

AQUACULTURE AMERICA 2026



TUESDAY

TUESDAY, February 17

PLEASE NOTE: PRESENTATION TIMES

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Tuesday Break 10:00 – 11:00

Tuesday Lunch 12:30 – 1:30

PLENARY SESSION

Tuesday, February 17 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Concorde B

Chairs: Aaron Watson, Jackson Gross

WELCOME

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Olivia Markham, Li Sun Chin, Savannah B. Saeger

All In on Aquaculture: Entrepreneurs Building the Future of U.S. Seafood

Plenary talk by **Dr. Carrie Byron**, followed by a panel discussion with Jackson Limke, Ali Bolourchi, and Jody Houk

The next generation of aquaculture leaders is forging a path where innovation, collaboration, and sustainability intersect. To build a thriving future for aquaculture in the United States, we need more than great ideas. We need strong partnerships that bridge science, industry, and community. This plenary session features entrepreneurs who are going All In on Aquaculture and are doing the hard work of translating vision into impact.

Dr. Carrie Byron, Professor of Marine Sciences at the University of New England, opens the session with a keynote address highlighting SeaMade, a student-run business that has emerged as a national model for how academic institutions can support the future of aquaculture. SeaMade is more than a kelp-based nutrition bar. It is a living incubator that brings together students, researchers, faculty, and industry mentors to solve real challenges in seaweed aquaculture.

From kelp farming and harvesting to recipe innovation, nutritional analysis, market testing, packaging, and distribution, the SeaMade program gives students direct experience in building a sustainable seafood business from the ocean to the marketplace. The project unites disciplines like marine science, business, nutrition, and sustainability, while fostering critical partnerships with extension specialists, industry collaborators, and research institutions. Under Dr. Byron's leadership, SeaMade is helping UNE cultivate a new generation of blue economy professionals who are not just job-ready, but equipped to lead.

Following her talk, Dr. Byron will be joined by three dynamic aquaculture entrepreneurs for a panel discussion that explores what it takes to start and scale a seafood business in today's economic and regulatory climate:

- **Jackson Kimle** (*Midland Co., Iowa*) is developing one of the only indoor shrimp production operations in the Midwest. He is helping to redefine what inland aquaculture can look like in the United States.
- **Ali Bolourchi** (*Tsar Nicoulai, California*) is innovating at the intersection of tradition and sustainability through his work with sturgeon caviar and meat production. His approach prioritizes quality, resource efficiency, and product diversification.
- **Jody Houck** (*East Bay Oysters, Florida*) is building a premium oyster farm in the Florida Panhandle. She is focused on ecological restoration, local food systems, and raising awareness about shellfish aquaculture in the Southeast.

Together, the panel will explore how integrating research, extension, community engagement, government resources, and industry networks can shape the success of new aquaculture ventures. This conversation is designed to inspire dialogue, build momentum, and showcase the next generation of leaders who are all in on building a more resilient, inclusive, and innovative U.S. seafood system.

USAS STUDENT SUB-UNIT SHOWCASE: REGIONAL AQUACULTURE CENTER DISCUSSION – EXTENSION AND COLLABORATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Tuesday, February 17 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Concorde C

Chair: Mikaila Hishaw

Julianne Grenn, Abdulmalik Oladipupo
USAS STUDENT SUBUNIT SHOWCASE

Marie Tan, Dylan Martin, Brittany Martin, Leah Steward, David Cline
STUDENT-LED AQUACULTURE OUTREACH AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Virginia Moore, Anissa Overly, Barbara Evans
USAS SUBUNIT EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH AT LAKE SUPERIOR STATE
UNIVERSITY

John Stanfill, Kelsey McKenna, Matthew LaGanke, Taylor Dolan Nichols
THE AQUACULTURE COLLECTIVE: VIMS USAS STUDENT SUBUNIT

Emmanuel Annang, Ifeoluwa Durowaiye, Sandhya Lamichhane, Toheeb Falakin,
Brandon Wright, Sophia Okoh, Naomi Agboli, Elizabeth Oduntan, Noel Novelo
EDUCATION, COMMUNITY, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND PARTERSHIPS
TO CREATE EXTENSION RESOURCES (2024-2025)

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SHRIMP PRODUCTION

Tuesday, February 17 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Concorde B
Chairs: Allen Davis, Melanie Rhodes

Artur Rombenso, Mauricio G.C. Emerenciano, Ha Truong, Stuart Arnold, Cedric Simon
NUTRITION AND PRODUCTION SYSTEM INTEGRATION TO ADVANCE INTENSIVE
SHRIMP FARMING

Khanh Nguyen, Melanie Rhodes, Timothy Bruce, Julio Garcia, Luke Roy, D. Allen Davis
TEMPORAL MICROBIOME DYNAMIC WITHIN PACIFIC WHITE SHRIMP *Litopenaeus*
vannamei PRODUCTION PONDS

Brandon Wright, Andrew Ray
EFFECTS OF STOCKING DENSITY ON PACIFIC WHITE SHRIMP *Litopenaeus*
vannamei PRODUCTION IN CLEARWATER, INTENSIVE RAS

Jairo A. Gonzalez, Arnold J. Gutierrez, Babatunde Saliu, Fabio Ulisses Ramos,
Melanie A. Rhodes, Julio C. García, Luke A. Roy, D. Allen Davis
FEED MANAGEMENT DURING THE FIRST 30 DAYS OF POND PRODUCTION: ITS
INFLUENCE ON EARLY GROWTH AND FINAL SHRIMP PRODUCTION

Marie Gisele Ishimwe, Sagun Chhetri, Andrew J. Ray
EVALUATION OF THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF AMMONIA AND NITRITE ON THE
SURVIVAL AND GROWTH OF *Litopenaeus vannamei* PACIFIC WHITE SHRIMP

Arnold J. Gutierrez, Jairo A. Gonzalez, Babatunde Saliu, Melanie A. Rhodes,
D. Allen Davis
EFFECT OF DIFFERENT FEEDING PROTOCOLS ON GROWTH PERFORMANCE AT
EARLY AND LATE GROWTH STAGES OF PACIFIC WHITE SHRIMP

MARINE-SALMONIDS

Tuesday, February 17 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM Chablis

Chair: Matt Hawkyard

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Sandipan Mondal, Ming-An Lee

NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC SEA BREAM FISHERIES UNDER CLIMATIC AND MONSOONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC VARIABILITY: DOMINANCE OF LONG-TERM CLIMATIC VARIABILITIES OVER SHORT-TERM EXTREMES

Robert Morefield, Heather Hamlin

SEX-SPECIFIC SURFACE MOLECULES IN SALMON LICE *Lepeophtheirus salmonis* IDENTIFIED ON ANATOMICAL SITES IMPORTANT FOR REPRODUCTION

Zachary Szeplia, Kevin Neves, Jeffery Miner

EFFECTS OF DIET ON VATERITIC OTOLITH GROWTH IN STEELHEAD TROUT *Oncorhynchus mykiss* IN FISH HATCHERIES

Kenneth Cain, Adam Luckenbach

ADDRESSING RESEARCH NEEDS AND ESTABLISHING KEY INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS TO ADVANCE COMMERCIAL SABLEFISH *Anoplopoma fimbria* AQUACULTURE

Halli Bair, Sydney Ulland, Robert Morefield, Heather Hamlin

LIPID AND FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF ATLANTIC SALMON *Salmo salar* EGGS IN RELATION TO EARLY PERFORMANCE

Tatum Redmon, Sherri Russell, Dallas Flickenger, Moureen Matuha

EVALUATING THIAMINE SUPPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES IN HATCHERY-REARED RAINBOW TROUT *Oncorhynchus mykiss* IN MISSOURI

Jonathan van Senten, Carole Engle, Domena Agyeman, Michael H. Schwarz

COST DRIVERS OF COMMERCIAL-SCALE MARINE FINFISH HATCHERY PRODUCTION IN SOUTHERN TIER U.S. STATES

MOLLUSKS

Tuesday, February 17 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Bordeaux

Chair: TBA

Hugh Cowperthwaite

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER VISIT TO AOMORI AND HOKKAIDO, JAPAN IN SUPPORT OF MAINE'S GROWING FARMED SEA SCALLOP INDUSTRY

Nathaniel Baker, Toby Dewhurst, Damian Brady, Struan Coleman, Andrew Peters
ENGINEERING DESIGN OF SCALLOP AQUACULTURE FARMING SYSTEMS

Zhilong Liu, Arash Pashazadeh, Haifei Chen, Shenghua Wu, Brian Dzwonkowski
INFRASTRUCTURE INTEGRITY ASSESSMENT OF FLOATING CAGE OYSTER FARMS IN NORTHERN GULF OF MEXICO

Allen Pattillo, Miao Yu, Matt Parker, Don Webster, Cathy Liu, Willie Lantz, Yang Tao, Yiannis Aloimonos, Nikhil Chopra, Matt Gray, Megan Gima, Bobbi Hudson, Jonathan van Senten
5-YEAR UPDATE FROM THE SMART, SUSTAINABLE SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

SEAFOOD

Tuesday, February 17 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Versaille 2

Chair: Moureen Matuha

Salina Parveen, Mary Snow, Esam Almuhaideb, Andy DePaola, John Bowers, Bernadette Ezeabikwa, Gulnihal Ozbay, Fawzy Hashem, Don Webster
THE EFFECTS OF AQUACULTURE PRACTICES AND WEATHER EVENTS ON POPULATION DYNAMICS OF VIBRIOS IN OYSTERS AND SEAWATER

Alexandra Tamburrino

INTERPRETATION OF EMERGENCY SHELLFISH HARVEST CLOSURES UNDER THE NATIONAL SHELLFISH SANITATION PROGRAM'S MODEL ORDINANCE

Luxin Wang, Anita Kelly, Luke Roy, Xiran Li, Hongye Wang, Hisham Abdelrahman
THE IMPACT OF WATER TEMPERATURES AND ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENTS ON THE ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE IN CATFISH

Barbara Evans, Jun Li, Anissa Overly, Brenden Conger, Hannah Callaway, Derek Wright
ANALYSIS OF ATLANTIC SALMON TISSUES EXPOSED TO HEAVY METAL

Moureen Matuha, Jacob Loesch, Andrew Coursey

UNDERSTANDING CONSUMER PERCEPTION AND PREFERENCES OF THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY IN MISSOURI

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NAVIGATING PROMOTION AND TENURE WITH AN EXTENSION APPOINTMENT

Tuesday, February 17 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Champagne 2

Chairs: Bill Walton, Jonathon Van Senten, Luke Roy

William Walton, Ryan Carnegie, Luke Roy, Jonathan Van Senten

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LARVAL CULTURE

Tuesday, February 17 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM Champagne 3

Chair: Jason Broach

Anneleen Swanepoel, Nelson S. Parajuli, Anita M. Kelly, Luke A. Roy, D. Allen Davis, Timothy J. Bruce, Ian A.E. Butts

DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY WEANING STRATEGIES FOR LARGEMOUTH BASS

Micropterus nigricans DURING EARLY ONTOGENY

Md Zakir Hossain, Sheryl Barringer

ENHANCING REARING OF YELLOW PERCH LARVAE THROUGH A NOVEL LOW-COST FILTER AND SPRAYER RECIRCULATION SYSTEM

Mariana Michelato, Kevin Stuart, Alexander Primus, Michael Shane, Mark Drawbridge

EFFECTS OF ROTIFERS, FEED ENRICHMENTS, AND FEEDING SCHEDULES ON THE OCCURRENCE OF SKELETAL DEFORMITIES IN WHITE SEABASS *Atractoscion nobilis*

Jason Broach, Justin Yost, Haley Lasco, Collin Ward, Thomas McBride, Evan Bowman, Lora Payne, Erin Levesque, River Bryant, Aaron Watson

EVALUATION OF STOCKING DENSITY AND FEED REGIMES DURING EARLY LARVAL CULTURE OF SOUTHERN FLOUNDER *Paralichthys lethostigma*

Alexandra Bohardt, Mersades Hineman, Ty Jobson, Nichole Gatten

ADVANCES IN AQUARIUM AQUACULTURE THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT SUPPORT

Ram Babu Kurapati, Grace Ramena, Tomekia White, Adam Fuller, Kailash Bohara, Thomas Bosteels, Yathish Ramena

OPTIMIZING ARTEMIA FEEDING STRATEGIES FOR WHITE SHRIMP *Litopenaeus vannamei* LARVAE: MICROBIOME, IMMUNITY, AND GROWTH

Dariano Krummenauer, Natalie Reali, Wilson Wasielesky Jr.,

Martin Frederico Desimone, Egidia Andrade, Rodrigo Gomes, José María Monserrat
EFFECT OF ASTAXANTHIN NANOCAPSULES ON THE GROWTH OF THE PACIFIC WHITE SHRIMP *Penaeus vannamei*

Abigail B. Quevedo-Cesar, Lucia Suárez-López, Laura A. Álvarez-Lee,
Carmen G. Paniagua-Chávez
IN VITRO CULTURE OF GERM CELLS FROM STRIPED BASS *Morone saxatilis*

Kamrun Naher Azad, Md. Nur-E-Alam, Makoto Nagata, Satoshi Tomano, Horoki Ono,
Kyoko Sugai, Noritaka Hirohashi
CONDITIONAL USE OF MULTIPLE SPERM INSEMINATION SITES IN A FEMALE
SQUID

Samuel Garcia-Vazquez, David Straus, Bonnie Brown, Dayan A. Perera
THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRIPLOIDY INDUCTION METHODS FOR HYBRID STRIPED
BASS PRODUCTION IN COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE

Erimi Kendrick, Nadya Mamoozadeh, Greg Cope, Russell Borski, Bobby Clark,
Michael Hopper, Benjamin Reading
EVALUATION OF POND SIDE TANK REARING SYSTEMS FOR JUVENILE STRIPED
BASS PRODUCTION

Olivia Markham, Casey A. Murray, Amy L. Wood, Brittney D. Lacy, Charles F. Heyder,
Matthew A. DiMaggio
LARVAL SPECTRAL SENSITIVITY OF *Puntius tetrazona* PHOTORECEPTORS AND
ALTERATION OF LIGHTING PROTOCOLS

AQUAPONICS 101

Tuesday, February 17 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Versaille 3

Chair: Huy Tran

Aquaponics 101

Huy Tran, Senior Biologist, Aquatic Equipment & Design, Inc.
A SHORT COURSE AND INTRODUCTION TO AQUAPONICS AND AQUAPONICS
SYSTEMS

AQUACULTURE INVESTMENT AND FINANCE: OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE SECTOR

Tuesday, February 17 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Champagne 1

Chair: Dylan Howell

Funding, Founders and Investments

A practical, founder-focused and funding session exploring how aquaculture ideas become fundable businesses. Through firsthand perspectives from entrepreneurs, investors, and public funding leaders, this session unpacks capital readiness, early execution, and the real decisions behind launching, financing, and building a successful aquaculture startup.

Dylan Howell, Investment & Innovation Catalyst, Hawaii, USA

FROM SCIENCE TO STARTUP: HOW RESEARCHERS COMMERCIALIZE THEIR RESEARCH AND HOW INVESTORS EVALUATE AQUACULTURE INNOVATION

Ashley Roulston, Co-Founder, Industrial Plankton, Victoria, BC, Canada

BUILDING AN AQUACULTURE STARTUP FROM THE GROUND UP: LESSONS FROM THE FIELD

Kristin Elliott, Chief Executive Officer, Aquasend, San Diego, California, USA

FROM PAIN POINT TO PLATFORM: COMMERCIALIZING INNOVATION IN AQUACULTURE LOGISTICS

Danielle Blacklock, Director, Office of Aquaculture, NOAA Fisheries, USA

U.S. PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND FUNDING FOR AQUACULTURE INNOVATION: LANDSCAPE AND STATUS

Jeff Hetrick, Board Member, National Aquaculture Association, USA

OBSERVATIONS ON INVESTING IN AQUACULTURE AND THE STOCK MARKET

PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A:

Panelists: Danielle Blacklock, Ashley Roulston, Kristin Elliott, Jeff Hetrick

WHAT IT REALLY TAKES TO TURN AQUACULTURE INNOVATION INTO SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES

A candid discussion on what it truly takes to fund, launch, and scale aquaculture ventures - covering grants, investment, founder readiness, and early execution.

STRIPER HUB

Tuesday, February 17 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Loire

Chair: TBA

See Conference APP for details

FEDERAL TOWN HALL

Tuesday, February 17 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM Concorde A
Chair: Sebastian Belle

Join us in hearing updates directly from our Federal partners at NOAA, USDA and USFWS

Danielle Blacklock, Director, Office of Aquaculture, NOAA
Updates from NOAA – Office of Aquaculture, National Sea Grant College Program
& National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science

Caird Rexroad, Acting Deputy Administrator for Animal Production and Protection,
USDA Agricultural Research
Updates from USDA-ARS Service (ARS)

Seth Cross, National Program Manager, USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA)
Updates from USDA-FSA & ELAP

Martha Balis-Larsen, Acting Assistant Director, Fish and Aquatic Conservation, USFWS
Updates from USFWS

AQUACULTURE 101

Tuesday, February 17 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM Bordeaux
Chairs: Maria Smithson, Caitlyn Czajkowski

Information essential to potential or new aquatic animal farmers: Where can sound information be found, developing a farm development plan, the laws and regulations governing fish farming, importance of whole farm animal health management, who is advocating on my behalf.

Herbert Quintero Fonseca, Program Director Aquaculture Extension, The Ohio State University
UNLOCKING INFORMATION SOURCES ON AQUACULTURE

Christian Brayden, Project Manager, Maine Aquaculture Association
HOW TO RETAIN EMPLOYEES IN AQUACULTURE

Shraddha Hegde, Assistant Professor and ACES Faculty Fellow, Texas A&M
FARM BUSINESS PLANNING

Renu Ojha, Assistant Director, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
REGULATORY COMPLEXITY AND COSTS

Kathleen Hartman, Kennebec River Biosciences
REFLECTIONS ON HOW TO MOVE THE NEEDLE FOR AQUATIC LIVESTOCK
HEALTH IN THE U.S.

TUESDAY

Bob Robinson, Emeritus Status Kasco Marine
40 YEARS OF MY AQUACULTURE EXPERIENCE IN 15 MINUTES OR LESS

Caitlyn Czajkowski, Executive Director, National Aquaculture Association
IMPORTANCE OF STATE, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Tuesday, February 17 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM Versaille 3
Chair: Timothy Bruce

See Conference APP for details

SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF AQUACULTURE

Tuesday, February 17 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Champagne 2
Chairs: Adriane Michaelis, Emily Whitmore

Adriane Michaelis, Hayley Lemoine
SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY FOR AQUACULTURE: A MIXED METHODS APPROACH TO
UNDERSTAND ACCEPTABILITY IN THREE REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

Amalia Almada, Heather Fenney, Melo Lemus, Maira Quintanilla, Diane Kim,
Anna Joo Kim, Nathan Churches
UPDATE ON THE SOUTH-CENTRAL LOS ANGELES SEAFOOD HUB

Caela B. Gilsinan, Adriane K. Michaelis, Andrew M. Scheld
ADDRESSING LABOR DEMAND AND PRODUCTION EFFICIENCY IN SHELLFISH
AQUACULTURE

Imani Black
CULTIVATING THE NEXT GENERATION: BUILDING A MULTIDISCIPLINARY
WORKFORCE PIPELINE FOR U.S. AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Hayley Lemoine, Adriane K. Michaelis, Sarah E. Lester
FISHING TO FARMING LIVELIHOOD DIVERSIFICATION: PERCEPTIONS FROM
COMMERCIAL FISHERS AND SHELLFISH FARMERS IN THE U.S.

Festus I. Adeosun, T. Isaac Omoniyi, Olamide M. Adeosun
ASSESSMENT OF HOUSEHOLD LIVELIHOOD DIVERSIFICATION AND FISHERIES
CONSERVATION STRATEGIES AMONG FISHERMEN IN COASTAL AREAS OF OGUN
STATE, NIGERIA

Ifeoluwa Durowaiye, Jeffrey L. Warner, Ayomide Taiwo, Jeremy Rome, Noel D. Novelo
NIGERIAN TILAPIA GRAVY: A MULTICULTURAL DISH FOR PROMOTING HEALTHY
EATING AND NUTRITION AWARENESS IN THE USA

BUILDING PATHWAYS FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN AQUACULTURE

Tuesday, February 17 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM Loire
Chairs: Angela Caporelli, Anoushka Pawar, Gabriela Bradt

Part I: Elevating leadership for early-career women: Wendy Sealy, Foluke Areola (giving welcome from WAS president perspective), The following will present/talk about Early Career experiences: Caitlin Czajkowski, Dennis McIntosh, Michael Phelps, Taja Sims-Harper, Julie Grenn, Rafael Cuevas Uribe, and Alicia Gaiero.

Anoushka Concepcion, Gabriela Bradt, Angela Caporelli
RISING TOGETHER: BUILDING PATHWAYS FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN AQUACULTURE

Part II: Elevating leadership for mid-career women: Danielle Florenzen, Katie Harris, Amy Stone, Matt Parker, Bob Robinson, and Imani Black

Imani Black
BRIDGING THE BLUE DIVIDE: MENTORSHIP, REPRESENTATION, AND THE NEXT GENERATION OF AQUACULTURE LEADERS

Part III: General questions and group discussion. Town hall style and open forum

HIGHLIGHTING AQUACULTURE IN THE FLORIDA KEYS: INNOVATION IN CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

Tuesday, February 17 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM Champagne 1
Chair: Caeley Flowers

Charles Gregory
ADVANCEMENTS IN CORAL REPRODUCTION AND AMPLIFICATION FOR REEF RESTORATION AQUACULTURE IN FLORIDA

Travis Knorr, Dee Dee Smause, Donna Vaughan, Jason Smause, Jackson Woods, Patrick Poulin, David Vaughan
LAND-BASED CORAL RESTORATION IN THE FLORIDA KEYS: A COMMUNITY ASSET FOR CORAL RESTORATION, EDUCATION, AND OFF-GRID AQUACULTURE FACILITY DEMONSTRATION

Tiffany Clavijo
THE RIPPLE EFFECT: CONNECTING AQUACULTURE EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN THE FLORIDA KEYS

Kaitlyn Stumbar, Patrick Rice
ESTABLISHMENT AND GROWTH OF *Asparagopsis taxiformis* IN CLOSED-RECIRCULATING SYSTEMS AT THE COLLEGE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS

Kristofer Wantzloeben, Charles Gregory, Patrick Rice
NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT AND PERIPHYTIC ORGANISM "HITCHHIKER" CONTROL:
USING *Chaetomorpha brachygon*a IN A MARINE RECIRCULATING AQUACULTURE
SYSTEM HOUSING *Mycteroperca bonaci*

Patrick H. Rice

NEPTUNE RISING: A "MOONSHOT" ECOFRIENDLY CONCEPT FOR OFFSHORE
MARINE AQUACULTURE POWERED BY MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY

Caeley Flowers, Tiffany Clavijo

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CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

ECHINODERMS

Tuesday, February 17 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Burgundy

Chairs: Luke Gardner, Abigail Bockus

Abigail Bockus, T. Gibson Gaylord, Daniel Sambold, Devin Fitzgerald,
Jonathan Rabinovich, Luke Gardner

EXAMINING THE EFFECTS OF FEED PROCESSING ON UNI GROWTH AND
QUALITY IN PURPLE URCHIN *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*

Daniel Sambold, Ava Mueller, Vaughn White, Devin Fitzgerald, Abigail Bockus,
Gibson Gaylord, Daniel Swezey, Ford Evans, Jackson Gross, Xiang Yang,
Logan Rosenberg, Luke Gardner

EXAMINING FINISHING FEED APPLICATIONS FOR PURPLE URCHIN
Strongylocentrotus purpuratus ROE ENHANCEMENT

Maya Munstermann, Nina Hapner, Dan Swezey, Dan Okamoto, Crystal Yang,
Devin Fitzgerald, Steve Cunningham, Abigail Bockus, Gibson Gaylord, Luke Gardner
PHOTOPERIOD AND TEMPERATURE REGULATION OF GAMETOGENESIS AND
REPRODUCTIVE CAPACITY IN THE PURPLE SEA URCHIN *Strongylocentrotus*
purpuratus

Casey Hudspeth, Joshua T. Patterson, Aaron R. Pilnick

UNRAVELING MYSTERIES IN THE AQUACULTURE OF NEWLY SETTLED JUVENILE
Diadema antillarum AND *Lytechinus variegatus* SEA URCHINS

Coleen Suckling, Brendan Elba, Christopher Jenkins

HARNESSING SEA URCHINS IN CO-CULTURE TO MITIGATE BIOFOULING IN
SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE: PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

Ford Evans, Chris Langdon, Tom Calvanese, Jeff Griffin, Brad Bailey, Aaron Huang
AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF SEA URCHIN CULTURE IN OREGON

Steve Eddy

SEA URCHIN FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE IN MAINE: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AND CURRENT STATUS

Hugh Cowperthwaite

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER VISIT TO HOKKAIDO, JAPAN IN SUPPORT OF MAINE'S GROWING FARMED SEA URCHIN INDUSTRY

FEED ADDITIVES / SUPPLEMENTS

Tuesday, February 17 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM Concorde C

Chairs: Fernando Yamamoto, Vitor F. Silva

Kyle Brennan, Timothy Bowden, Jennifer Perry, Brian Beal

THE USE OF PROBIOTICS TO MITIGATE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP *Placopecten magellanicus* MORTALITY FOLLOWING CHALLENGE WITH PATHOGENIC *Vibrio* SPECIES

Abigail Qi, Manzar Abbas

EXPLORING NOVEL CONTROLS FOR ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT *Vibrio* spp. IN OYSTER HATCHERIES

Artur Rombenso, Paula C. Lima, Mauricio G.C. Emerenciano, Felipe B. Vieira, Ha Truong, Cedric Simon

BIOCHAR AS A VALUE-ADDING INNOVATION IN AQUACULTURE NUTRITION

Jason Pough, Ann Stevens, David Kuhn

NOVEL APPLICATION OF BREWER'S SPENT BYPRODUCT SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE FEED ADDITIVE TO RAINBOW TROUT *Oncorhynchus mykiss*

Vitor Silva, Samah Algharib, Treva Billyard, Lora Petrie-Hanson

DIETARY BETA-GLUCAN ENHANCES METABOLIC ACTIVITY IN CATFISH IMMUNE CELLS

Trinh H.V. Ngo, D. Allen Davis, Marty Riche, Timothy J. Bruce, Luke A. Roy

IMPACT OF GLYCINE SUPPLEMENTATION ON GROWTH AND HEMATOLOGICAL INDICES IN FLORIDA POMPAO *Trachinotus carolinus*

Jing Huang, Heather Jordan, Caitlin Older, Matt Griffin, Peter Allen, David Wise, Penelope Goodman, Grant Reifers, Fernando Yamamoto

EXPLORING CARBOHYDRATE INGREDIENTS FOR POTENTIAL SYMBIOTIC INTERACTION WITH AUTOCHTHONOUS *Lactococcus lactis* MA5 IN DIETS FOR HYBRID CATFISH *Ictalurus punctatus* × *I. furcatus*

Uthpala Padeniya, Terrance Smith, Brian Kowalkowski
 INFLUENCE OF PROBIOTIC SUPPLEMENTATION ON GROWTH, SURVIVAL
 AND MICROBIOME OF BLUEGILLS *Lepomis macrochirus* IN A RECIRCULATING
 AQUACULTURE SYSTEM

Ana Beatriz de S. Farias, Kasondra Miller, Jing Huang, Grant Reifers,
 Penelope M. Goodman, Brian B. Bosworth, Joshua Bumgarner, Ligia U. Gonçalves,
 Waldemar Rossi Jr., Fernando Y. Yamamoto
 CATFISH BY-PRODUCT HYDROLYSATE IMPROVES FEED PALATABILITY FOR
 PACIFIC WHITE SHRIMP *Litopenaeus vannamei*

Rebecca L. Pedler, Matthew Bansemer, James O. Harris, Ondi L. Crino,
 Malgorzata Lagisz
 DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS AND BIOLOGICAL PERFORMANCE IN *Halotis* SPECIES:
 A SYSTEMATIC EVIDENCE MAP

Laura Horowitz, Scott Snyder
 ZEIGLER VPAK IMPROVES SURVIVABILITY OF LARGEMOUTH BASS *Micropterus*
salmoides AND RAINBOW TROUT *Oncorhynchus mykiss* IN UNCHALLENGED AND
 CHALLENGED CONDITIONS

CATFISH / CATFISH HYBRIDS

Tuesday, February 17 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM Concorde B

Chairs: Jimmy Avery, Luke Roy, James Tuttle

Fatin Ilham Fahim, Tiluttom Bhattacharjee, Kashyap Adhikari, Sujana Bhattarai,
 Amit Sinha
 ALKALINE pH ENHANCES AMMONIA TOLERANCE IN CHANNEL CATFISH
 BY IMPROVING ION REGULATION, ENERGY BALANCE, AND RHESUS (Rh)
 GLYCOPROTEIN GENE EXPRESSION

Tiluttom Bhattacharjee, Fatin I. Fahim, Kashyap Adhikari, Sujana Bhattarai,
 Nishan Kafle, Amit Kumar Sinha
 MITIGATION OF WATERBORNE IRON TOXICITY THROUGH pH ELEVATION:
 EVIDENCE FROM PLASMA IONS, GILL ATPASES, ENERGY STORES, AND GENE
 PROFILES IN CHANNEL CATFISH

Ellis G. Nabi, Luke A. Roy, Anita M. Kelly, Andrew Barrick, Tham C. Hoang
 THE EFFECTS OF WATER QUALITY ON COPPER TOXICITY TO THE MARSH
 RAMSHORN SNAIL *Planorbella trivolvis*

Sarah Knutson, Mark Smith, Brian Dorr, Anita Kelly, Luke Roy
 GULP! IMPACTS OF DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT *Nannopterum auritum* ON
 CATFISH *Ictalurus* sp. AQUACULTURE IN THE BLACK BELT REGION OF ALABAMA
 AND MISSISSIPPI

Jesse James, Julia Palmer, Anita Kelly, Benjamin Beck, Luke Roy
POND CHARACTERISTICS AND GROWTH DYNAMICS INFLUENCING OVERSIZED
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COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS

Savannah Saeger, Sydney Staines, Sol Llerena, Mark Liles, Timothy Bruce
SYNERGY OF PROBIOTIC AP193 AND AN ORALLY-DELIVERED BACTERIN FOR
ENHANCED DISEASE RESISTANCE AGAINST VIRULENT *Aeromonas hydrophila* IN
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Kennedy Odame, Kwesi Adu Obirikorang, Michael Sedohia, Jesslyn Akrokoh
EFFECT OF AERATION ON THE FEED UTILIZATION, GROWTH PERFORMANCE
AND BEHAVIOUR OF THE AFRICAN CATFISH *Clarias gariepinus*

Rayon Gayle, Wendy Sealey, Stephen Leong, Omolola Betiku
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James Tuttle, Mark Liles, David Mead, Yogesh Chander, Alyssa Hassinger, Sol Llerena,
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A FIELD EVALUATION OF AN ACCURATE, RAPID LOOP-MEDIATED ISOTHERMAL
AMPLIFICATION DIAGNOSTIC ASSAY FOR THE DETECTION OF HIGH-INTEREST
BACTERIAL PATHOGENS AFFLICTING DOMESTIC CATFISH AQUACULTURE
OPERATIONS

Kate Pottle, Darshika Hettiarachchi, Baofeng Su, Mei Shang, Ahmed Shaaban,
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A SUSTAINABLE AND EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVE

Darshika Hettiarachchi, Kate Pottle, Baofeng Su, Mei Shang, David Baker,
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ENHANCING HYBRID CATFISH PRODUCTION EFFICIENCY THROUGH XENOGENIC
WHITE CATFISH *Ameiurus catus* SURROGACY

Kaylan Martin, Brian Bosworth, Jason Abernathy, Benjamin Beck, Timothy Bruce,
Luke Roy, Rex Dunham, Samitha Liyanage, Kyle Wood, Ian Butts
SPERMATOGENESIS, HORMONAL FLUCTUATIONS, AND TESTICULAR GENE
EXPRESSION CHANGES IN MALE BLUE CATFISH *Ictalurus furcatus* THROUGHOUT
PUBESCENT AND EARLY ADULT STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

Teresa David, Mei Shang, Kate B. Pottle, Darshika Udari Hettiarachchi, Homnath Dhakal, Dhanuka Bambaranda, Misha Soman, Baofeng Su, Ahmed Shaaban, David Baker, Kailyn Shealy, Kieran Stein, Brendan Leibert, Nadeen Abdo, Ian A.E. Butts, Rex A. Dunham

RESTORATION OF FERTILITY IN GENE EDITED CHANNEL CATFISH *Ictalurus punctatus* AT HYPOTHALAMIC-PITUITARY-GONADAL AXIS RELATED LOCI

Darshika Hettiarachchi, Kate Pottle, Baofeng Su, Mei Shang, David Baker, Kailyn Shealy, Kieran Stein, Brendan Leibert, Misha Soman, Dhanuka Bambaranda, Nadeen Abdo, Teresa David, Homnath Dhakal, Ahmed Shaaban, Ian Butts, Rex Dunham
APPLICATION OF STEM CELL XENOTRANSPLANTATION TO PERPETUATE FAT-1 TRANSGENIC CHANNEL CATFISH *Ictalurus punctatus*

Brian Ott, Fernando Yamamoto, Brian Bosworth
DETERMINANTS OF FEED CONVERSION IN CHANNEL CATFISH

Dhanuka Bambaranda, Nadeen Abdo, Baofeng Su, Ahmed Shaaban, Kate B. Pottle, Darshika Udari Hettiarachchi, Misha Soman, Mei Shang, Jinhai Wang, Rhoda Mae C. Simora, Teresa David, Homnath Dhakal, David Baker, Kailyn Shealy, Kieran Stein, Brendan Leibert, Timothy J. Bruce, Rex A. Dunham
INHERITED ALLIGATOR CATHELICIDIN ANTIMICROBIAL PEPTIDE TRANSGENES CONFER ENHANCED RESISTANCE TO CHANNEL CATFISH VIRUS IN CHANNEL CATFISH *Ictalurus punctatus*

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AN OPEN-SOURCE SQL DATABASE INTERFACE TO STORE GENOTYPE, PHENOTYPE, AND PEDIGREE DATA FOR BREEDING PROGRAMS

Alexandra Nowicki, James Stoeckel, Scott Rikard, Andrea Tarnecki, Ian Butts
LINKING GENE EXPRESSION TO SPERM QUALITY AND CRYOTOLERANCE IN EASTERN OYSTER *Crassostrea virginica*

Andre Rodriguez, Emmanuel Annang, Jeffrey Warner, Noel Novelo
STRAIN IDENTIFICATION OF WALLEYE *Sander vitreus* FROM WATERWAYS WITHIN KENTUCKY USING SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS

Emmanuel Annang, Jeffrey Warner, Noel Novelo
FLORIDA BASS *Micropterus salmoides* AND LARGEMOUTH BASS *Micropterus nigricans* GENETICS IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

Charles Heyder, Casey Murray, Timothy Breton, Christopher Martyniuk, Matthew DiMaggio

DEFINING REPRODUCTIVE ROLES OF SREB RECEPTORS THROUGH NOVEL AGONISTS AND COMPARATIVE FISH MODELS

Kate Pottle, Darshika Hettiarachchi, Baofeng Su, Mei Shang, Ahmed Shaaban, David Baker, Kailyn Shealy, Kieran Stein, Brendan Leibert, Misha Soman, Dhanuka Hewage, Nadeen Abdo, Teresa David, Homnath Dhakal, Ian A.E. Butts, Rex Dunham

PRODUCING XENOGENIC CHANNEL CATFISH *Ictalurus punctatus* AND WHITE CATFISH *Ameiurus catus* WITH FRESH AND CRYOPRESERVED KIDNEY, SPLEEN, INTESTINE, SKIN, AND GONAD TISSUES FROM BLUE CATFISH *I. furcatus* DONORS

Samuel A. May, Samantha V. Beck, Tony Kess, Ian R. Bradbury, Emmanuel A. Lozada-Soto, Maren Wellenreuther

BREEDING FOR THE FUTURE: ENHANCING RESILIENCE IN AQUACULTURE WITH GENOMIC OFFSETS

Takeshi Umazume, Ashutosh Pudasaini, Alejandro P. Gutierrez, Matthew Josephson, Yehwa Jin, Takeshi Umazume, Stefan Samu, Brandon Tsai, Klara Verbyla, John T. Buchanan

INTEGRATING GENOME EDITING INTO BREEDING PROGRAMS: ACHIEVING COMMERCIAL SCALE

Alexander Cossel, Emmanuel Annang

INTERNSHIP AT KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY AQUACULTURE RESEARCH CENTER AND HOW IT WILL HELP US WITH FUTURE PLANS

Jihun Lee, Jeongeun Kim, Gaeun Kim, Yasara Kavindi Kodagoda, Chanuka Ravindu Hanchapola Hanchapola Appuhamillage, Hasitha Dilshan Mantigalla Arachchige, Chandima Gihan Rodrigo Duwage, Nipuni Piyumika Ganepola Ganepola Arachchige, Jeongyong Lee, Taehyug Jeong, Mun-kwan Kim, Jehee Lee

GENETIC DISSECTION OF GROWTH TRAITS IN *Paralichthys olivaceus* UNDER HIGH- AND LOW-FISHMEAL DIETS AND ITS APPLICATION IN ELITE POPULATION DEVELOPMENT VIA GENOMIC SELECTION

Lauren Vandepas, Edward Hayman, Bernarda Calla, Steven Roberts, Adam Luckenbach, Mackenzie Gavery

DEVELOPING TOOLS TO ADVANCE REPRODUCTIVE CONTROL IN THE PACIFIC OYSTER

Yniv Palti, Roger Vallejo, Sixin Liu, Jason Evenhuis, Shogo Tsuruta, Roseanna Long, Gregory Wiens, Kyle Martin

THE GENETIC ARCHITECTURE OF RESISTANCE TO BACTERIAL COLD WATER DISEASE IN RAINBOW TROUT IS ALTERED IN RESPONSE TO GENETIC CHANGES IN THE CAUSATIVE BACTERIAL PATHOGEN

Eric Saillant, Heather King, Andrea Tarnecki, Jim Stoeckel, Scott Rikard, Huiping Yang, Leslie Sturmer, Christopher Hollenbeck, Megan Gima, Sumi Akter, Brynna Buckmaster, Paul McDonald, Jayme Yee, Jerome La Peyre, Elizabeth Robinson, Heather King, Andrea Tarnecki, Jim Stoeckel, Scott Rikard, Huiping Yang, Leslie Sturmer, Christopher Hollenbeck, Megan Gima, Sumi Akter, Brynna Buckmaster, Paul McDonald, Jayme Yee, Jerome La Peyre, Elizabeth Robinson

DEVELOPMENT OF A BREEDING PROGRAM FOR EASTERN OYSTER IN THE GULF OF AMERICA USING COMMUNAL REARING AND MARKER-BASED PEDIGREES

Eric Saillant, Kevin Bishop, Angelos Apeitos, Uchechukwu Ohajiuodu
STUDIES OF HATCHERY METHODS FOR THE TRIPLETAIL *Lobotes surinamensis*

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Menaga Meenakshisundaram, Damaris K. Kitili, Josiah A. Sabwa, Sevgan Subramanian, Sunday Ekesi, Ahmad Fatan Nurulhuda, Matthew Owen, Rodrigue Yossa, Chrysantus M. Tanga

EFFECTS OF DIETARY LYSINE LEVELS ON GROWTH PERFORMANCE, HEMATOBIOCHEMICAL PARAMETERS AND ANTIOXIDANT CAPACITY OF AFRICAN CATFISH *Clarias gariepinus* STRAINS FED INSECT-BASED DIETS

Lauren George, Michal Wojno, Aubrey Dissinger, Karolina Kwasek
TURNING UP THE HEAT: TEMPERATURE PROGRAMMING AND ITS EFFECTS ON GROWTH, SURVIVAL, AND SEX RATIOS IN MODEL SPECIES ZEBRAFISH *Danio rerio*

Artur Rombenso, Pushkar Mandrekar, Harry O'Keane, Caroline Lee, Timothy D.W. Luke, Greg Coman, Dana L.M. Campbell
DEFINING BEHAVIOURAL METRICS OF INDIVIDUAL *Penaeus monodon* BROODSTOCK IN THE CONTEXT OF WELFARE AND BEST PRACTICE HUSBANDRY

Jessica Robinson, Aubrey Dissinger, Karolina Kwasek
HITCHING A RIDE: THE USE OF LIVE FEED AS A VEHICLE OF SBM FOR NUTRITIONAL PROGRAMMING OF OFFSPRING THROUGH BROODSTOCK

Menaga Meenakshisundaram, Juliana Livingstone Gamba, Joseph Ochieng Anyango, Sevgan Subramanian, Sunday Ekesi, Ahmad Fatan Nurulhuda, Matthew Owen, Rodrigue Yossa, Chrysantus M. Tanga

EFFECT OF DIETARY METHIONINE LEVELS IN INSECT-BASED DIET ON GROWTH PERFORMANCE, DIGESTIVE ENZYMES AND NUTRIENT RETENTION OF LOCAL AND IMPROVED AFRICAN CATFISH *Clarias gariepinus* STRAINS

George Brooks Jr.
APPLYING THE SMALLHOLDER FARMING MODEL TO ENHANCE U.S. URBAN FOOD SECURITY WITH AQUAPONICS

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Benjamin Young, Saif Algethami, Anwer Abed Alazwari, Faris Alghamdi, Ali AL Shaikhi
TILAPIA *Oreochromis* spp. AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA:
CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES

FNU Abdul Mateen

VARIABILITY OF INTESTINAL MORPHOLOGY, DIGESTIVE ENZYME PROFILE AND
GROWTH PERFORMANCE OF NILE TILAPIA *Oreochromis niloticus* UNDER PARTIAL
REPLACEMENT OF FISH MEAL WITH BLACK SOLDIER FLY MEAL IN FEED

Cole Daleiden, Jeffrey Warner, Ayomide Taiwo, Noel Novelo

ONLINE TILAPIA VENDOR PLATFORMS FOR SMALL-SCALE TILAPIA PRODUCERS

Alemken Mengist, Minwyelet Mingist, Abebe Getahun

REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY OF NILE TILAPIA *Oreochromis niloticus* AND
IMPLICATIONS FOR FISHERIES MANAGEMENT IN LAKE HAYQ, ETHIOPIA

Kevin Fitzsimmons

GLOBAL PRODUCTION AND DEMAND FOR TILAPIA PRODUCTS UPDATE 2026

Andrew Masciola, Kevin Fitzsimmons

USE OF INSECT-BASED FEED WITH BLACK SOLDIER FLY *Hermetia illucens*
FOR NILE TILAPIA *Oreochromis niloticus* AND FRESHWATER MUSSELS IN A
RECIRCULATING AQUAPONIC SYSTEM

Menaga Meenakshisundaram, Jimmy B. Mboya, Erick Ogello, Sevgan Subramanian,
Sunday Ekesi, Ahmad Fatan Nurulhuda, Matthew Owen, Rodrigue Yossa,
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QUANTITATIVE DIETARY METHIONINE REQUIREMENTS OF LOCAL AND
IMPROVED STRAINS OF NILE TILAPIA *Oreochromis niloticus* FED INSECT-BASED
DIETS

Menaga Meenakshisundaram, Richard P. Loripongole, James Barasa,
Sevgan Subramanian, Sunday Ekesi, Ahmad Fatan Nurulhuda, Matthew Owen,
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COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF LYSINE SUPPLEMENTATION ON GROWTH
PERFORMANCE, HEMATOLOGY, BIOCHEMICAL AND ANTIOXIDANT ENZYMES OF
NILE TILAPIA *Oreochromis niloticus* LOCAL AND IMPROVED STRAINS FED WITH
BLACK SOLDIER FLY LARVAE MEAL *Hermetia illucens*

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UTILIZING PHOTORECEPTOR SPECTRAL SENSITIVITY TO MODIFY LIGHTING FOR LARVICULTURE OF *Paracheirodon innesi*

Brittney Lacy, Casey Murray, Olivia Markham, Maribeth Eslava, Travis Knorr, Charles Heyder, Brandon Ray, Amy Wood, Matthew DiMaggio
REFINING COMMERCIAL LARVICULTURE OF OCELLARIS CLOWNFISH *Amphiprion ocellaris* THROUGH NUTRITIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANIPULATIONS

Daniel Alexandre, Ruben X.G. Silva, Luísa Marques, Daniela P. Rodrigues, Rafael C. Duarte, Ricardo Calado
TOWARDS COMMERCIAL SEAHORSE FARMING: EFFICIENT REARING OF *Hippocampus erectus*

Chatham Callan, Maria Haws, Sydney Gamiao
INNOVATIONS IN TROPICAL AQUACULTURE: A DECADE OF PROGRESS AT THE PACIFIC AQUACULTURE AND COASTAL RESOURCES CENTER

Brittney Lacy, Casey Murray, Jaimi Gray, Andrew Rhyne, Mathew DiMaggio
CHARACTERIZING SKELETAL DEFORMITIES OF AQUACULTURED OCELLARIS CLOWNFISH *Amphiprion ocellaris* USING COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

Casey Murray, Travis Knorr, Amy Wood, Brettney Lacy, Olivia Markham, Madeline Carlson, Charles Heyder, Matthew DiMaggio
INVESTIGATING EARLY WEANING PROTOCOLS FOR LARVAL PEARL GOURAMI *Trichopodus leerii*, INFORMED BY DIGESTIVE PHYSIOLOGY

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GLOBAL SEAFOOD PRODUCTION FROM FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE IN HIGH- AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Taryn Garlock, Frank Asche, Jim Anderson

A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE PERFORMANCE

Dengjun Zhang, Asche Frank, Ragnar Tveteras

HOW TRADE OPENNESS SHAPES THE DEVELOPMENT OF GLOBAL AQUACULTURE

Hans-Martin Straume, Teis Hansen, Stine H.J. Madsen, Rasmus Nielsen, Maria Tsouri

DO PATENTS PROMOTE EXPORTS? EVIDENCE FROM EUROPEAN AQUACULTURE

Adams Ceballos, Hans-Martin Straume

TRADE COSTS, SHOCKS, AND SEGMENTED EXPORT PATHWAYS: EVIDENCE FROM THE CHILEAN SALMON INDUSTRY

Seok-Young Song, Kwamena K. Quagrainie

DO INFORMATION TREATMENTS SHAPE CONSUMER WILLINGNESS-TO-PAY? EVIDENCE FROM AQUAPONIC LETTUCE AND TILAPIA

Atle Oglend, Frank Asche

ESTIMATING HIGH FREQUENCY OPERATING COSTS FROM ANNUAL ACCOUNTING DATA: THE CASE OF NORWEGIAN SALMON AQUACULTURE

Kwamena Quagraine, Eugene Nuworsu

HOW TO MAKE AQUAPONIC PRODUCTION FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE IN THE U.S. MIDWEST

Nathaniel Baker, Zachary Moscicki, Adam St. Gelais, Alexander Kinley, Tobias Dewhurst, Scott Lindell, Damian Brady

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO (REALISTICALLY)? MINIMIZING THE COST OF PRODUCING KELP OFFSHORE

Maria Lavrutich, Jakob Holtedahl Cuhra, Benjamin Stift Krogh

A CLIMATE-INFORMED STOCHASTIC MODEL FOR OPTIMAL SALMON HARVESTING

Hiva Asadikia, Shraddha Hegde, Ganesh Kumar, Carole Engle, Jonathan Van Senten
ECONOMIC RISK ANALYSES OF U.S. AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS

Andrew Ropicki, Leslie Sturmer, SeungHyun Lee

IS THE USDA PILOT CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR FLORIDA OYSTER GROWERS WORTH IT?

Christian Brayden, Shraddha Hegde, Ganesh Kumar, Sebastian Belle

ONE DECADE AND A COUPLE LESSONS LATER: ASSESSING THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF AQUACULTURE FOR MAINE AND ITS RESIDENTS

Lauren N. Stigers, Ingrid M. Sokup, Jenny Apriesnig

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF POTENTIAL AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION IN MICHIGAN, USA

Hugh Cowperthwaite

FINANCING SMALL SCALE AQUACULTURE FARMS: A MODEL FROM MAINE

Frank Asche, Ursula Landazuri-Tveteras, Bård Misund, Kristin Roll, Ragnar Tveteras, Dengjun Zhang

AGGLOMERATION IN NORWEGIAN SALMON AQUACULTURE REVISITED: THE INDUSTRY HAS MATURED

Thomas M. Anderson

BRANDING IN FARMED SEAFOOD: WHEN QUALITY DRIVES PRODUCTION LOCATION

Rasmus Nielsen, Dagim Belay, Tenaw Abate, Katarina Elofsson
LEVERAGING AUCTIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE AND INTEGRATED NITROGEN
REGULATION IN AQUACULTURE AND AGRICULTURE: INSIGHTS FROM DANISH
DATA

Atle Guttormsen, Simen Guttormsen, Muhammad Yahya
PERMANENT REPRICING OR TEMPORARY SHOCK? STOCK MARKET EFFECTS OF
THE NORWEGIAN AQUACULTURE RENT TAX

Joi Surbakti, Frank Asche
VIETNAM'S SEAFOOD SECTOR: TRANSITIONS IN PRODUCTION AND TRADE

F.M.S. Abdal, Uttam Deb
DETERMINANTS AND MARKET POTENTIAL OF U.S. ORNAMENTAL FISH EXPORTS:
EVIDENCE FROM AN AUGMENTED GRAVITY MODEL

Matt Parker, Bobbi Hudson, Robert Rheault, Michael Rubino
U.S. OYSTER PRODUCTION: RECENT TRENDS AND MARKET POTENTIAL

Madan Dey, Md Emran Hossain, Frank Asche
ANALYZING CRAWFISH SALES IN THE U.S. RETAIL MARKET: INSIGHTS FROM
RETAIL-LEVEL SCANNER DATA

Quinn LaFontaine, Taryn Garlock, Frank Asche, Andrew Ropicki, Madan Dey
MARKET INSIGHTS FOR EXPANDING SALES OF POPULAR AQUACULTURE
SPECIES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

Madan Dey, Oai Li Chen
MARKET TRENDS FOR RED DRUM PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED STATES: AN
ANALYSIS OF RETAIL-LEVEL SCANNER DATA

Christopher Phan, Shraddha Hegde, Anindita Mandal, Charles Clark,
Jonathan Van Senten, Hiva Asadikia, Ganesh Kumar, Chrystol Winston
RESTAURANT AND SUPERMARKET SURVEYS ON GULF COAST DEMAND FOR
MARINE SPECIES

Lauren N. Stigers, Nicole Wright, John Brawley, Amy Shambach, Kwamena Quagrainie,
Barry Udelson, Julia Grenn, Sharon Moen, Titus Seilheimer, Amy J. Schrank
IS FISH A FOOD, A NATURAL RESOURCE, OR BOTH? AND WHY IT MATTERS

Bianca Ramiro, Otávio Augusto Lacerda Ferreira Pimentel, Taozhu Sun, Stephen Urick,
Fernando H. Gonçalves, Jonathan Van Senten, Michael H. Schwarz,
Wilson Wasielesky Jr., Dariano Krummenauer
PERFORMANCE AND PROFITABILITY OF *P. vannamei* IN SUPER-INTENSIVE
BIOFLOC VS. RECIRCULATING AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS

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Epinephelus lanceolatus IN EUROPE

J.D. Sawyer

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF LOWER DAILY FEED RATES AND STOCKING
DENSITY ON COMMERCIAL AQUAPONIC SYSTEM DESIGN AND THE RESULTING
ECONOMIC AND PRODUCTION IMPLICATIONS FOR PLANTS AND FISH

Wael Ahmed, Joshua Rosettani

RETHINKING WATER MOVEMENT IN AQUACULTURE: ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE
CIRCULATION AND AERATION THROUGH MULTIPHASE FLOW ENGINEERING

Steven Hall

BEST PRACTICES IN FISH TRANSPORT

Thomas B. Neilson

GROUNDWATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT FOR
LAND-BASED AQUACULTURE: IMPLICATIONS FOR SITE SELECTION AND
LONG-TERM OPERATION

Sabine Mader

FEEDS AND FEEDING PRINCIPLES

Ronald F. Malone

RAS DENITRIFICATION FUNDAMENTALS

Brady Billiot, Ron Malone

USING SLUDGE AS THE CARBON SOURCE FOR DENITRIFICATION IN A
SEQUENTIALLY OPERATED LOCALIZED SLUDGE DIGESTER

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Chinedu Chiam, Mike Benton, Ronald Malone
PERFORMANCE OF LOW-COST LIPID-BASED SUBSTRATES FOR SOLID-PHASE
DENITRIFICATION IN RECIRCULATING AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS

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AQUAPONICS IN THE CLASSROOM

Julia Grenn, Donald Schreiner, Amy Schrank

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINNESOTA SEA GRANT AQUACULTURE
LAB

Carissa Maurin, Christian Brayden

CULTIVATING MAINE'S NEXT GENERATION OF AQUACULTURE PROFESSIONALS

Rob Hudson, Azure Cygler, Tracey Dalton

BEYOND THE BASICS FOR BUSINESSES AND PRACTITIONERS

Arron Jones, Melissa Good

KELP FARM OPERATIONS: TRAINING OF THE TRAINERS. LESSONS GIVEN AND
LESSONS LEARNED

Lily Keyes, Michael Triantafyllou, Danny Badger

AQUACULTURE SHOCK: INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS FOR U.S.-NORWAY
KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Russell Grice, Andrea Tarnecki

THE COMMERCIAL OYSTER AQUACULTURE SECTOR TRAINING (COAST)
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Ashleigh Epps, Nicole Naar, Melissa Poe

TIDE'S OUT: SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS

Diana Burich, Michael Acquafredda, Jenny Shinn, Lisa Calvo
BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF AQUACULTURE PROFESSIONALS WITH
THE NEW JERSEY APPRENTICESHIP IN SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE PROGRAM
(ASAP)

Tessa Getchis, Martyn Haines, Andrew Parker, Michael Gilman, Zachary Gordon,
Elizabeth Kendall, Emma Cross, Michelle Stephens, Alysia Mullens
HOOKED ON A CAREER: CHARTING A COURSE IN AQUACULTURE WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT IN CONNECTICUT

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Danny Badger, Joshua Reitsma, Abigail Archer, Rachel Hutchinson, Lily Keyes
EXTENDING AND INTEGRATING AQUACULTURE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN
MASSACHUSETTS

Josh Kim, Jocelyn Juliano, Matthew Gorstein, Steve Richards
DEVELOPING A COMMERCIAL SEAFOOD WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM IN
SOUTH CAROLINA

Anne Nanea Rosa, Darren K. Okimoto, Bradley K. Fox, Cherie Kauahi,
Elizabeth A. Lenz, Darren T. Lerner
HAWAI'I SEA GRANT AQUACULTURE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM STRENGTHENS
WORKFORCE IN THE PACIFIC

Kevin Johnson, Theresa Talley, Luke Gardner, Carrie Culver, Simona Augyte,
Thomas Tubon, Carisa Chavez, Joseph Bursey
DESIGNING AND LAUNCHING A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AQUACULTURE
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO HELP READY SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA FOR A GROWING AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY

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Ruth Branch, Mikaela Freeman, Lysel Garavelli, Deborah Rose
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CO-LOCATION OF AQUACULTURE AND MARINE
ENERGY

Drue Banta Winters, Tyler Sclodnick
U.S. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE

Tori Spence, Kristina Dauterman, Rachel Anderson, Kaiya-Amani John, Tyler Korte,
Steve Barnes
UNDERSTANDING INTERACTIONS BETWEEN ENDANGERED MARINE MAMMALS
AND TROPICAL AQUACULTURE

Md Mamunur Rashid Patwary, Igor Tsukrov, Longhuan Zhu, Zachary Davonski,
Michael Chambers, David W. Fredriksson

EVALUATION OF STRESSES OF AN INTEGRATED MULTI-TROPHIC AQUACULTURE
SYSTEM UNDER EXTREME OCEAN CONDITIONS FOR THE GULF OF AMERICA

Michael MacNicoll, Samuel Rickerich, Tobias Dewhurst, Zach Moscicki, Alex Kinley,
Nathaniel Baker

DE-RISKING INVESTMENTS IN AQUACULTURE THROUGH HIGH RESOLUTION
OCEAN AND WAVE SIMULATIONS INTEGRATED WITH MODEL-BASED
ENGINEERING AND TECHNO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Corey Sullivan

INTEGRATED SUBMERSIBLE AQUACULTURE FOR WARM WATER OPEN OCEAN

David W. Fredriksson, Matthew Bowden, Longhuan Zhu, Igor Tsukrov,
Md. Mamun R. Patwary, Julie Paprocki, Tobias Dewhurst, Corey Sullivan,
Zachary Davonski, Richards Sunny

OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE ENGINEERING: PART II – BEST PRACTICES FOR U.S.
FEDERAL WATERS

Tyler Sclodnick, Tobias Dewhurst, Zack Moscicki, Samuel Rickerich, Michael MacNicoll,
Corey Sullivan

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK OF OPEN OCEAN AQUACULTURE

Daniel Benetti

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Jennica Lowell, Neil Anthony Sims, Gavin Key, Dennis Peters

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Tamsen Peeples, Muriel Dittrich, Michael Stekoll
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Samantha Miles, Gracie Barringer, Darren Okimoto, Bradley Fox
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Shah Sumaiya Khaled, Elena Deng, Ishini A. Appuhami, Brent M. Vuglar, Timothy J. Bruce, Md Romael Haque, Lindee Mason, Ahmed Mustafa

PREDICTING LONG-TERM IMPACT OF DIETARY NUTRACEUTICAL SUPPLEMENTS ON PHYSIOLOGICAL AND IMMUNOLOGICAL RESPONSE IN LARGEMOUTH BASS *Micropterus nigricans* USING SUPERVISED MACHINE LEARNING APPROACHES

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Kashyap Adhikari, Tiluttom Bhattacharjee, Fatin I. Fahim, Sujan Bhattacharai, Rebecca Lochmann, Amit Kumar Sinha, Nishan Kafle
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Marina Subramaniam, Madison S. Powell, Brian C. Small
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AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH

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Ishini Anuththara Appuhami, Timothy J. Bruce, Shrijan Bajracharya, D. Allen Davis
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Lesley Clark, Mark Braceland, Carmi Riesenbach, Katrina MacNeill, Joseph Boaheng, Lesley Clark
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Brent Vuglar, Savannah Saeger, Marie Tan, Jie Ma, Krishna Singha, Benjamin LaFrentz, Esteban Martinez, Matt Griffin, Timothy Bruce
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CALIFORNIA AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION

What Opportunities Exist in California, and What Challenges Lie Ahead?

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This session aims to explore these questions and more, offering insight into topics such as the history of aquaculture in California, the current business and regulatory landscape for aquaculture and commercial seafood, the sector's role in addressing climate change, advances in feed and sustainability, and new opportunities for industry growth and expansion across the state.

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Tony Vaught, Professional Aquaculture Services
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Peter Struffenegger, Pacific Plaza Imports/ Plaza Aquafarms
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Leah Stoker, FishPros Network
CAREER NAVIGATION, BRANDING & NETWORKING IN THE NEW WORK WORLD

Daniel Swezey, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
CALIFORNIA TRIBAL AQUACULTURE: A PATH OF RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

Jesse Trushenski, Riverence
WORKING WITH INDUSTRY: THE VALUE OF GETTING RESEARCH OUT OF THE LAB AND INTO THE FIELD

Bill Keleher, Kennebec River Biosciences
THE ROLE OF AQUATIC HEALTH IN CALIFORNIA AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT

Lori Gustafson, USDA APHIS
THE WHY AND HOW OF STATE/INDUSTRY-LED DISEASE FREEDOM CLAIMS

Paul Grech, OctaPulse
APPLYING AI VISION IN HATCHERIES TO IMPROVE COHORT QUALITY AND FARM OUTCOMES

Devin Fitzgerald, California Sea Grant
PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD AQUACULTURE IN CALIFORNIA: INSIGHTS FROM A 2025 MULTIMODAL SURVEY

Jackson Gross, UC Davis
AQUACULTURE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN CALIFORNIA: CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Megan Sorby, Pine Island Redfish

HOW WE GROW FISH, AND TRUST: A REGENERATIVE AQUACULTURE STORY

AFTERNOON ROUNDTABLE AND NETWORKING SESSION:

From Research to Reality – Unlocking U.S. Aquaculture Growth

Moderator: Megan Sorby, Pine Island Redfish

**AQUACULTURE KNOWLEDGE FROM OLD COOTS
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Join a group of seasoned industry veterans for a candid look at the lessons, failures, and breakthroughs that shaped the aquaculture sector. This session bridges the generational gap, offering the next wave of professionals a rare opportunity to gain decades of perspective and practical wisdom

Kathleen Hartman, MS, DVM, Ph.D., M.O.U.S.E., Staff Veterinarian Kennebec River BioSciences

GRIT, SENILITY, AND HUMOR: THE MAKE-UP OF A COOT

Bill Mebane, Retired Aquatic Systems Engineer, Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN INDUSTRY & AQUACULTURE

Paul Zajicek, Retired Executive Director, National Aquaculture Association
DO NO HARM

Mike Schwartz, Associate Director, Virginia Seafood AREC
AQUACULTURE – THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

Rafael ZeLaya, Shrimp Man
MY 35+ YEARS OF SHRIMP EXPERIENCE AROUND THE WORLD

Jim Bowker, Retired coot from USFWS and Riverence
A SPLASH OF COURAGE AND A DASH OF CONFIDENCE – THE SECRET INGREDIENTS

Jackie Zimmerman, North American Account Manager, Merck Animal Health
AQUACULTURE: WHERE IT'S AT, WHERE IT'S GOING ... LOOKING AHEAD

Sandra (Sandy) Malone, AST Bead filtration, HR Manager
I'LL FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE

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Thapanan Jatuyosporn, Vichien Rimphanitchayakit, Anchalee Tassanakajon
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TIGER SHRIMP *Penaeus monodon*

Hung Mai, Dinh Hung Nguyen, Carlos Pantoja, Maiya Matthews, Harris Wright,
Arun Dhar
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Nelly Wabete, Celia Lemeu, Clarisse Majorel, Gael Lecellier,
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Susan Knudson, Chaithanya Krishna Reddy Noti, Luke Keeton
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John Foscue, Paul Schofield, Carlos Pantoja, Nguyen Dinh-Hung, Arun Dhar
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IN *Penaeus vannamei*

Douglas Marthaler, Jarvin Nipales, Maia Koliopolous, Hung Mai, Thi Hyunh,
Exanil Plantig, Arun Dhar
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FOR SHRIMP PATHOGEN DETECTION USING THE INDIMAG 2 AND PREFILLED
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Roberto Cruz-Flores, Arjoneel P. Dhar, Thales P.D. Andrade, Arun K. Dhar, Olivia Cabanillas-Bernal

UNCOVERING THE HIDDEN PREVALENCE OF *Penaeus vannamei* SOLINVIVIRUS IN PUBLIC TRANSCRIPTOMIC RESOURCES

Carlos Pantoja, Arun Dhar

CASE STUDY: POSTERIOR MIDGUT CAECUM NECROSIS AND SEPSIS IN SPECIFIC PATHOGEN FREE *Penaeus vannamei*

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EVALUATION OF COMMERCIAL *Penaeus vannamei* LINES FOR TOLERANCE TO CHRONIC *Enterocytozoon hepatopenaei* INFECTION IN A CONTROLLED LABORATORY ASSESSMENT

Marian F. Guerrero

HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF GLOBAL PREVALENCE AND DIVERSITY OF *Decapod hepanhamaparvovirus* (DHPV) AND DEVELOPING A REAL-TIME PCR ASSAY FOR DETECTING ALL CIRCULATING GENOTYPES

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SALINITY-DRIVEN SHIFTS IN THE FATTY ACID PROFILE OF THE MARINE GAMMARID AMPHIPOD *Gammarus locusta* AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE AQUAFEED PRODUCTION

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PROTEIN SOURCES IN CATFISH DIETS: EFFECTS ON GROWTH, HEMATOLOGY
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Baba Usman Ibrahim

COMPARATIVE GROWTH ASSESSMENT OF AFRICAN CATFISH *Clarias gariepinus*
FED SWEET POTATO *Ipomea batata* LEAF MEAL AND RICE BRAN AS ALTERNATIVE
FEED MEAL

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SERIOLIDS, AMERICA'S MOST SUCCESSFUL OFFSHORE MARINE FISH SPECIES

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Kevin Stuart, Luke Gardner, Ganesh Kumar, Doug Ernst, Mark Drawbridge
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Eric C. Herbst, David L. Berlinsky, Russell J. Borski, David S. Cerino, Robert W. Clark,
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Steve Eddy, Benjamin Reed
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Christopher Davis, Sydney Avena, Anne Langston Noll, Meredith White, Cody Jourdet,
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Candice A. Thorstenson, Alan Barton, Carla Schubiger, Ryan S. Mueller, Chris Langdon
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Kaitlyn O'Neil, Shawn Coyle, Shane Ramee, Cortney Ohs
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Connor Schwepe
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Joe Tomasso, Ishini A. Appuhami
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Amanda Jones, Delbert Gatlin, Gabriel Bake, Blaine Suehs, Haitham Mohammed
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Ozgur Erdogan, Ty Werdel, Haitham H. Mohammed
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Join the Florida Finfish Aquaculture Coalition to discuss key aquaculture topics important to marine aquaculture, and aquaculture within the state of Florida.

Michael Scharz, Associate Director, Virginia Seafood AREC

ENHANCING U.S. AQUACULTURE COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH VERTICAL
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Kathleen Hartman, Staff Veterinarian, Kennebec River Biosciences

STARTING AT THE BEGINNING: THE IMPORTANCE OF HATCHERY HEALTH FOR
MARINE AQUATIC LIVESTOCK HEALTH MANAGEMENT

Adriana Artilles, Business Development Manager for Genetics, Center for Aquaculture
Technologies

HARNESSING EFFICIENT GENETIC IMPROVEMENT IN TILAPIA TO MAXIMIZE
ECONOMIC RETURN

Joe Cardenas, Chief Business Development Officer, Telchine Energy Technologies
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Amrit Bart, Research Director, Soy Alliance & Professor of Animal & Dairy Science,
University of Georgia
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Maxim Slaten, General Manager, Aquasafra

REIMAGINING ECONOMICS IN TILAPIA AQUACULTURE

John Stieglitz, Research Associate Professor, Rosenstiel School of Marine,
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UNLOCKING MARINE FINFISH AQUACULTURE POTENTIAL IN FLORIDA AND
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Rick Barrows, F3

FUTURE OF FISH FEEDS

Mia Avril

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Leo Ibarra, Assistant Professor of Forest, Fisheries and Geomatic Sciences, The
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INTEGRATION OF A REVOLVING ALGAL BIOFILM IN COUPLED AQUAPONICS ENHANCES *Chlorella vulgaris* BIOMASS QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY

Ze Zhu, Amit Gross, Paul Brown

COUPLING ANAEROBIC DIGESTION WITH AQUAPONICS TO PROMOTE THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN ARID ZONES

George Brooks Jr.

ENHANCING POST-DISASTER FOOD SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES
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Rachel E. Nehrmeyer, Matthew S. Recsetar

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Lauren Bauerlein, Matthew Recsetar, David Dong

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Cori Byrge

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Terrance Smith, Uthpala Padeniya, Brandy Phipps, Brandon McFadden, Manih Boyd,
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SUSTAINABLE AQUAPONICS TO ENSURE FOOD SOVERINGTY AND COMMUNITY
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John Prater, Daniel Wells, Daulton Messer

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Lauren N. Stigers, Elliot Nelson, Romi Novriadi
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Carissa Maurin, Amanda Dicks
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Tiffany Wood Mahler, Jonathan van Senten, Michael Schwarz
CULTIVATING THE FUTURE: BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF THE
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Alyssa MacDonald, Corey Adler
BRIDGING THE GAP: ASSESSING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS FOR
HAWAII'S AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY THROUGH INDUSTRY AND EDUCATION
STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Michelle L. Walsh
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Steeve Pomerleau, Brittany Palm-Flawd
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Kenneth Thompson, Carl Webster, Avinash Tope, Janelle Hager, Leo Fleckenstein, Dorcas Lukwesa

HANDS-ON CLASSROOM AQUAPONICS PROJECTS IMPROVE PERCEPTIONS OF STEM DISCIPLINES AND CAREERS AMONG URBAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Caldonia Carmello, Annie Schatz, Jenna Clark, Fredrika Moser

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Herbert E. Quintero Fonseca, Amy Shambach

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Jonathan van Senten, Carole Engle, Quentin Fong, Melissa Good

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William Decker, John M. Boyle

TECHNOLOGY REVIEW FOR MAINTAINING OPTIMUM DISSOLVED OXYGEN LEVELS

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Thomas Bliss, Justin Manley, Mark Risse
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Sharon Moen, Tyler Firkus, Emma Hauser, Titus Seilheimer, Dong Fang Deng
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Jessica Whitney, Melissa Good, Ginny Eckert
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THE ALASKA MARICULTURE RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER

Emily Riewestahl, Hayley Lemoine, Sydney Williams, Angela Collins, Laura Tiu,
Sherry Larkin
COMMUNICATION IN ACTION: HOW STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS ARE SHAPING THE
FUTURE OF AQUACULTURE POLICY AND PERCEPTION

Amalia Almada, Heather Fenney, Melo Lemus, Maira Quintanilla, Diane Kim,
Linda Chilton, Maria Madrigal, Anna Joo Kim, Nathan Churches
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ONE SHELL AT A TIME

Robert Vincent, Danny Badger, Andrew Bennett, Michael Triantafyllou
FINDING SEAFOOD MARKET EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES AND BUILDING
OYSTER-BAG FLIPPING ROBOTS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY OF
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Arun Venugopalan, Joshua Reitsma, Abigail Archer, Rachel Hutchinson,
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Matthew Charette, Rebecca Gast
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Christopher Hollenbeck, Allison R. Weber, Alexandra M. Good, Joseph L. Matt,
David S. Portnoy, Keisha D. Bahr
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Russell Grice, Andrea M. Tarnecki

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Bianca Narvaez, Jeffrey Warner, Noel Novelo

A REVIEW OF CRYOPROTECTANTS, AND PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT FOR FRESHWATER MUSSEL *Unionidae* SPERM PRESERVATION PROPOSAL

Jaypee Samson, Kirsten Quay, David Rowley, Marta Gomez-Chiarri

DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-STRAIN PROBIOTIC FORMULATION TO IMPROVE BIVALVE LARVAL RESILIENCE AGAINST HATCHERY PATHOGENS

Jaypee Samson, Shannon Murphy, Alberto Paz, Nic Fisk, Joshua Reitsma, Roxanna Smolowitz, Marta Gomez-Chiarri

TRANSMISSIBLE CANCER IN HARD CLAMS *Mercenaria mercenaria*: SINGLE-CELL ANALYSIS REVEALS MOLECULAR MECHANISMS OF DISSEMINATED NEOPLASIA

Michael Torselli, Abigail K. Scro, Rebecca J. Gast, Jaypee Samson,

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Katyanne Shoemaker, Genevieve Bernatchez, Shannon Meseck, Matthew Poach, Emory Barrett, Matthew Hare

GROWTH AND SURVIVAL OF TWO POPULATIONS OF ATLANTIC SURFCLAMS FROM HATCHERY TO HARVEST

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Ivy Jones, Elena K. Barrada, Christopher W. Jones, Christopher M. Hollenbeck
NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTATION OF *Crassostrea virginica* SPAT WITH
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Ellis Chapman, Toi Tippin
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AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - CORPUS CHRISTI: OYSTER FARMING WORKFORCE
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Russell Grice
OYSTER FARMING – IS IT FOR YOU?

Andrea Tarnecki, Katlyn Parks, Scott Rikard
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Matthew LaGanke, Adriane Michaelis, Andrew Scheld, William Walton
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Kayla Austin, Matthew Bertin, David Bushek, Jacob Cram, Matthew Gray
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BIVALVE HATCHERIES IN THE ATLANTIC COAST OF THE USA: OBSERVATIONS
FROM THE 2024 SAMPLING SEASON

Rob Hudson, Matthew Gray, Marta Gomez-Chiarri
THE STATUS OF BIVALVE SHELLFISH HATCHERIES ON THE ATLANTIC COAST
OF THE UNITED STATES: A REPORT FROM THE BIVALVE HATCHERY HEALTH
CONSORTIUM

Sean Bignami, Fernando Campero, Kelly Stromberg, Emelyah Banzon,
Desiree De La Riva, Diane Kim, Nathan Churches, Nancy Caruso, Ian Jacobson
HARNESSING THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE NATIVE CALIFORNIA CLAM *Tivela stultorum*
FOR COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION

Coral Tolman, Jordan Hollarsmith, Krystal Renta
SILT HAPPENS: IMPACTS OF GLACIAL SILT ON PACIFIC OYSTER *Crassostrea gigas*
CLEARANCE RATES AND FILTRATION EFFICIENCY

Matthew Gray, Jeffrey Cornwell, Cindy Palinkas, Owen Skirtich
INTERACTIONS BETWEEN SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION AND FLOATING
AQUACULTURE IN THE MESOHALINE PORTION OF CHESAPEAKE BAY

Carissa Maurin, Aaron Whitman

UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF *Mytilus edulis* AQUACULTURE THROUGH MUSSEL BED MAPPING AND INDUSTRY INSIGHTS IN MAINE

Rachel French, Melissa Good

F-"OYSTER"-ING CONNECTIONS: REIMAGINING THE CENTRAL LITERATURE FOR ALASKA'S SHELLFISH FARMING INDUSTRY THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL FARMERS

Michael Coogan, Michael Doherty, Alex Rakowski, Erich Berghahn, Michael Chambers, David Fredriksson, Michael Doherty, Alex Rakowski, Erich Berghahn, Michael Chambers, David Fredriksson

COMMERCIALIZATION OF BOTTOM SEA SCALLOP AQUACULTURE IN THE GULF OF MAINE: DEVELOPMENT OF SPAT COLLECTION AND GROWOUT PROTOCOLS

Miya Khoo, Isaac Tetel, Marjorie Oleksiak, John Stieglitz

GENOMIC CONNECTIVITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DRIVERS OF RESILIENCE IN FLORIDA'S EASTERN OYSTER *Crassostrea virginica*

THURSDAY

INTEGRATED MULTI-TROPHIC AQUACULTURE (IMTA)

Thursday, February 19 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Bordeaux

Chairs: Michael Chambers, Michael Coogan

Michael Chambers, Michael Coogan, Michael Doherty, Erich Berghahn, Gunnar Ek, David Fredriksson

STEPS TO GENERATE A SMALL SCALE, OCEAN BASED, IMTA FARM FOR COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Kieley Hurff

PROACTIVE COORDINATION: EFFICIENTLY NAVIGATING THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR A NOVEL IMTA DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IN ALABAMA STATE WATERS

Longhuan Zhu, Zachary Davonski, Md. Mamun Patwary, Igor Tsukrov, Michael Chambers, David Fredriksson

HIGH-FIDELITY MODELING OF AN INTEGRATED MULTI-TROPHIC AQUACULTURE SYSTEM FOR THE GULF COAST OF THE U.S. WITH AN AI-AIDED DESIGN SYSTEM

Reginald Blaylock, Angelos Apeitos, Megan Gima, Egan Rowe, Michael Chambers, Ashley McDonald

INTEGRATED MULTI-TROPHIC AQUACULTURE IN THE NORTHERN GULF OF AMERICA – CULTURE OPERATIONS

Zachary Davonski, Michael Chambers, Erich Berghahn, Gunnar Ek, Ashley McDonald, Samantha Smith, Jackson Stogner, Angelos Apeitos, Andrew Gima
FIELD ASSEMBLY AND DEPLOYMENT OF AN INTEGRATED MULTITROPHIC
AQUACULTURE SYSTEM IN THE GULF OF AMERICA

John Stieglitz, Andrew Ray, Alexandra Guerra, Sagun Chhetri, Ronald Hoenig
OPTIMIZING INTEGRATED MULTI-TROPHIC AQUACULTURE (IMTA) APPLICATIONS
FOR MARINE FINFISH PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES

Stephen Jones, Elizabeth Martin, Randi Foxall, Michael Chambers, Sarah Young, Cheryl Whistler
TEMPORAL SHIFTS OF THE MICROBIAL COMMUNITIES IN SHRIMP *Litopenaeus vannamei* INTEGRATED MULTI-TROPHIC AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS

Ricardo Calado
SELECTING EXTRACTIVE SPECIES TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED MULTI
TROPHIC AQUACULTURE FRAMEWROK – MIMICKING A COASTAL LAGOON FOOD
WEB

Maryam Haruna, Kelvin M.B. Lacerda, Aidah Nassiwa, Austin D. Ingram, Skylar A. McDuffee, Makayla C. Ward, Shane M. Kemp, Octavio J. Silva, Andrew R. Coursey, Dallas L. Flickinger
AQUATIC NITROGEN CYCLE IN THE GROW-OUT OF PHASE II SUNSHINE BASS
AND GIANT RIVER PRAWNS FARMED IN MONOCULTURE AND INTEGRATED
MULTI-TROPHIC AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS IN EARTHEN PONDS

Christian A. King, Kelvin M.B. Lacerda, Aidah Nassiwa, Maryam Haruna, Austin D. Ingram, Skylar A. McDuffee, Makayla C. Ward, Shane M. Kemp, Octavio J. Silva, Andrew R. Coursey, Dallas L. Flickinger
AQUATIC CARBON CYCLE IN THE GROW-OUT OF PHASE II SUNSHINE BASS AND
GIANT RIVER PRAWNS FARMED IN MONOCULTURE AND INTEGRATED MULTI-
TROPHIC AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS IN EARTHEN PONDS

Aidah Nassiwa, Kelvin M.B. Lacerda, Maryam Haruna, Christian A. King, Austin D. Ingram, Skylar A. McDuffee, Makayla C. Ward, Shane M. Kemp, Octavio J. Silva, Andrew R. Coursey, Dallas L. Flickinger
AQUATIC PHOSPHORUS CYCLE IN THE GROW-OUT OF PHASE II SUNSHINE
BASS AND GIANT RIVER PRAWNS FARMED IN MONOCULTURE AND INTEGRATED
MULTI-TROPHIC AQUACULTURE SYSTEMS IN EARTHEN PONDS

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THE ANNUAL U.S. MARINE FINFISH AQUACULTURE

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Chair: Martin Riche

John Stieglitz, Ronald Hoenig, Luiz Anchieta da Silva, Carlos Tudela, Daniel Benetti
ADVANCING MARINE FINFISH AQUACULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH
STRATEGIC SPECIES PRIORITIZATION AND MARKET DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT

Khanh Nguyen, Leonardo Ibarra-Castro, D. Allen Davis, Indira Torress
EVALUATION OF SULFUR AMINO ACID REQUIREMENTS THROUGH DIETARY
TAURINE AND METHIONINE LEVELS ON GROWTH PERFORMANCE OF JUVENILE
RED SNAPPER *Lutjanus campechanus*

Trinh H.V. Ngo, Marty Riche, Timothy J. Bruce, D. Allen Davis
DIETARY ARGININE REQUIREMENT OF JUVENILE FLORIDA POMPANOS *Trachinotus
carolinus*

Khanh Nguyen, Ishini Anuthara, Delbert M. Gatlin III, D. Allen Davis
EFFECTS OF DIETARY GLYCINE SUPPLEMENTATION LEVELS ON GROWTH
PERFORMANCE, PLASMA GLYCINE CONCENTRATIONS, AND SERUM
BIOCHEMICAL PARAMETERS OF GROWOUT-STAGE RED DRUM *Sciaenops
ocellatus*

Fernando Paredes, Magaleate Kostelnik, Christopher Robinson, Li Sun Chin, Paul Wills,
Nicholas Romano
INFLUENCE OF FEEDING STRATEGIES ON GROWTH PERFORMANCE, BODY
COMPOSITION, AND HISTOMORPHOLOGY OF LIVER AND INTESTINE IN
JUVENILES OF ATLANTIC CROAKER *Micropogonias undulatus*

Kevin Stuart, Michael Rust, Mark Drawbridge
PROGRESS ON SWIM BLADDER INFLATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR CALIFORNIA
YELLOWTAIL *Seriola dorsalis* LARVAE

Li Sun Chin, Benjamin Panitz, Jacob Morris, Juan Fernando Paredes, Kevin Stuart,
Mark Drawbridge, Paul Wills
GOOD EGG OR BAD EGG? RAPID ASSESSMENT OF OMEGA-3 FATTY ACID WITH
CHEMOMETRIC MODELING

Karen Carvajal, Joseph Ryan, Leonardo Ibarra-Castro, Oscar Monroig, Lucas Gutierrez,
Mark Martindale
CHARACTERIZATION OF DESATURASE ACTIVITY IN THE LC-PUFA BIOSYNTHESIS
PATHWAY OF THREE COMMERCIALY IMPORTANT AND PROMISING MARINE
AQUACULTURE SPECIES IN FLORIDA: RED DRUM *Sciaenops ocellatus*, RED
SNAPPER *Lutjanus campechanus* AND COMMON SNOOK *Centropomus undecimalis*

THURSDAY

Leonardo Ibarra-Castro, Josué López-Cardiel

ENERGETIC CONSTRAINTS AND ONTOGENETIC JUMPS: RETHINKING RED SNAPPER LARVICULTURE THROUGH BLAXTER AND BALON

Carlie Perricone, Paul Wills

PAVING THE WAY FOR GENOMIC SELECTION IN FLORIDA POMPANO *Trachinotus carolinus* AQUACULTURE WITH THE FIRST REFERENCE-QUALITY GENOME

Samuel A. May, John Buchanan, Klara Verbyla, Adriana Artilles, Carlos Pulgarin, Marcos de Donato, Simon Hill

CHOOSING THE RIGHT BREEDING PROGRAM: COMPARATIVE STRATEGIES FOR GENETIC IMPROVEMENT

BRINGING AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITY AREAS TO U.S. WATERS

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Chair: Kristine Cherry

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Phaedra Doukakis-Leslie

OVERVIEW OF AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITY AREAS AND THE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Marcy Cockrell, Kenneth Riley, Kristine Cherry

NOAA SCIENCE FOR ADVANCING OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE: IDENTIFYING AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITY AREAS

Andrew Richard, Kielely Hurff

IDENTIFYING AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITY AREAS IN FEDERAL WATERS OF THE GULF OF AMERICA: A FOUNDATION FOR OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND DOMESTIC SEAFOOD PRODUCTION IN U.S. WATERS

Celia Barroso

IDENTIFYING AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITY AREAS IN FEDERAL WATERS OFF OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: A FOUNDATION FOR OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN U.S. WATERS

Alicia Bishop

INNOVATIVE ADAPTATIONS TO ALASKA AOA PROCESS

Christopher Schillaci, Drew Resnick, Isaac Keohane, Meghan Balling, Gretchen Bath, Jessica Carlton, Jessica Couture, Anna Verrill, Jasmine Papas, Breanna Xiong, James Morris Jr.

AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITY ATLAS FOR THE GULF OF ALASKA

Isaac Keohane, Drew Resnick, Jessica Couture, Christopher Schillaci,
James A. Morris Jr.

UNDER THE HOOD: HOW DATA DRIVES THE ALASKA AOA SUITABILITY MODEL

Drew Resnick, Isaac Keohane, Anna Verrill, James Morris

BEYOND THE PRINT ATLAS: LEVERAGING INTERACTIVE DIGITAL TOOLS FOR
DATA-DRIVEN AQUACULTURE SITING IN ALASKA

Isaac Keohane, Jessica Carlton, Drew Resnick, Jessica Couture, James A. Morris Jr.
PRECISION SITING: SPATIAL OPTIMIZATION TO INFORM AQUACULTURE
SUITABILITY MODELING

Megan Ewald

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITY AREA PROCESS

Panel C&A

MORE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE, AND/OR
MODERATED QUESTIONS FROM SESSION CHAIR

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Chair: Aaron Pilnick

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Imani Black

BEYOND PRODUCTION: LEVERAGING WORKFORCE DATA FOR AQUACULTURE'S
NEXT GENERATION

Devin Fitzgerald, Melissa Good, Amalia Adruda Almada, Kevin Johnson, Sydney Rilum,
Bradley Fox, Angee Doerr, Luke Gardner

PERCEPTIONS AND LITERACY OF MARINE AQUACULTURE AMONG THE GENERAL
PUBLIC RESIDING IN COASTAL ALASKA, CALIFORNIA, HAWAII, AND OREGON

Jeff Hetrick, Annette Jarosz

EVALUATING SUBSISTENCE SHELLFISH BEACHES FOR FUTURE ENHANCEMENT
PROJECTS

Michael MacNicol, Samuel Rickerich, Zachary Moscicki, Nathaniel Baker,
Tobias Dewhurst

NAVIGATE RISK WITH CONFIDENCE: UNDERSTANDING AND MITIGATING
UNCERTAINTY IN OPEN OCEAN MARICULTURE

Olawumi O. Fapohunda, Grace Akinbamido

BIOTECHNICAL FACTORS OF HOMESTEAD FISH FARMING IN ADO LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AREA, EKITI STATE, NIGERIA

Misha Soman, Baofeng Su, Mei Shang, Jinhai Wang, Hamza Dilawar, Darshika Hettiarachchi, Kate Pottle, Ahmed Shaaban, Nadeen Abdo, Dhanuka Bambaranda, Homnath Dhakal, Teresa David, David Baker, Brendan Leibert, Kieran Stein, Kailyn Shealy, Rex Dunham
IMPROVED GROWTH IN LEPTIN KNOCK OUT BLUE CATFISH *Ictalurus furcatus* USING CRISPR/CAS9 TECHNOLOGY

UNITED STATES TROUT FARMERS ASSOCIATION

Thursday, February 19 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Loire
Chair: Michael Lee

THURSDAY

A comprehensive series of presentations that delve into the innovative world of domestic trout farming and its crucial role in conservation, commerce, and sustainable food systems.

Jesse Trushenski, Riverence
ANIMAL WELFARE, HEALTH, AND WHAT FISH WANT

Ken Overturf, Riverence
INTEGRATING MACHINE VISION AND AI FOR PRECISION PHENOTYPING IN AQUACULTURE

Kevin Fitzsimmons, WRAC
WESTERN REGIONAL AQUACULTURE CENTER SPONSORED RESEARCH ON TROUT – PAST AND PRESENT

Myron Kebus, Michigan State University
HANDS-ON FISH HEALTH TRAINING FOR FARMERS AND VETERINARIANS

Bill Keleher, Kennebec River BioSciences
DOMESTIC TROUT MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. – WHERE DO WE STAND?

USTFA Membership Meeting

FROM POND TO POLICY: COMMUNICATING AND ADVOCATING FOR AQUACULTURE

Thursday, February 19 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Chablis

Chairs: Maria Smithson, Caitlyn Czajkowski

Join the National Aquaculture Association in exploring the vital role of storytelling in bridging the gap between producers, scientists and the public. We will delve into how to public relations, and outreach can shift public perception and how these actions and advocacy can come together and lead to positive policy outcomes for aquaculture.

Maria Smithson, Director Membership & Marketing, National Aquaculture Association
FROM FARM TO FRONT PAGE – WHY YOUR STORY MATTERS: THE POWER OF PR
IN AQUACULTURE

Emily Riewestahl, Aquaculture Marketing & Communications Specialist, Florida Sea Grant
ENGAGING AUDIENCES THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST AQUACULTURE
COMMUNICATIONS COLLABORATIVE

Gabby Bradt, Extension State Specialist, Aquaculture & Fisheries, University of New Hampshire
GET AQUACULTURED! DEVELOPING AND PILOTING AN AQUACULTURE PODCAST
TO ENHANCE AQUACULTURE LITERACY.

Lauren Stigers, Extension Educator, Fisheries & Aquaculture, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University Extension
BUILDING SHARED VALUES AND AUDIENCE-CENTERED COMMUNICATION
ACROSS MICHIGAN'S AQUACULTURE SECTOR

Sharon Moen, Food-Fish Outreach Coordinator, Wisconsin Sea Grant, University of Wisconsin
WHY AND HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

Caitlyn Czajkowski, Executive Director, National Aquaculture Association
CONGRESS 101: NAVIGATING THE SAUSAGE FACTORY

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SOCIAL LICENSE TO OPERATE: PUBLIC TRUST, POLICY, AND PRACTICE IN AQUACULTURE

Thursday, February 19 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Champagne 3

Chair: Sebastian Belle

Industry and academic experts come together to share their experiences with earning and maintaining public trust in aquaculture, and the importance of community buy-in to achieve long term success.

Emily Whitmore, Associate Director, Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center
KEY LESSONS LEARNED IN EARNING SOCIAL LICENSE, AN ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE

Bill Dewey, Director, Public Affairs, Taylor Shellfish Farms
KEY LESSONS LEARNED IN EARNING SOCIAL LICENSE, A FARMER'S PERSPECTIVE

Sebastian Belle, Executive Director, Maine Aquaculture Association & President, National Aquaculture Association
SOCIAL LICENSE AND COMMUNITY BUY IN: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

THURSDAY

FEED INGREDIENTS

Thursday, February 19 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Concorde B

Chairs: Vikas Kumar, Marina Rubio Benito

Daniela P. Rodrigues, Luisa Marques, João P. Sousa, Felisa Rey, M. Rosário Domingues, Rafael C. Duarte, Ricardo Calado
TROPIC UPGRADE OF PLANT BASED DIETS BY THE MARINE GAMMARID AMPHIPOD *Gammarus locusta*: ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS INGREDIENT DIVERSIFICATION FOR AQUAFEEDS

Luisa Marques, Daniela P. Rodrigues, João P. Sousa, Felisa Rey, M. Rosário Domingues, Rafael C. Duarte, Ricardo Calado
MULTIGENERATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND FATTY ACID PROFILES OF THE MARINE GAMMARID *Gammarus locusta* USING VEGETABLE CO-PRODUCTS

Vikas Kumar, Matheus R. de Lima, Danielle D. Brutti, Ângela S. de Freitas Nascimento, Naiane C. de Lima Silva, Marcos A.V. de Assunção, Romulo de Carvalho Cabral, Ana C.A. Lopes, Warley M. Figueiredo, Natanael S. Félix
DIETARY INCLUSION OF CONDENSED TANNINS ENHANCES THE PERFORMANCE OF WHITELEG SHRIMP *Litopenaeus vannamei*

Sunnia Chiang, Timothy J. Bruce, D. Allen Davis

EFFECTS OF REPLACING SOYBEAN MEAL PROTEIN WITH VARIOUS PROCESSING SOY PROTEIN SOURCES IN THE DIETS ON THE GROWTH OF FINGERLING HYBRID CATFISH *I. punctatus* female × *I. furcatus* male IN CLEAR WATER SYSTEM

Delbert Gatlin, Pedro Carvalho, Blaine Suehs, Gabriel Bake, Tara McNeil, Jeffery Tomberlin

EVALUATING THE NUTRITIONAL VALUE OF BLACK SOLDIER FLY LARVAE MEALS PRODUCED ON SUBSTRATES CONTAINING SEAFOOD PROCESSING BYPRODUCTS WITH RED DRUM *Sciaenops ocellatus* SUB-ADULTS

Jing Huang, Caitlin Older, Ganesh Kumar, Joshua Bumgarner, Matt Griffin, Peter Allen, Penelope Goodman, Grant Reifers, Fernando Yamamoto

COMPLETE REPLACEMENT OF MENHADEN FISHMEAL WITH ANIMAL PROTEIN CONCENTRATE ON A NITROGEN- OR COST-BASIS IN CATFISH FINGERLING FEEDS: EFFECTS ON PRODUCTION PERFORMANCE AND DISEASE RESISTANCE

Gabriel Bake, Delbert M. Gatlin III

SORGHUM PROTEIN CONCENTRATE: A VIABLE AND HIGHLY DIGESTIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO SOY AND FISHMEAL IN SUSTAINABLE TILAPIA AQUAFEED

Krishna P. Singha, Federico Moroni, Brian C. Small, Michael P. Phelps, Derek J. Pouchnik, Vikas Kumar, Federico Moroni, Brian C. Small, Michael P. Phelps, Derek J. Pouchnik, Vikas Kumar

INTEGRATING AND MODELING PERFORMANCE WITH MICROBIOME-GUT-LIVER AXIS RESPONSES TO STRATEGIC REDUCTION OF SOY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE BY INCREASING SOYBEAN MEAL IN RAINBOW TROUT DIET

John Grayson, John Bowzer, Brandon Sorrell

UTILIZATION OF A PHYTOSTEROLS CONCENTRATE IN PRACTICAL DIETS FOR PACIFIC WHITELEG SHRIMP

Alex Gregory, Peter Shep, Wendy Sealey, Dong Fang Deng

REPLACING SOYBEAN OIL WITH BLACK SOLDIER FLY OIL IN YELLOW PERCH *Perca flavescens* DIETS: IMPACTS ON GROWTH, HEALTH, AND HEAT SHOCK TOLERANCE

Vikas Kumar, Indira Medina, Timothy J. Bruce, Alexandre Brito, Gustavo Cordero, Gilson Gomes, D. Allen Davis

EFFECTS OF DIETARY INOSITOL, PHOSPHORUS, AND PHYTASE ENZYME ON THE PERFORMANCE OF WHITE-LEG SHRIMP *Litopenaeus vannamei*

Julio Camperio, Carlos Carroza-Meza, Jorge Suarez, Daniel Benetti

GLOBAL RESEARCH TRENDS OF BLACK SOLDIER FLY LARVAE *Hermetia illucens* MEAL IN AQUACULTURE FROM A SCIENTOMETRIC PERSPECTIVE (2007-2025)

Pallab Sarker, Anne R. Kapuscinski, Brandi McQuin, Benjamin V. Schoffstall, Duncan Gwynne, Devin Fitzgerald
TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE FISH-FREE AQUAFEEDS: EVALUATING LOW-EMISSION, LOW-PHOSPHORUS MICROALGAL DIETS FOR RAINBOW TROUT *Oncorhynchus mykiss* AQUACULTURE

Daniel Assan, Brian Small
EVALUATING THE EFFECTS OF DIETARY PROPOLIS IN MITIGATING SOYBEAN MEAL-INDUCED ENTERITIS IN RAINBOW TROUT *Oncorhynchus mykiss*

Cristian Suarez Barazeta, Ana Beatriz de S. Farias, Caitlin E. Older, Grant Reifers, Penelope M. Goodman, Matt J. Griffin, Fernando Y. Yamamoto
FROM FEED COMPOSITION TO IMMUNE FUNCTION: EXPLORING MACRONUTRIENT RATIOS IN CATFISH AQUACULTURE

Alice Wynn, Barbara A. Bailey, Michael F. Tlusty, Nancy E. Breen, Andrew L. Rhyne
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FATTY ACID PROFILE AND EGG QUALITY IN MARINE FINFISH SPAWNS AT PUBLIC AQUARIUMS

Kyle Freimuth, Dong Fang Deng, Sharon Moen
VALORIZING LAKE WHITEFISH *Coregonus clupeaformis* BYPRODUCTS FOR AQUAFEED PRODUCTION

Sharareh Jahanbin, Leonid S. Brown, Anna K. Shoveller, Dominique P. Bureau
CHEMICAL DETERMINANTS OF DIGESTIBILITY OF PROTEINS AND BIO-AVAILABILITY OF AMINO ACIDS AND IDENTIFICATION OF EFFECTIVE INDICATORS OF HEAT DAMAGE IN ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Tanaboon Junlaprom, Waldemar Rossi Jr., Kasondra Miller, Craig M. Schluttenhofer, Femi J. Fawole, Brandy E. Phipps, Brandon R. McFadden
APPARENT DIGESTIBILITY OF FULL-FAT AND DEFATTED HEMP HEART MEALS IN JUVENILE RAINBOW TROUT *Oncorhynchus mykiss*

Jairo A. Gonzalez, Timothy J. Bruce, D. Allen Davis
DIETARY BARLEY INCLUSION AS A REPLACEMENT OF WHEAT, AND CARBOHYDRASES SUPPLEMENTATION ON GROWTH PERFORMANCE AND NUTRIENT UTILIZATION IN PACIFIC WHITE SHRIMP *Litopenus vannamei*

Mian Adnan
EFFECTS OF MICROPLASTIC AND NANOPARTICLES CONTAMINATED FISH FEED ON *Cyprinus carpio* GROWTH AND ORAL/INTESTINAL MICROBIOME

**STAYING AHEAD:
UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO ANIMAL ACTIVISM**

Thursday, February 19 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Champagne 3

Chairs: Caitlyn Czajkowski, Mariai Smithson

An update from the National Aquaculture Association on some recent animal activist and anti-aquaculture activities and efforts.

Caitlyn Czajkowski, Executive Director, National Aquaculture Association
UPDATES ON THE NATIONAL AND STATE LEVEL AND WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Maria Smithson, Director of Membership and Marketing, National Aquaculture Association
ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISM AND AQUACULTURE: PROTECTING FARMS THROUGH FACT & SCIENCE

AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH 101

Thursday, February 19 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM Champagne 1

Chair: Kathleen Hartman

Introduction to aquatic animal health in aquaculture: its importance, how to incorporate biosecurity into your operations, fish diagnostics and more.

Connie Silbernagel, USDA APHIS VS
SCHOOLING THE REGULATORS: AN ADVENTURE IN AQUACULTURE HEALTH TRAINING FOR VS FIELD OPERATIONS

Beth Cleveland, USDA ARS, Shepherdstown, WV
GENETIC STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING GROWTH PERFORMANCE AND NUTRIENT UTILIZATION IN SALMONIDS

Mark Polinski, USDA ARS, Maine
DISEASE DIAGNOSTICS AND PATHOGEN SURVEILLANCE: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE AND WHAT DO THEY TELL YOU

Paul Grech, Octapulse
HEALTHIER COHORTS FROM DAY ONE: USING AI FOR PHENOTYPING AND DEFORMITY INSPECTION

Glenda Dvorak, Iowa State University
START YOUR BIOSECURITY JOURNEY! TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO HELP AQUACULTURE FARMS MANAGE AND PREVENT INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF AQUATIC ANIMALS

THURSDAY

Tony Vaught, ProAquaculture Services
BETTER HANDLING, BETTER HEALTH: PRACTICAL TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR
AQUATIC STOCKS

Leah Stoker, FishPros Network
FROM SYMPTOMS TO SOLUTIONS: USING AI TO DIAGNOSE FISH DISEASE IN
REAL TIME

Sarah Mielke, USDAAPHIS VS
RETROSPECTIVE INFECTIOUS SALMON ANEMIA PROGRAM REVIEW

**FINDING, DEVELOPING AND KEEPING TALENT
IN TODAY’S AQUACULTURE WORKFORCE**

Thursday, February 19 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Chablis
Chair: Leah Stoker

Leah Stoker, FishPros Network
Finding, Developing & Keeping Talent in Today’s Aquaculture Workforce

Q&A and Discussion on Aquaculture Workforce

**CAREER NAVIGATION, BRANDING AND NETWORKING
IN THE NEW WORK WORLD**

Thursday, February 19 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Chablis
Chair: Leah Stoker

Leah Stoker, FishPros Network
CAREER NAVIGATION, BRANDING & NETWORKING IN THE NEW WORK WORLD

Q&A and Discussion on Career Navigation, Branding & Networking

LAB-ON-A-CHIP WORKSHOP

Thursday, February 19 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM Burgundy
Chair: TBA

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AQUACULTURE COMMUNICATIONS

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Chair: Afton Vigue

David J. Cline, Shima Rezaei, Brendan Higgins, Sheena Stewart
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONDUCTING
AQUAPONICS RESEARCH IN A HIGH SCHOOL SETTING

Nitzan Unger
ALASKA MARICULTURE INSIGHTS: ELEVATING ALASKA'S MARICULTURE
INDUSTRY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND INNOVATION

Imani Black
REFRAMING THE NARRATIVE: COMMUNICATING AQUACULTURE THROUGH
CONNECTION, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY

Kurt Servin Arce
MARINE WHITE SNOOK *Centropomus viridis* CULTURE ON LOW SALINITY PONDS:
A NEW APPROACH ON MARINE AQUACULTURE

Ashley Boggs, Fabio Casu, Jessica Reiner, Tracey Schock
ADVANCING AQUACULTURE BIOTECHNOLOGY THROUGH MEASUREMENT
SCIENCE: THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY'S ROLE

Benjamin Young, Saif Algethami, Anwer Abed Alazwari, Faris Alghamdi, Ali AL Shaikhi
SHRIMP AQUACULTURE BIOSECURITY IN SAUDI ARABIA: HISTORICAL
DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Andrew Ray, Dayan Perea, Gulnihal Ozbay
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND EXTENSION TRAINING IN AQUACULTURE AND
FISHERIES FOR STUDENTS AT 1890 LAND GRANT INSTITUTIONS

Benter Anyango, Zixuan Ma, Hao Xu, Richard Newton, Dingxi Safari Fang, Chun Wang,
David Little, Wenbo Zhang
AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY COMPOSITION, DISTRIBUTION, AND DEVELOPMENT
IN CHINA

THURSDAY

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Thursday, February 19 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM Loire

Chair: Carolyn Burdette

Carolyn Q. Burdette

QUALITY, SAFETY, AND TRUST: HOW NIST REFERENCE MATERIALS ADVANCE
AQUACULTURE

Kristin Elliott, Michael Head, Brian Haist, Peter Frazier

HARNESSING HIGH-RESOLUTION OXYGEN DATA TO REVEAL TRENDS IN CATFISH
POND DYNAMICS, AND UTILIZING MACHINE LEARNING TO FORECAST ANOXIC
EVENTS

Austin Vincent, Kristin Elliott, Brenda Hernandez, Erik Elliott

WATER QUALITY MONITORING FOR SHRIMP FARMS

THURSDAY

ECOLOGY / ENVIRONMENT

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Chair: Aaron Watson

Baba Usman Ibrahim

FOOD AND FEEDING HABITS OF CICHLIDAE IN TAGWAI RESERVOIR, NIGER
STATE, NIGERIA

Sierra Greene, James Crimp, Arron Jones, Ginny Eckert

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Ginny Eckert, Rob Campbell, Becca Cates, James Crimp, Alysha Cypher,
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