

February 3, 2026

Chair Ted Cruz

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation
Dirksen Senate Office Building 554
Washington, DC 20510

Chair Bruce Westerman
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Maria Cantwell
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation
Hart Senate Office Building 428
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Jared Huffman
House Committee on Natural Resources
1332 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell, Chair Westerman, and Ranking Member Huffman:

The undersigned **421** fishing groups, food advocacy organizations, conservation organizations, farmers, businesses, aquaculture producers, chefs, faith-based organizations, and Tribal groups write to urge you to **oppose** the Marine Aquaculture Research for America Act (MARA Act of 2025, S. 2586 / H.R. 5746). While the supporters of MARA frame it as a “science-based pathway” to offshore aquaculture, in reality it represents a dangerous opening for industrial-scale fish farming that **threatens wild fisheries, coastal communities, and the long-term health of our oceans** – and it moves forward under the thin guise of research and development.

Along America's coasts, we already have vibrant local and regional seafood economies and cultures, including jobs that would be directly threatened by this bill. In fact, our nation's fishermen *already catch more seafood than Americans consume (8.4B lbs vs 6.6B lbs)*. The oceans are a commons – not a place for Big Ag and Big Pharma corporations to privatize, pollute, and profit at the expense of everyone else. Moreover, an enormous amount of federal government spending and ongoing taxpayer subsidies would be required to make these operations financially attractive to multinational corporations.

The MARA Act proposes a “science-based” pathway for developing aquaculture in federal waters, but instead it grants near-**immediate** permission for **commercial-scale demonstration projects with 10-year leases**. This means industrial cages, high fish densities, and all the ecological risks that come with them. Projects currently under consideration all propose **openly discharging all untreated wastes and toxic chemicals directly into the ocean**.

The world's top producers of ocean-raised carnivorous finfish in net pens **suffer ongoing major disasters on a nearly weekly basis**. Current [peer-reviewed science](#) on these topics confirms that the scientific community finds these harms to be ongoing and significant. Norway's salmon farms, often referred to as a beacon in the industry, [are plagued by constant disease outbreaks, escapes, and financial volatility](#). Scotland also suffers from [diseased farmed fish](#) and rampant [sea lice outbreaks](#). **We don't want to bring this mess to America.**

The alleged “benefits” of offshore aquaculture touted by its supporters actually serve corporate interests, not fishing communities or the ecological integrity of our public waters. The MARA Act risks **displacing sustainable seafood systems, local fisheries, and centuries of fishing culture**. Offshore aquaculture could further lower prices for wild-caught seafood, compete for fishing space, and threaten local seafood markets and the livelihoods of independent commercial fishermen and regional seafood economies.

The listing of large agribusinesses and foreign corporations among the bill’s supporters reveals the kind of corporate consolidation at stake for our federal waters. Once offshore aquaculture becomes permitted, large regions of the ocean could be fenced off, polluted, and repurposed for industrial food production, **blocking off access for America’s fishermen and shrimpers**, as well as **directly harming the tourism and recreation industries**. The cumulative impacts to water quality, marine life, and coastal ecosystems – from waste, toxic chemical inputs, antibiotics, escapes, and disease transfer to wild fish – remain substantial. It is impossible to “Make America Healthy Again” by feeding these diseased creatures to Americans.

Proponents promise “robust data,” but once cages are constructed, momentum will build to treat them as permanent fixtures, regardless of early problems. **That’s the entire point of MARA – jump first, get a foot in the door, and then assess the damage later once it’s too late to turn back.** The bill would carve up the oceans for **foreign and venture capital-backed corporate farms** under the pretense of “research.” Instead, Congress should:

- **Reject the MARA Act** and related proposals
- Invest instead in **existing community-led, responsible seafood systems** – such as sustainable wild fisheries, low-impact aquaculture, shellfish and seaweed farming, and community-based seafood processing.
- Support policies and legislation that strengthen wild fisheries, low-impact shellfish and seaweed farming, protect fishing communities, and genuine ocean stewardship, such as:
 - The [Domestic Seafood Production Act](#), and the
 - The bipartisan [Keep Finfish Free Act of 2025](#)

This proposed bill is not a cautious step toward better seafood; it’s a bold leap into industrializing our oceans, prioritizing corporate profit over local fishing jobs, healthy ecosystems, and resilient coastal communities. The seas belong to all of us — not to whoever can afford cages and corporate lobbying.

Please REJECT the MARA Act.

Respectfully,



Friends of the Earth



Slow Food USA

patagonia

OCEANA



DON'T CAGE OUR OCEANS

ACADEMIA

Alastair Iles, Professor
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, CA

Molly Anderson, Professor
Institute for Agroecology, University of Vermont
Burlington, VT

Craig Bernardini, Teacher
City University of New York (CUNY)
Hopewell Junction, NY

Kelly Collins Geiser, Chef/Educator
Novato School District, CA

Sean Godwin, Assistant Professor
University of California, Davis
Davis, CA

Dr. Matthew Hayek, Professor
New York University
New York, NY

Dr. Jennifer Jacquet, Professor
University of Miami
Miami, FL

Prita Lal, Member of the Faculty
The Evergreen State College
Olympia, WA

Eileen Moran, Retiree
City University of New York (CUNY)
Bayside, NY

Marcia Newfield, Retired Adjunct
City University of New York Professional Staff
Congress (CUNY-PSC)
New York, New York

Anthony Pahnke, Professor
San Francisco State University
Oakland, CA

Antonio Roman-Alcalá, Professor of
Environmental Studies
California State University, East Bay
Hayward, CA

Nancy Romer, Professor Emerita, Brooklyn
College
City University of New York (CUNY)
Brooklyn, NY

Estelí Jimenez Soto, Assistant Professor
University of South Florida
Tampa, FL

NATIONWIDE GROUPS

Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment

Patty Lovera, Policy Advisor
Washington, DC

Center for Food Safety

Jaydee Hanson, Policy Director
Kingsly McConnell, Staff Attorney
Washington, DC

Don't Cage Our Oceans

James Mitchell, Legislative Director
Gloucester, MA (*logo featured above*)

Family Farm Defenders

John Peck, Executive Director
Madison, WI

FarmAid

Anna Mulè, Business and Marketing Director
Hannah Tremblay, Policy & Advocacy Manager
Cambridge, MA (*logo featured above*)

FarmSTAND

Kelsey Eberly, Senior Staff Attorney
Washington, DC

Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT)

Harry Rhodes, Executive Director
Washington, DC

Food Chain Workers Alliance

Christina Spach, Food Campaigns Director
Bi-National Organization (U.S. & Canada)

Food & Water Watch

Jim Walsh, Policy Director
Washington, DC

Friends of the Earth US

Dana Perls, Sr. Program Manager
Berkeley, CA (*logo featured above*)

HEAL (Health, Education, Agriculture, Labor) Food Alliance

Maleeka Manurasada, Organizing Director
San Diego, CA

National Black Food & Justice Alliance

Jasmine Jackson, Co-Executive Director
National Org

National Family Farm Coalition

Jim Goodman, Co-President
Washington, DC (*logo featured above*)

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

Drake Starling, Sr. Government Relations for
Energy & Environmental Policy
Washington, DC

North American Marine Alliance

Niaz Dorry, Executive Director
Gloucester, MA (*logo featured above*)

Oceana

Beth Lowell, Vice President
Washington, DC (*logo featured above*)

Slow Fish North America

Kevin Scribner, Board Chair
Walla Walla, WA

Slow Food USA

Kris Reid, Executive Director
Brett Rapkin-Citrenbaum, Policy Coordinator
New York, NY

WhyHunger

Betty Fermin, Co-Director of the Global
Movements Program
New York, NY

STATES BELOW, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

ALABAMA

Fairhope Fish House

Jake Pose, Fisherman
Fairhope, AL

ALASKA

ACAB Fishing

James Garrett Hermansen, Fishmonger
Anchorage, AK

Alaska Boats & Permits, Inc.

Maddie Lightsey, President
Homer, AK

Alaska Community Action on Toxics

Pamela Miller, Executive Director
Anchorage, AK

Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association

Linda Behnken, Executive Director
Sitka, AK

Alaska Marine Conservation Council

Michelle Stratton, Executive Director
Alaska

Alaska Village Initiatives

Ronaldi Angasan, Executive Director
Anchorage, AK

Alaskan Quota & Permits, LLC

Marcie Hinde, Fishing Broker
Petersburg, AK

Artemis Fish Co.

Aurora Schein, Commercial Fisherman
Alaska

William Connor, Setnetter

Ekuk, AK

Babic Fisheries

Heidi Babic, Commercial Fisherman
Cordova, AK

Bangarang Fish Co, Inc.

Joshua Vantrease, Commercial Fisherman
Homer, AK

Bristol Bay Media

Nels Ure, Commercial Fisherman
Naknek, AK

Coast to Coast Fish Co. LLC

Cpt. Dustin Connor, Manager and Elected Board
Member (CFAB)
Petersburg, AK

Copper River Fish Market

Sarah Ecolano, Business Owner and
Fisherwoman
Cordova, AK

Crewmember, set net site

Margaret Lemons, Commercial Fisherman
Dillingham, AK

F/V 2 Cents

Glen Nash, Commercial fisherman
Naknek, AK

F/V Anahita

Malik Keval, Captain
Naknek, AK

F/V Aravis

Spencer Burnfield, Captain
Soldotna, AK

F/V Black Dog, F/V Nimbus

Bruno Rathkd, Commercial Fisherman
Kasilof, AK

F/V Cinnamon Girl

Cpt. Ryan Ammerman, Commercial Fisherman
Bristol Bay, AK

F/V Courageous

Michael O'Laire
Homer, AK

F/V Duna

Lance Preston, Owner/Captain
Joanna Fawcett, Commercial Troller Deckhand
Sitka, AK

F/V Early Times

Filip, Michael, and Daniel Reutov, Commercial
Fishermen
Homer, AK

F/V Element

Ivan I. Basargin, Owner/Captain
Homer, AK

F/V Eyak Ryder

Rick Ballas, Commercial Fisherman
Cordova, AK

F/V Forest Edge

Thomas Harman, Commercial Fisherman
Anchorage, AK

F/V Fury Cove

Cpt. Mathias Weibel, Commercial Fisherman
Sitka, AK

F/V Gizella

Brent Davis, Commercial Fisherman
Cordova, AK

F/V GO N OFF

Jeff Christopher, Commercial Fisherman
Sitka, AK

F/V Intrepid

Kappa Reutov, Commercial Fisherman
Homer, AK

F/V Jeronimo

Stifan Martushev, Captain
Bristol Bay, AK

F/V Kalamac

Clayton Nelson, Commercial Fisherman
Kenai, AK

F/V Killer

Westin Mackenzie, Captain
Naknek, AK

F/V Lila-L

Jack Douglas, Commercial Fishing Captain
Cole Brooks, Commercial Fisherman
Julie Strang, Commercial Fisherman
Naknek, AK

F/V Maggie Lynn

Maggie Gardener, Commercial Fisherman
Gig Harbor, WA

F/V Marie Jensen

Jacob and Anna Morris, Fishermen
Randee Sharp, First Mate
Naknek, AK

F/V Mariner

Noah Swenson, Commercial Fishing Captain
Homer, AK

F/V Mud Gypsy

Tatiana Petticrew, Commercial Fisherman
South Naknek, AK

F/V Norfjord

Lauren Howard, Commercial Fisherman
Sitka, AK

F/V Ransom

Blake Bornstein, Captain
Naknek, AK

F/V Ruby

Jerold Vantrease, Commercial Fisherman
Fritz Creek, AK

F/V Rustler

Frederick Bigsby, Captain/Owner
Haines, AK

F/V Red Sky

William Lindow, Commercial Fisherman
Cordova, AK

F/V SaraDawn

Andrew Kittams, Commercial Fisherman
Petersburg, AK

F/V Scallywag

Konstantin Reutov, Commercial Fisherman
Elikonida Tozzo
Homer, AK

F/V Scotfree

Jacob Wilson, Commercial Fisherman & Bristol
Bay permit holder
Naknek, AK

F/V Shoemaker

Kyler McCarthy, Commercial Fisherman
Naknek, AK

F/V Sika

Lindsay Johnson, Commercial Fisherman &
Master 100 ton
Haines, AK

F/V Stranger

Hunter Esary, Commercial Fisherman
Sterling, AK

F/V Three Cousins

Kellan Eagle, Commercial fishing captain
Naknek, AK

F/V Tonsina Bay

Joseph Masui, Commercial fisherman, Tug Boat
Captain, real estate investor
Homer, AK

F/V Tourist

David Quashnik, Captain/Owner
Naknek, AK

F/V Transit

Gavreel Reutov, Captain
Homer, AK

Full Draw Film Tour

Cheryl Carroll, Commercial Fisherman
Cordova, AK

Graceful Fisheries

Grace Allan, Captain of Commercial Fishing
Vessel
Kodiak, AK

Abby Harris, ADFG Technician III
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Kasilof, AK

Kvichak Fish Co.

Amanda Wlaysewski, Business Owner &
Seafood Producer
King Salmon, AK

Midnight Sun Salmon

Dan Norman, Commercial Fisherman
Kenai, AK

Naknek River Setnet

Melanie Brown, Captain
Juneau, AK

Ocean Exploration Trust

Noelle Helder, Science Coordinator
Fairbanks, AK

Rocky Beach Fishsite

Abby Haughey, Commercial Fisherman
Kodiak, AK

ARIZONA**Juntos, LLC**

Bailey Spears, Restaurant Owner
Phoenix, AZ

Seafood Producers Cooperative

Kendall Whitney, Marketing Director
Sitak, AK

S/V Kartika

Andrew Sullivan, Retired
Seward, AK

SalmonState

Tim Bristol, Executive Director
Juneau, AK

Sitka Seafood Market

Michael Kohan, Director
Juneau, AK

The Flats Bistro

Holly Weeks, Hospitality Worker
Kenai, AK

Volk Fisheries Inc.

Sam Volk, Commercial and Sport Fisherman
Anchorage, AK

Watermark Marine Surveying, LLC

Elisha H. Jones, Marine Surveyor
Kodiak, AK

Winkle's Fishing

Justin Winkle, Owner Operator
Kasilof, AK

Yakobi Fisheries, LLC

Seth and Anna Stewart, Seafood Processors
Celeste Weller, Production Manager
Pelican, AK

ARKANSAS

Ozark Slow Food

Teresa Maurer, Chair
Fayetteville, AR

CALIFORNIA

Agroecology Research-Action Collective

Maywa Montenegro, Co-Founder
Santa Cruz, CA

Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries

Steve Scheiblauber, Consultant to the Board of Directors
Central Coast of California

Block Corporate Salmon

Celia LoBuono González, Organizer
San Francisco, CA

Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara (CFSB)

Kim Selkoe, Executive Director
Santa Barbara, CA

DEMueller Consulting

Dan Mueller, Consultant, Facilitator & Strategist
San Diego, CA

Edible San Diego

Katie Stokes, Publisher
Carlsbad, CA

Feed Black Futures

Ali Anderson, Co-Executive Director
Oakland, CA

F/V Johnny Boy 3

John Guerra, Commercial fisherman
Salinas, CA

F/V Night Train 2

Robert Bonanno, Commercial salmon fisherman
Riverbank, CA

Fish.

William Foss, Restaurant Owner
Sausalito, CA

Food and Agriculture Action Coalition Toward Sovereignty (FAACTS)

Jade Quizon, Project Director
San Francisco, CA

Grapevine Local Food Marketing

Emily Deevers, Website Consultant
San Diego, CA

Los Angeles Waterkeeper

Michael Quill, Marine Program Director
Erina Kwon, Senior Attorney
Los Angeles, CA

Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust

Melissa Mahoney, Executive Director
Santa Cruz, CA

number5kitchen

Carly Chan, Owner
Henry Eng, Chef
San Carlos, CA

Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center

Claire Groebner, Associate Director
National City, CA

Orange County Coastkeeper

Garry Brown, President & CEO
Costa Mesa, CA

Parable of the Sower Cooperative

Aleta Toure, Cooperative Member
Richmond, CA

Parada del Mar California

Cynthia Fuller Quinonez, Owner/Chef
National City, CA

Patagonia

Keith Shattenkirk, Program Officer
Ventura, CA (*logo featured above*)

Pots by Vlad

Vlad Khatt, Wildlife Advocate
Los Angeles, CA

Real Food Challenge

Jesse James, Organizing Director
Los Angeles, CA

Rock Bottom Commercial Fishing

Captain Eric Hodge
Santa Barbara, CA

San Diego Coastkeeper

Patrick McDonough, Senior Attorney
San Diego, CA

San Diego Fisherman's Working Group

Captain Pete Halmay
San Diego, CA (*logo featured above*)

COLORADO**Alamosa Riverkeeper**

Cindy Medina, Riverkeeper
La Jara, CO

Inland Ocean Coalition

Mia Glover, Program Manager
Boulder, CO

ROOT Marketing & PR

Kuvy Ax, Owner
Boulder, CO

CONNECTICUT**Cetacean Society International**

Jessica Dickens, President
West Hartford, CT

San Diego Food Systems Alliance

Elly Brown and Sona Desai, Co-Executive
Directors
San Diego, CA

Sea Forager

Kirk & Camilla Lombard, Co-Executive Directors
San Francisco, CA

Slow Food East Bay

Willow Blish, Chapter Leadership
Berkeley, CA

Slow Food Shasta Cascade

Kathleen Moore, Board Member
Red Bluff, CA

Slow Food Sonoma County North

Carol Diaz, Board Chair
Cloverdale, CA

SoCal 350 Climate Action

Jack Eidt
Los Angeles, CA

Yuca's Restaurants

Dora Herrera, President
Los Angeles, CA

Savor the Wild

Captain Jaymi Bethea
Fairplay, CO

Slow Food Boulder County

Johanna Popma, Board Chair
Niwot, CO

Slow Food Western Slope

Jim Brett, Leader
Hotchkiss, CO

Tender Earth

Rebecca Toms, Farmer
Milford, CT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Slow Food DC

Christina Badaracco, Consultant and Author
Washington, DC

FLORIDA

Calusa Waterkeeper, Inc.

Joseph Cavanaugh, Waterkeeper
Fort Myers, FL

Farmworker Association of Florida

Jeannie Economos, Pesticide Safety and
Environmental Health Project
Apopka, FL

Florida Commercial Watermen's Conservation

Casey Streeter, Executive Director
Tampa, FL

Pelican Point Seafood of Tarpon Springs, LLC

Amy Wirtz, Managing Partner
Tarpon Springs, FL

Pensacola Beach Advocates

Rhonda Dorfman, President
Gulf Breeze, FL

Perdido Key Association

Connie Walker, President
Pensacola, FL

Royal Rug Gallery

Jahan Yamini, Captain/Salesman
Miami, FL

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

Matt DePaolis, Environmental Policy Director
Sanibel, FL

Southeastern Fisheries Association

Bob Zales, Executive Director
Panama City, FL (*logo featured above*)

Sun & Sea Properties

William Forrestal, Co-Owner
Delray Beach, FL

Water is Life Oysters

Xochitl Bervera, Oyster Farmer & Business
Owner
Apalachicola, FL

GEORGIA

Atlantic Seafood Harvesters Cooperative

Captain Charlie Abner, Director
Decatur, GA / St. Helena Is., SC

Goodness Gracious Grocery

Chef Cassandra Loftlin, Retail Grocery
Augusta, GA

J. Galt & Associates

Donata, CEO
Atlanta, GA

Tybee Oyster Company

Laura Solomon, Owner
Savannah, GA

HAWAII

Kauai Fresh Fish

Cadena Ragsdale, Founder
Lihue, HI

Slow Food Oahu

Maria Tucker, Treasurer
Mililani, HI

IDAHO

F/V Ms Eveleen

Patrick Belt, Commercial Fisherman
West Magic, ID

Snake River Waterkeeper

Buck Ryan, Executive Director
Boise, ID

ILLINOIS

Farmworker & Landscaper Advocacy Project

Alexandra Sossa, Bilingual CEO
Chicago, IL

Monteverde

Bailey Sullivan, Executive Chef
Chicago, IL

IOWA

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Ava Auen-Ryan, Farm & Environment
Organizing Director
Des Moines, IA

Women, Food and Agriculture Network

Jennifer Studebaker
Ames, IA

KANSAS

F/V Marie Jensen

Zackary Morris, Captain/Owner
Overland Park, KS

KENTUCKY

Food in Neighborhoods Community Coalition

Andrew Kang Bartlett, Treasurer, Steering
Committee
Louisville, KY

Sustainable Agriculture of Louisville (SAL)

Stephen Bartlett
Louisville, KY

Louisville Grows

Christine Brinkmann, Executive Director
Louisville, KY

The Manchester Lexington

Paula Endara, Chef
Lexington, KY

LOUISIANA

Anna Marie Seafood

Captain Lance Nacio
Montegut, LA (*logo featured above*)

Chef St. Erik PPCS

Erik Nunley, Executive Chef
New Orleans, LA

Arnesen Seafoods

Captain Kindra Arnesen, Co-Founder
Buras, LA

Coastal Communities Consulting

Katrina Williams, Programs Coordinator
Gretna, LA

Atchafalaya Basinkeeper

Dean Wilson, Executive Director
Plaquemine, LA

Commercial Fisherman

Justin Solet, North American Marine Alliance
Board member
Lower Terrebonne Parish, LA

ATV

Nicholas Buttitta, Director
New Orleans, LA

David Chauvin's Seafood Company, LLC

David Chauvin, Owner
Chauvin, LA

Bayou Rosa Oysters

Jason Pitre, Owner
Raceland, LA

For a Better Bayou

James Hiatt, Director
Lake Charles, LA

F/V Waymaker

James Blanchard, Captain
Houma, LA

Gulf of America Outfitters

Kyle Bone, Captain
Mandeville, LA

GW Fins

Michael Nelson, Executive Chef
New Orleans, LA

Greta's Sushi

Greta Reid, Chef/Owner
New Orleans, LA

Habitat Recovery Project

Misha Mayeur, Deputy Director
Vinton, LA

Healthy Gulf

Martha Collins, Executive Director
New Orleans, LA

Kim Chauvin's Seafood Company; A.J. Horizon Inc.; KDC Marine, LLC; Tanya Lea Inc.; Huey Ice Co.; Bluewater Shrimp Company, LLC

Kim Chauvin, Owner
Chauvin, LA

Kin

Hieu Than, Chef
New Orleans, LA

Louisiana Food Policy Council

Marguerite Green, Statewide Director
St. Tammany Parish, LA

Mister Mao

Sophina Uong, Louisiana Chef & Restaurant
Owner
New Orleans, LA

Mossville Environmental Action Now (MEAN)

Debra Sullivan Ramirez, President
Mossville, LA

MREC Environmental, LLC

Gabriel Johnson, Marine Biologist
Marrero, Louisiana

New Orleans Food Policy Council

Samantha Fleurinor, Regional Director
New Orleans, LA

Nola Food Enterprises, LLC

Dana Honn, Chef & Owner
New Orleans, LA

Recirculating Farms

Marianne Cufone, Executive Director
New Orleans, LA

Rosedale

Chef Susan Spicer, Restaurateur
New Orleans, LA

Shrimp Aid

Margaret Crosby, Founder
Metairie, LA (*logo featured above*)

Sidecar Patio & Oyster Bar

Julian Frilot, Cook
New Orleans, LA

Slow Fish Board Member

Bruce Barnes, Fisheries Biologist
New Orleans, LA

Slow Food North Louisiana

Angie White, Chair
Mary Dumars, Board Member
Shreveport, LA

Southern Food Foundation

Emma Reid, Founder
New Orleans, LA

Sprout

Aminata Seck, Community Food Director
Devin Wright, Deputy Director of Producers &
Sustainability
New Orleans, LA

SSA Board Member, Commercial Shrimping

Cheri Blanchard
Houma, LA

Sunpie Music

Bruce Sunpie, Photographer, Naturalist and Big
Chief Northside Skull and Bone Gang
New Orleans, LA

Where Black NOLA Eats

Jalence Isles, Founder
New Orleans, LA

Wild Louisiana

Michelle Healey
New Orleans, LA

MAINE**Aquaculture Researcher**

Henry Sharpe
Sorrento, ME

Aragosta

Matthew Adrian, Chef
Deer Isle, ME

Big Tree Hospitality

Connor Peacock, Sous Chef
Portland, ME

Bissell Brothers

James Klecko, Brewer
Kennebunkport, ME

Buck's Restaurant

Max Janes, Chef and Restaurant Owner
Brooksville, ME

Deer Isle Oyster Company

Abigail Barrows, Aquaculturist
Stonington, ME

Downeast Salmon Federation

Dwayne Shaw, Executive Director
East Machias, ME

Edible Maine

Vanessa Seder, Food Editor
Portland, ME

Enlightened Design

Holly Faubel, Co-Founder
Belfast, ME

Highroller Lobster Company

Michael Simonds, Chef
Portland, ME

Nate Garrett, Marine Artist

South Portland, ME

Greenhorns

Severine von Tscharner Fleming, Founder and
Director
Pembroke, ME

Husky Boi

Brent Foster, Chef/Owner
Portland, ME

Independent Contractor / Smithereen Farm

Kacie Loparto, Licensed Edible Seaweed
Harvester
Washington, ME

Jess's Market, Inc.

Katie Wiggin, Seafood Market Manager
Rockland, ME

Lady Oyster

Virginia Shaffer, Owner
Bath, ME

Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries

Robin Alden, Executive Director (Ret.)
Stonington, ME

Mr. Tuna

Jordan Rubin, Chef & Owner
Portland, ME

**New England Fishermen's Stewardship
Association (NEFSA)**

Dustin Delano, Chairman & Chief Strategist
South Portland, ME (*logo featured above*)

One Fish Foundation

Colles Stowell, Founder & President
Yarmouth, ME

Peak Season

Jeanne Lurvey, Sales & Marketing Director
Belfast, ME

Protect Maine's Fishing Heritage Foundation

Crystal Canney, Executive Director
Portland, ME

RGH Design

Ronnie Hass, Owner
Kennebunkport, ME

Savor the Sea

Nicole Zlotowski, Aquaculture Farmer
Isleboro, ME

Southern Maine Crabs

Anabelle Lee Sims, Manager
Kittery, ME

The Place Bakery

Chelsea Kravitz & Christopher Dawson, Owners
Camden, ME

MARYLAND**Grey Owl**

Mark Eustis, Managing Director
Davidsonville, MD

Missionary Society of St. Columban

Amy Echeverria, International Director of
Ecology, Justice, and Peace
Silver Spring, MD

Sur Lie & Gather

Krista Cole, Owner
Portland & Yarmouth, ME

Twelve Restaurant

Colin Wyatt, Chef
Portland, ME

**Swette Center for Sustainable Food Systems
/ Ventura Foods**

Sam Herring, Sustainable Food Systems
Scholar and Food Safety Supervisor
Frederick, MD

Waterkeepers Chesapeake

Robin Broder, Acting Executive Director
Silver Spring, MD

MASSACHUSETTS**Bar Vlaha**

Eric Lord, General Manager
Boston, MA

Calabrian LLC

Eva Douzinas, President
Boston, MA

**Chatham Harvesters Fishermen's
Co-operative**

Brett Tolley, Co-Founder & General Manager
Chatham, MA

Conservation Law Foundation

Heather Govern, Vice President
Boston, MA

Eva's Little Kitchen

Eva Badra, Chef/Owner
Boston, MA

F/V Heidi Lyn & F/V Fishmaker

Chris Townsend, Commercial Fisherman
Provincetown, MA

F/V Odessa

Timothy Barrett, Commercial Fisherman &
President Northeast fishing sector 10
Marshfield, MA

Grassroots International

Trina Jackson, Solidarity Program Officer
Boston, MA

Island Creek Oysters

Christine Gibson, Restaurant Manager
Duxbury, MA

KAS Consulting

Karen Spiller, Principal
Boston, MA

Kri Kri Grill

Brendan Pelley, Executive Chef & Restaurateur
Chelmsford, MA

Longfellow Health Clubs

Laury Hammel, Owner and CEO
Wayland, MA

Our Wicked Fish

Amanda Davis, Executive Director
Deerfield, MA

Resolve Place

Courtney Cole, CEO
Gloucester, MA

Sciencecorps

Dr. Kathy Burns, Director
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA

Sustainable Business Network of MA

Laurence Hammel, Executive Director
Cambridge, MA

Temple of Understanding

Grove Harris, Director of Global Advocacy
Barnstable, MA

Turner's Seafood

Kathi Turner, CEO
Massachusetts

MICHIGAN**Airport Community School**

Grace Willer, Literacy Coach and Homestead
Owner
Carleton, MI

Detroit Community Wealth Fund

Keyanna Silverman-Maddox, Executive Director
Detroit, MI

Zingerman's Roadhouse

Bob Bennett, Head Chef
Ann Arbor, MI

MINNESOTA**Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
(IATP)**

Shiney Varghese, Sr. Policy Analyst
Minneapolis, MN

Leader Creek Fisheries

Meghan Reilly, HR for Naknek Processing Plant
St. Paul, MN

Real Food Media

Tanya Kerksen, Co-Director
Minneapolis, MN

MISSISSIPPI**A Cooking Revolution**

Julie Diaz, Founder
Clarksdale, MS

Gulf Islands Conservancy, Inc.

Terese Collins, Board Member & Pres. Emeritus
Biloxi, MS

Ship Island Excursions

Captain Louis Skrmetta
Gulfport, MS

MONTANA**Bridger Seafood**

William Baker, Commercial Fisherman
Belgrade, MT

F/V Dreamboat

Emily Fuller, Fmr. Fisherman and Educator
Helena, MT

F/V Karma

Cody Gill, Commercial Fishing Captain
Helena, MT

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Coastline Seafood

Denise Hunt, Owner
Hampton, NH

Fold'd Community Diner

Mark Segal, Chef
Somersworth, NH

Fox Point Oysters, LLC

Laura Brown, Owner of Aquaculture Farm
New Hampshire

Main Street Cheese, LLC

Sarah Gilliatt, Goat Farmer, Manager, Owner
Hancock, NH

Raymond Fisheries, Inc.

Captain Lucas Raymond
Portsmouth, NH

Swell Oyster Company

Russell Hilliard, Co-Owner
Hampton, NH

Lisa Schwarz, Freelance Florist

Portsmouth, NH

Taproot Farm & Environmental Education Center

Melissa Grella, Executive Director
Lancaster, NH

Throwback Brewery

Carrie Dahlgren, Head Chef
North Hampton, NH

NEW JERSEY

Annice Marie Fisheries

Christopher Rainone, Commercial Fisherman
Tuckerton, NJ

Clean Ocean Action

Cindy Zipf, Executive Director
Long Branch, NJ

Environmental Education Fund

Lindsey Kayman, President
Trenton, NJ

F/V Dana Christine II

Kevin Wark, Commercial Fisherman
Barnegat Light, NJ

F/V Webo / Barnegat's Best Seafood

James Dopkin, Seafood Market, Pack out dock,
Boat Owner & Operator
New Jersey

Fishermen's Dock Cooperative, Inc.

Jessica Arnot, Fishermens' Dock Office
Manager
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

Good Trouble Hospitality

David Viana, Executive Chef
Four restaurants across New Jersey

National Organic Farming Association - New Jersey (NOFA-NJ)

Cali Alexander, Policy Chair
Lambertville, NJ

Raritan Riverkeeper

Bill Schultz, Riverkeeper
Keasbey, NJ

Slow Food Northern New Jersey

Theresa Dinan, Board Member
Westfield, NJ

Slow Food South Jersey

Jeff Quattrone
Woodstown, NJ

NEW YORK

Citizens Campaign for the Environment

Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director
Farmingdale, NY

Finca Seremos

Chris Nickell and Brenda González, Co-founders
Callicoon Center, NY

Fire Farms

Adam Kingston, Chef
Hamptons, NY

Emily Fox, Freelance Chef
Brooklyn, NY

Gillin Fisheries Inc.

John Gillin, Commercial Fisherman
Jenny Gillin, CFO
Westhampton, New York

Good Food Buffalo Coalition

Jessica Gilbert-Overland, Director
Buffalo, NY

iEatGreen, LLC

Bhavani Jaroff, Owner, and Chair of Slow Food
North Shore
Old Westbury, NY

Adam Jadhav, Researcher
American Museum of Natural History
New York, NY

**Long Island Commercial Fishing Association
(LICFA)**

Bonnie Brady, Executive Director
Montauk, NY

Moms for a Nontoxic New York (MNNY)

Kathleen Curtis, Executive Director
Schenectady, NY

NORTH CAROLINA**1st Integrity Insurance Services**

Angie Fearing, Coastal Small Business Owner
Buxton, NC

Little Blue Bakehouse

Allison Vick, Chef & Owner
Raleigh, NC

**Northeast Organic Farming Association -
Interstate Council**

Steve Gilman, Policy Coordinator
Stillwater, NY

Northern Rose Selections

Kristin Pike, President
New York, NY

Overlook Farms

Maurice Pierre Friedrichs
East Chatham, NY

Oyster Club NYC LLC

Kelsey Burki, Founder
Brooklyn, NY

Pacific Cloud Seafoods

Ryan Horwath, Fishmonger, Fisherman
Buffalo, NY

Rock Steady Farm

Maggie Cheney, Co-Director & Co-Owner
Millerton, NY

Neha Savant, Wildlife & Fisheries Ecologist
City Government
New York, NY

Soul Fire Farm

Susuyu Lassa, Partnership Manager
Grafton, NY

Waterkeeper Alliance

Larry Baldwin, Program Coordinator
New York, NY

RAFI

Melanie Canales
Challenging Corporate Power Project Manager
Pittsboro, NC

Roof Above

Kurt D'Aurizio, Executive Chef
Charlotte, NC

Shellem Seafood Company

Ana Shellem, Owner/Operator
Wrightsville Beach, NC

NORTH DAKOTA

F/V Bangarang

Cpt. Nathanael Sconce, Commercial Fisherman
Watford City, ND

Dakota Resource Council

Sam Wagner, Ag & Food Field Organizer
Casselton, ND

Recreational fisher

Rita Leistritz
Wells Fargo, ND

OHIO

Williams County Alliance

Sherry Fleming, Chairperson
Bryan, OH

OREGON

At The Table Foods, LLC

Vanessa Salvia
Pleasant Hill, OR

BNS Fisheries DBA Safe Harbor Seafoods

Susannah Montague, Owner
Newport, OR

F/V Fate Hunter & F/V Marie Kathleen

Randy Layman, Owner Operator
Astoria, OR

F/V Jo El

Brett Montague, Commercial Fisherman and
Owner
Seal Rock, OR

F/V South Bay; South Bay's Wild Fish House

Rob Seitz, Commercial Fisherman
Astoria, OR

Little Fish Fine Seafood Market

Greta Horn, Commercial Fisher, Fishmonger
Coos Bay, OR

Oregon Coast Visitors Association, Inc.

Marcus Hinz, Executive Director
Tillamook, OR

Sea-Bres

Breanna Henderson, Owner of Seafood
Processing Business
Newport, OR

Whitsett Fisheries

Seth Whitsett, Commercial Fisherman & Boat
Owner
Warrenton, OR

PENNSYLVANIA

F/V Ava Jane & Wild for Salmon Inc.

Steve Kurian, Commercial Fisherman
Tess Jacobson, Marketing & E-Commerce Sales
Manager
Abigail Anne Coy, Customer Service
Representative
Meghann Miller, Director of Sales & Purchasing
Bloomsburg, PA

Fishadelphia

Veronica Sterling, Cultural Worker
Philadelphia, PA

Freelance Chef

Valerie Erwin
Philadelphia, PA

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

Dr. John Sivalon, Reverend
Scranton, PA

G Shucks and Co.

Gary McCready, Professional Oyster Shucker
Philadelphia, PA

Slow Food Philadelphia

Jennifer Dolan, Chair
Tegan Hagy, Board Member
Victoria Vricella, Fisherwoman
Philadelphia, PA / Medford, NJ

RHODE ISLAND**Dune Brothers**

Nicholas Gillespie, Chef/Wholesale Director
Rhode Island

Eat Drink Rhode Island

David Dadekian, President
Coventry, RI

Eating with the Ecosystem

Kate Masury, Executive Director
Wakefield, RI

F/V Wild and Free

Sarah Schumann, Commercial Fisherman
Warren, RI

Quonnie Fish Co-op

Frank Salustri, Co-Founder
Westerly, RI

South County Fishmonger

Jason Jarvis, Commercial Fisherman
Westerly, RI

SOUTH CAROLINA**Chefscholar, LLC**

Kevin Mitchell, Chef Instructor, Culinary
Historian
North Charleston, SC

Gullah Man Oysters

William Green Jr., Founder
Hilton Head, SC

TENNESSEE**Saam**

Colby Rasavong, Executive Chef
Nashville, TN

Slow Food Tri-Cities

Sarah Long, President
Johnson City, TN

Tennessee Riverkeeper

David Whiteside, Executive Director
Decatur, AL

TEXAS**Alabama Gardens**

Calina Kumula, Permaculture Educator &
Gardener
Alabama St., Houston, TX

F/V Sea Horse

Kyle Kimball, Owner, Captain
Nederland, TX

Cummings Education Consulting

Prof. Carol Cummings
Sugar Land, TX

I.B. Double D., LLC

Binh Han, Manager
Groves, TX

Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance

Judith McGeary, Executive Director
Cameron, Texas

Port Arthur Area Shrimper's Association

Tricia Kimball, Vice President
Nederland, TX

F/V Brigadier Sr.

Cpt. Sebastiano A. Valastro, Owner
Galveston, TX

Store House Market & Eatery

David Barrow, Restaurant Owner, Farmer
Sonya Cote, Chef
Bastrop, TX

Xpozher

Yolanda Green, Boutique Owner
Houston, TX

UTAH**Deckhand** (across several boats)

Paul Jones, Commercial Fisherman
Murray, UT

F/V Lightfoot

Ryan Guiggey, Captain
Salt Lake City, UT

Slow Food Utah

Gwen Crist, Chair
Salt Lake City, UT

VERMONT**Cedar Mountain Farm & Cobb Hill Cheese**

Stephen Leslie, Dairy & Produce Farmer
Hartland, VT

Center for an Agricultural Economy

Kelly Stokes, Communications Coordinator
Barton, VT

Chile Colorado

Mara Welton, Owner
Burlington, VT

Community Dock Seafood

Maria Steyaart, Seafood Market Owner
Duxbury, VT

F/V Miss Alice

Captain Lynn Steyaart, Commercial fisher, direct marketer
Duxbury, VT

Hunger Free Vermont

Victoria Castillo, Operations and Program Support Specialist
South Burlington, VT

Informed Green Solutions

Carol Westinghouse, President
Charleston, VT

Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT)

Maddie Kempner, Policy & Organizing Director
Richmond, VT

Rural Vermont

Graham Unangst-Rufenacht, Policy Director
Montpelier, VT

UVM Institute for Agroecology

Shane Rogers, Outreach and Narrative Lead
Milton, VT

VIRGINIA**Food Works Group**

Lani Furbank, Researcher
Annandale, VA

Slow Food USA

John Haddad, Regional Councilor
Richmond, VA

Still Kickin' Seafood and Stay the Course LLC

Nathan Everett, Commercial Fisherman, Captain, Owner/Operator
Virginia

WASHINGTON**Alaska's Big Village Network**

Carl Wassilie, Yup'ik Biologist
Vashon, WA

Bristol Marine LLC

David Vardy, Commercial Fisherman
Stanwood, WA

Community Alliance for Global Justice

Heather Day, Executive Director
Seattle, WA

Deep Cove, LLC

Jace Rinker, Commercial Fisherman
Bellingham, WA

Duna Fisheries, LLC

Amy Grondin, Co-Owner & Fisherman
Port Townsend, WA

Eatmoresalmon LLC

Erwin Stroosma, Commercial Fisherman
Mount Vernon, WA

Fall Line Fisheries, LLC

Captain Michael Jackson
Bellingham, WA

Farm and Food Justice Network

Jude Wait, Director
Vancouver, WA

Fishing Vessel Owners Association

Robert Alverson, Executive Director
Bothell, WA

F/V Komiza

Cpt. Nikolas Mardesich, Commercial Fisherman
Anacortes, WA

F/V Arminta

Greg Friedrichs, Co-Owner, Fisherman
Port Townsend, WA

F/V Balaiaik

Susan Aspelund, Ex-commercial fishing captain
Port Angeles, WA

F/V Betty H

Jeremy Brown, Fisherman
Bellingham, WA

F/V Daddy O

Cpt. Miles Oczkewicz, Commercial Fisherman
Ferndale, WA

F/V Dan O

Alex Oczkewicz, Commercial Fisherman
Mt. Vernon, WA

F/V Echoleen

Maryanna and Randall Kroeze, Owners
Moses Lake, WA

F/V Evergreen, F/V Fantasea2, F/V Sinner

David Lawler, Boat Owner, fish buyer/trader
Bellingham, WA & Naknek, AK

F/V Joan L

Cpt. Mark Ludwig, Commercial Fisherman
Stanwood, WA

F/V Josey Wales

Milton Best, Commercial Fisherman
Poulsbo, WA

F/V Kamanu

George Gjertsen, Captain
Everett, WA

F/V Katana

Cpt. Brendan Mulholland, Owner, BBSS
Commercial Fisherman
Blaine, WA

F/V Karly

Peter Nash, Commercial Fisherman
Seattle, WA

F/V Kristina Mae

Peter Girvan, Captain
Friday Harbor, WA

F/V Miss Melito

Mike Carr, Commercial Fisherman
Port Townsend, WA

F/V Oceanus

Kate Patera, Commercial Fisherman
Bellingham, WA

F/V Opportunity

Kim Hathaway, Fisherwoman
Bothell, WA

F/V Ransom

Gary Green, Commercial Fisherman
Seattle, WA

F/V Shane D

Anne Mossness, Fmr. Commercial Fishing
Captain
Bellingham, WA

F/V Stella Mae

Cpt. Will Koger, Commercial Fisherman
Arlington, WA

F/V Stormy

Nick Zuanich, Commercial Fishing Captain and
Boat Owner
Bellingham, WA

F/V TEN

Cpt. Chuck Carpenter, Commercial Fisherman
Everett, WA

F/V Tommie O

Jason Schultz, Commercial fisherman
Washougal, WA

F/V Woozie (AK); F/V Intruder (WA)

Patrick Nash, Commercial Fisherman
Friday Harbor, WA

Gilmore Fisheries, F/V Outsider, F/V Seahawk

Talia Lawrence, Commercial Fisherman
Seattle, WA

Kathleen Henneuse, Commercial fisherman
Crewmember & Student
Seattle, WA

Inna Pinch, LLC

Chris Grifo, Commercial Fisherman
Washington

Mark Kaufman, Ret. Environmental Planner
Washington Department of Ecology
Bellingham, WA

WISCONSIN

Amy Cottrell, Fisheries Biologist
State Government
Milwaukee, WI

Lummi Island Wild

Ian Kirouac, President
Bellingham, WA

Mangrove Action Project

Alfredo Quarto, Co-Founder & Advocacy
Director
Port Angeles, WA

Peggy Jo and the Prodigal Son

Martin Mundell, Captain / CEO
Bellingham, WA

RE Sources

Kirsten McDade, North Sound Waterkeeper
Bellingham, WA

Rich's Marine Repair

Richard Cordes, Marine Electrical
Snohomish, WA

Salmonberry Tribal Associates

Leo Wassilie, Co-Founder & Indigenous
Fisherman
Nenana, WA

Seater & Co.

Kim Seater, Owner / Commercial Fisher
Seattle, WA

Twin Harbors Waterkeeper

Eleanor Hines, Executive Director
Rochester, WA

Two If By Seafoods

Shannon Ward, Commercial Fisherman and
Small Business Owner
St. John, WA

WAC Fisheries

Philip Lafata, Captain
Ferndale, WA

YouBetcha

Kimberly Regner, Owner
Cedar Grove, WI