Aquaculture Values



FOOD

Aquaculture is essential to the overall seafood supply and is vital for healthy and culturally appropriate food systems.



STEWARDSHIP

Aquaculture production should protect and honor every watershed and ecosystem's intrinsic ecological value and environmental rhythms on land and at sea.



COMMUNITY-BASED

Community-based aquaculture enhances the social, ecological, economic, and cultural fabric of our communities and integrates with existing fisheries.



ACCESS

Aquaculture should provide equitable opportunities for new and diverse participants of all ages, genders, races, cultures, and incomes.



EQUITABLE SUPPLY CHAINS

All workers along the seafood supply chain deserve fair living wages, safe working conditions, and work with dignity.



PLACE-BASED KNOWLEDGE

Local and place-based knowledge is necessary to steward aquaculture operations in harmony with the surrounding ecosystems on both land and sea.



PUBLIC RESOURCE

We affirm the public trust doctrine and the unique rights of tribal nations in their traditional homelands.



ACCOUNTABILITY

Fair, transparent, clear, and adequate regulatory planning and enforcement are critical to values-based aquaculture.