

## Alaska Mariculture Development Council - Comparison of Models

Questions for discussion about the organization: mission/goal; new vs. existing; capacity; etc.

A	Models	Authority	Election of Board	Funding	Flexibility	Credibility	Formed	Examples	Other
1	Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI)	Alaska statutes	appointed	self-assessment, general funds, grants	minimal	yes	1982?	ASMI, AIDEA	
2	Non-Profit Organization (NGO)	bylaws	elected by members	grants, dues, EVOS?	maximum	depends (existing or new)	1978, ?, 2020	AFDF, ASGA, new entity	
3	Regional Aquaculture Associations (salmon hatcheries)	Alaska statutes	elected & appointed	state loans, self-assessment	medium	yes	1970s-80s	SSRAA, NSRAA, PWSAC	
4	Regional Seafood Development Assoc (RSDAs)	Alaska statutes	elected by permit holders	self-assessment	medium	yes	2006	BBRSDA	
5	Regional Dive Fisheries Associations	Alaska statutes	elected & appointed	self-assessment, grants	medium	yes	1998	SARDFA	
6	Trade organization	bylaws	elected by members	dues	maximum	depends	various	UFA	
7	Science Center	bylaws	?	grants, EVOS?	medium	depends	1989	PWSSC, SSSC	
8	Maine Aquaculture Association	industry org		Industry funds?	?		1978	<a href="https://maineaqua.org/">https://maineaqua.org/</a>	"...first aquatic farmer's assoc in the US", Chris Davis.
9	Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center	created by state		125K state funds	?		1988	<a href="https://www.maineaquaculture.org/">https://www.maineaquaculture.org/</a>	
10	Aquaculture New Zealand	?	?	industry assessment	?	yes	2007	<a href="https://www.aquaculture.org.nz/">https://www.aquaculture.org.nz/</a>	Aquaculture New Zealand was formed in 2007 as a single voice for the New Zealand aquaculture sector to protect the current industry, while enhancing its profitability and providing leadership to facilitate transformational growth

### B Membership/Stakeholders

#### Notes:

Aquatic Farmers  
 Fishermen / fishery enhancement  
 Processors  
 Tribes / Alaska Native Orgs  
 Communities  
 Hatcheries  
 State Admin/ASMI - Ex-officio(?)  
 MRC Director / Research / ASG / University - Ex-officio(?)  
 Federal reps - Ex-officio(?) Regional Aquaculture Coordinator  
 Others?  
 QUESTION: What do stakeholders get out of membership?

regional representation

### C Mission - notes

Mission/Role: helping encourage and guide research and development opportunities in the mariculture industry.  
 Mission: Guiding development of the mariculture industry with a goal to grow to \$100 million by 2038.  
 Mission statement similar to the MTF: promote mariculture development in Alaska  
 Funding will be a determinant of structure  
 Function as a repository of information for existing and future farmers(?)  
 Provide an interface between industry and agencies  
 Provide a united voice, on multiple issues(?)  
 Prioritize research goals/needs of the mariculture industry  
 Connect state and federal initiatives; convey industry interests on federal level  
 Communicate and update statewide comprehensive plans  
 Implementation of the 20-year comprehensive plan  
 Solve world hunger. Fix climate change. :-)  
 Objective - implement self-assessment in 5-10 years (?)

### D Funding Ideas - notes

Self-assessment  
 Member groups payment structure - "pay to play"  
 Tiered approach to "pay to play"  
 Economic development is an argument for government funding  
 Tourism industry (symbiotic relationship)

### E Next Steps - notes

Develop two or three potential models: 1) public, 2) private non-profit (mixed funding sources), 3) pay to play (industry/community/tribal funds, self-assessment)  
 Be able to accept funds from multiple sources  
 Summarize what the MTF has accomplished & what the AMDC can continue into the future  
 Help capture and funnel the excitement and momentum that has been built