

USDA Aquaculture Production Systems Stakeholder Listening Session
August 16, 2018
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT
Notes

Co-Hosts:

- Gene Kim, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, National Program Leader, Aquaculture
- Caird Rexroad, III, USDA Agricultural Research Service, National Program Leader, Aquaculture

23 attendees: producers, industry, academia, federal, and ARS Scientists

Genetics, Breeding and Broodstock:

- Improve fish rearing conditions in production systems.

Fish Health:

- Improve fish health in production systems.

Nutrition:

- Need RAS specific feeds – what works best in systems.

Additional Priorities:

- Want Conservation Fund Freshwater Institute to continue research on Production Systems. This is critical research. Do a good job promoting Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS).
- Need to work on marketing side of the general seafood industry - need research funding on what consumers will eat in terms of seafood.
 - Marketing and consumer behavior studies.
 - How can we promote American aquaculture and aquaculture in general?
- Need renewed emphasis on production for bird predation, particularly on fingerling farms.
 - Need protection, preventative measures - use of drones, scare tactics, etc.
 - This is an animal welfare issue to both aquatic and wildlife animals.
 - Disease issue as predators carry pathogens.
 - Looking for new technology to slow down predation.

LIST OF WEBINAR ATTENDEES

Name	Affiliation
Ashley Eagle-Gibbs	Environmental Action Committee of Maine
Bart Green	USDA Agricultural Research Service
Brian Peterson	USDA Agricultural Research Service
Brittany Peachey	Hudson Valley Fish Farms, Inc.
Chris Good	Conservation Fund Freshwater Institute
Christine Lepine	Conservation Fund Freshwater Institute
Damien Claire	Atlantic Sapphire, LLC
Darrel Nice	Tetra Tech, Inc.
Freshwater Institute	Conservation Fund Freshwater Institute

Name	Affiliation
Ganesh Kumar	Mississippi State University
Jennifer Fortier	Whole Oceans, LLC
Jessica Fox	RALCO
Joe McElwee	Whole Oceans, LLC
Joe Morris	Iowa State University
John Davidson	Conservation Fund Freshwater Institute
Laura Bailey	Conservation Fund Freshwater Institute
Les Torrans	USDA Agricultural Research Service
Lyn Reed	Reed Mariculture, Inc.
Margaret Parker	USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Paul Zajicek	National Aquaculture Association
Peter Bechtel	USDA Agricultural Research Service
Russ McPherson	Harvest Select
Steve Summerfelt	Superior Fresh, LLC