

# Aquaculture with Values



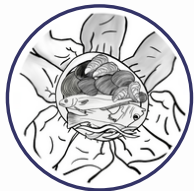
## FOOD

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.

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The aquaculture values on the other side of this summary guide align with and draw directly from food sovereignty principles as well as Fish Locally Collaborative, Local Catch Network, and Slow Fish values. They aim to foster trust and guide aquaculture practices and policy within and outside of North American Marine Alliance's networks, and gain strength when they are considered collectively, rather than as individual values. They are aspirational, not ranked by importance, and should be applied holistically rather than individually.

## Why does values-based aquaculture matter?

In North America, the aquaculture sector is growing rapidly, and includes a broad range of actors, from small-scale, independent oyster growers to massive farmed finfish operations. While varied across contexts, **in general aquaculture policy has not been responsive to diverse needs, is convoluted and inaccessible to small farmers, and is plagued by regulatory conflicts of interest.**

## So, how do we change that?

**Creating bottom-up dialogue and action against the corporatization of our oceans is more important than ever as governments, private interests, and mainstream media build momentum for fast growth in the North American aquaculture industry.** But what might assembling resilient coastal economies from the bottom up rather than the top down look like? What would happen if our regulatory environment and federal dollars supported values-based aquaculture farms? How might we foster nuanced dialogue and collaboration between fishing and farming communities?

The full report addresses these questions by laying out a set of values, case studies, and policy recommendations that harvesters, fishermen, farmers, advocates, and policymakers can use to build coalition across seafood sectors. **These aquaculture values are intended to emphasize food sovereignty, illuminate examples of values-based aquaculture, and ultimately build trust across seafood sectors.**



## Take Action!

Share this guide and the full Aquaculture Values Report!  
Utilize the Local Catch Seafood Finder to find sustainable seafood near you  
Individuals, organizations, and businesses can take action with Don't Cage Our Oceans  
Join the campaign to Block Corporate Salmon

**Scan to check out the full Aquaculture Values Report!**

