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Aquaculture: An Essential Industry for American Communities

As Congress debates ways to address the many pressing challenges we face, including economic recovery, food security and environmental challenges, increasing American aquaculture should be one of the solutions. That is why [Stronger America Through Seafood \(SATS\)](#) is calling on Congress to clarify a regulatory pathway for permitting offshore aquaculture, an essential industry that would help solve some of the critical problems we face.

The logo features the word "ESSENTIAL" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font, positioned above the word "AQUACULTURE" in a larger, orange, uppercase, sans-serif font. A stylized white wave graphic is positioned below the "A" in "AQUACULTURE". The background is a blue gradient with a subtle texture of water ripples.

ESSENTIAL AQUACULTURE

Through the launch of a new "Essential Aquaculture" campaign, SATS will demonstrate how a robust domestic aquaculture industry would provide many benefits and opportunities for American communities, including supporting the economy and creating new jobs, revitalizing coastal infrastructure, and ensuring our nation's food security by increasing our production of sustainable seafood with minimal impact on the environment.

Offshore aquaculture is constrained by complex and inconsistent regulations, which hinder its growth. American aquaculture currently meets only 5-7 percent of seafood demand. Instead of farming more locally grown seafood, the U.S. imports 90 percent of its seafood. By establishing a clear regulatory pathway for permitting sustainable offshore aquaculture, federal lawmakers can increase domestic seafood production and reignite a vibrant American seafood future that benefits the American economy, industries, and communities nationwide.

ESSENTIAL AQUACULTURE

	PROBLEM	SOLUTION
ESSENTIAL TO MEET SEAFOOD DEMAND	There's Not Enough Seafood Wild harvest of seafood has not been able to maintain current demand for 2000.	Aquaculture would complement wild harvesting to meet demand.
ESSENTIAL TO YIELD MORE PROTEIN	America Needs More Sustainable Protein Americans must identify healthier, sustainable animal protein to meet the global population of 7.6 by 2050.	Aquaculture, integrated as one of the most ethical or efficient farming practices, can produce more sustainable protein.
ESSENTIAL TO U.S. JOBS	The Fisheries Is Hiring America's Most Talented The U.S. fishing industry sector has lost 1.7 million jobs in recent years.	Aquaculture supports offshore work, creating jobs in aquaculture, processing, & local communities, as well as in emerging technology fields.
ESSENTIAL TO INDUSTRY GROWTH	America is Missing an Opportunity to Grow Its Fisheries & Agricultural Sector The U.S. imports 95% of its seafood. If farming more locally grown seafood.	Aquaculture can enable America to grow more seafood and increase work in fisheries, such as ports, which can be used to fish land.
ESSENTIAL TO U.S. COMPETITION	American Aquaculture Must Only 2% of Global Production U.S. offshore aquaculture is constrained by environmental regulations, which hinder its growth.	Congress can clarify aquaculture regulatory & environmental policies, adjust federal agencies to make aquaculture the top priority for American seafood.
ESSENTIAL TO CONSERVATION	America Needs to Conserve & Care for the Environment When Producing Seafood We need the most protein production solutions.	Aquaculture offers low carbon and low land use production solutions with reduced reliance on water, land, & better practices. Healthier than the most and support strong communities.
ESSENTIAL TO CLIMATE	Sustainability Must be Addressed in U.S. Food Production Protein system diversification will play an important role in responding to climate food equity.	Aquaculture is an essential step towards reducing climate change. Water farmers have been on the front lines of climate change in the ocean & have the expertise and capacity, along with infrastructure, to take action.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO SUPPORT OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE TODAY

Download the fact sheet at www.strongerthroughseafood.org

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Discover seven reasons why Aquaculture is essential to America.

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Latest Aquaculture News & Research

- **Article:** Virginia Business, March 30, Aquaculture proves big catch for region
- **Op-ed:** Bangor Daily News, March 22, Aquaculture can play a big role in Maine's economy and climate change response
- **Article:** The NY Times, March 24, That Salmon on Your Plate Might Have Been a Vegetarian
- **Article:** The Fish Site, March 18, Unlikely champions of aquaculture: Julia Jackson
- **Article:** The Fish Site, March 15, Women in Aquaculture: Victoria Parks
- Stay up to date on the latest industry news at www.strongerthroughseafood.org.

Upcoming Events

Bill DiMento, President of SATS and Vice President of Corporate Sustainability and Government Affairs at High Liner Foods, will participate in a panel during the National Institute for Animal Agriculture Annual Conference: Exploring Sustainability in Animal Agriculture – A Comprehensive Approach on Thursday, April 22. Learn more.

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