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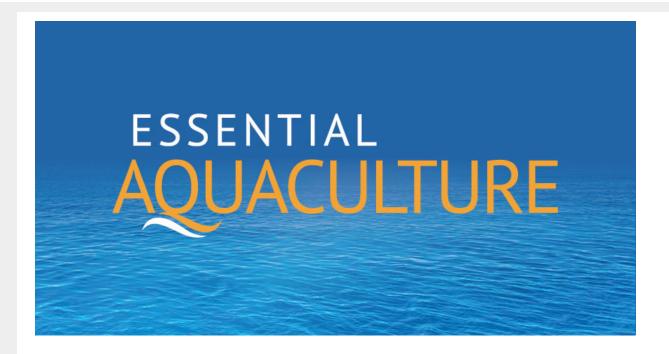
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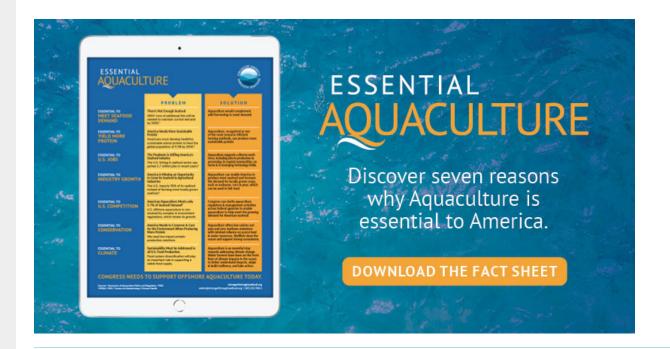
Aquaculture: An Essential Industry for American Communities

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.



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.



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
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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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