

COAST-TO-COAST SUPPORT FOR AQUACULTURE

In states on the West and East coasts, to agricultural communities in Midwest states, the support for aquaculture continues to grow as means to feed the growing population and ensure food security while creating jobs and economic opportunities in an environmentally responsible way.



“Building a sustainable seafood supply chain should be a priority. The U.S. is already equipped with the innovations required to develop a sustainable aquaculture industry here.”

Allan LeBlanc
Vice President of Market Development, Calysta

“Despite having world class aquaculture technologies and know-how, the U.S has yet to harness the potential of this tremendous industry. There is no better means to produce healthy, sustainable food and create new jobs than a revitalized and expanded US aquaculture industry.”

Chris Stock
Global Director - Aquaculture Sales, Zeigler Bros., Inc.

“Aquaculture would complement wild fishing to increase our supply of healthful and affordable seafood with minimal environmental impact, helping to protect and preserve our natural resources while we are faced with challenges stemming from a changing climate.”

Sean O’Scannlain
President and CEO, Fortune International

“Aquaculture is the most resource-efficient, low-impact way to produce food and create jobs within the United States. In some cases, it can even restore the local ecology.”

Victoria Parks
Co-Founder and Hatchery Manager, The Seaventure Clam Co.

“Offshore aquaculture is an environmentally friendly way to produce more seafood, provide families with greater fish options, protect our natural resources and boost our economy.”

Dr. Aaron Welch
Adjunct Professor, University of Miami

“Aquaculture, paired with enduring wild fisheries, is an essential part of the future of a blue food system.”

Barton Seaver
Award-winning Chef

“Marine aquaculture can be a powerful tool to support diversification in multiple problem areas: economic growth, zero-carbon energy, food production, and climate mitigation. The U.S. has the capacity to responsibly grow marine aquaculture to support these diversification efforts.”

Kim Thompson
Director, Aquarium of the Pacific’s Seafood for the Future Program

“With increasing demand worldwide for seafood, aquaculture is the only feasible solution, and it is important that the United States of America gets on board. We must find a way to start providing these products for our markets.”

Shawn Oliver
Seafood Category Buyer, Giant Eagle





“A solution to meet the seafood demand is the expansion of offshore aquaculture in America, in coexistence with wild fishing. In addition to supplying American restaurants and grocery stores with an abundance of healthy and affordable American-raised seafood, aquaculture will create new jobs in our communities and help revitalize the national seafood industry, which is facing unprecedented challenges during [the pandemic].” -

Horace G. Dawson, III
Executive Vice President & General Counsel of
Red Lobster Seafood Co.

“By enacting the proper federal policies and regulations to support the industry’s growth, federal lawmakers would position the U.S. to be a world leader on aquaculture and increase our production of seafood sustainably, without environmental harm. States across the country would also begin to benefit from the economic opportunities that the expansion of aquaculture can provide.”

Kelly Lucas
Interim Associate Vice President for Research, Coastal Operations
and Director of the Thad Cochran Marine Aquaculture Center at The
University of Southern Mississippi

“As Kentucky expands its aquaculture industry, the demand for local soy meal into local fish feed to grow local fish is poised for explosion. Kentucky is a prime area for development; farmers are well versed in farming of livestock; and the research and extension, through Kentucky State University and University of Kentucky, is in place to assist farmers to include aquaculture into their farm portfolio, help market their products and grow and support the local farming economy. Aquaculture is a win-win for Kentucky agriculture.”

Angela Caporelli
Aquaculture Coordinator, Kentucky Department of Agriculture

“With well over three million square miles of ocean in federal waters, the U.S. has the space, environmental stewardship ethics, and well-suited environments to become a global leader again in agriculture, this time in “marine” agriculture.”

James A. Morris, Jr., Ph.D.
Marine Ecologist, NOAA National Ocean Service
