S. to be competitive in the sector.

The supply chain consists of five steps:

HATCHERY

where fish are reared and farmed



The U.S. aquaculture market is \$1.5 billion.

FEEDMILL

where fish feed is produced



U.S. soybean farmers' market share of soybeans in global aquaculture feed was 40%.²

PROCESSING PLANT

where seafood is processed and packaged



The seafood processing industry in America is worth \$5 billion.

WHOLESALER

where seafood is sold



The fish & seafood markets industry in the U.S. is the 61ST ranked retail trade industry by size.³

STORE & RESTAURANT

where consumers buy or enjoy a seafood meal



56% of seafood is purchased at a retail outlet — grocery store or fish market — while 31% is purchased at restaurants.⁴

\$102 billion a year is spent on seafood.⁵

