



Aquaculture with Values

The North American Marine Alliance coordinated a vision for community-based, values-driven aquaculture. This vision was a result of surveys, focus groups, and research with members of the Local Catch Network, Don't Cage Our Oceans, and other allies. Eight main aquaculture values were identified:



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.