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.