Status of Aquatic Farming in Alaska

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Overview for 2012

- Geographic Concentration
- Production (Sales) By Region
  - SE Production* (Sales) By Species
  - SC Production* (Sales) By Species
- End-of-year Inventory
- Continued Constraints
- State Program Streamlining Efforts

* As reported in 2012 Annual Reports from aquatic farm permit holders
Production By Region

Aquatic Farm Sales by Region
2008-2012

- 2012 total farm gate value total = $559,846
- SE sales slightly higher than SC ($281K and $279K, respectively)
- Pacific Oysters = $525,978
- LN Clams = $12,405
- Mussels = $8,107
- Geoducks = $13,356
Pacific oysters made up 91% of SE aquatic farm sales
Trend shows an increase in the number SE aquatic farmers since 2001
• Blue mussel production was more prevalent in early years;
• numbers are expected to increase.
-2.6 Million (20%) decrease in Pacific oyster inventory in 2012 from 2011 likely due to seed shortages.

-Pacific oyster stock obtained in 2012 makes up 49% (avg.) of inventory.

-35 out of 70 permitted farms had Pacific oysters inventory (50%)
State Program Streamlining Efforts

Application (in progress)

- Separate instructions from actual application
- Distinguish agency sections and verify that what is being requested coincides with current regulatory for review and determination requirements
- Simplify operation and development plan information
- More focus on narrative and description of operations and how applicant plans to develop the aquatic farm operations over permit duration
- Reduce redundancy
State Program Streamlining Efforts

**Annual report (2012)**
- Production (sales) section simplified for yearly data only
- Inventory section requires only January and December data
- Support facilities, equipment, and gear summary simplified and asks for updates for what is a farm based on last year’s information.
- Separated instructions from actual application
- Made clarifications and simplified the site-specific report for on-bottom

**Annual report (2013)**
- Match changes made in application (Projected and Actual)
- Other constructive comments?
Questions/Comments/Discussions?

Photo taken near Wyatt/Coho Properties nursery, Tokeen Bay, SE Alaska, 2013