

November 2025 Newsletter

Welcome!

AMA's e-newsletter is now monthly, and we want your feedback on what you'd like to see in these updates! Please [reach out by email](#) to share any feedback, or send news, events and classifieds our way to include in future newsletters.

Check it out below, and let us know what you think!

Updates from AMA

Seattle's One Ocean Week includes AK mariculture

In October, AMA staff traveled to Seattle to attend One Ocean Week, a weeklong celebration of ocean sustainability organized by Washington Maritime Blue and modeled after the original One Ocean Week in Bergen, Norway -- Seattle's sister city.

Read Alaska Sea Grant Fellow Emma Luck's reflection on the event below, and scroll for more photos & updates about mariculture at One Ocean week.

"The event offered a valuable opportunity to connect with partners, learn about emerging blue economy efforts, and highlight ocean conservation and fisheries work happening across Alaska and the broader West Coast.

A major highlight was the 'Roundtable to Identify Shared Challenges and Opportunities for Synergy' across the Greater Pacific Northwest Seaweed Farming Industry, hosted by Maritime Blue and the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation.

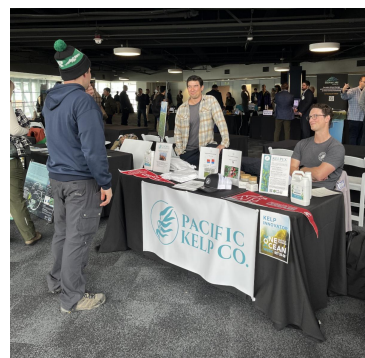
Kelp farmers, processors, and support staff from across the West Coast gathered for a morning of networking, brainstorming, and problem-solving. The session offered an in-depth look at the kelp farming sector—its challenges, its opportunities, and some of the key strengths Alaska brings to the industry. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn from experts from here in Alaska and beyond.

I left One Ocean Week feeling inspired, and I'm bringing back new perspectives and ideas to help support our mariculture farmers here at home!"

-[Emma Luck](#), AMA Alaska Sea Grant State Fellow



Alaska mariculture products displayed at ocean innovation showcase



Kachemak Kelp's Selkie Soak honored at Alaska Symphony of Seafood

Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation held the annual Alaska Symphony of Seafood event in conjunction with One Ocean Week.

Kachemak Kelp was awarded top honors in the 'Beyond the Plate' category for its Selkie Soak, a sugar kelp-based bath soak.

[Read more about the Symphony of Seafood winners in the Cordova Times.](#)



Apply now for Round 3 of the Mariculture Incentive Grant program!



Reminder! AMA is accepting applications for Round 3 of the [Mariculture Incentive Grant Program \(MIGP\)](#). The MIGP provides grant funds for mariculture farmers, processors, nurseries and hatchery operations in Alaska. Applicants must meet a 1-to-1, dollar-for-dollar match requirement through cash or loans.

Loans secured through [AMC's Revolving Loan Fund \(RLF\)](#) qualify for MIGP's match requirement. If you are planning to use a Revolving Loan Fund loan as a source of matching funds for your MIGP application and have questions or concerns about your loan timeline, [please email us](#).

More information is [available on AMA's website](#). Reach out to grants@alaskamariculture.org with questions!

[Apply Now](#)

AMA Members encouraged to join board committees!

We encourage our members to join any of our committees! Having an active role in the discussions, planning, and actions in our committees greatly helps AMA continue working toward our mission.

Most of our committees meet virtually as needed. See below for a list of committees and current chairs, and [email AMA staff](#) if you'd like to join one!

- Development Committee - Chairs Lindsay Olsen & Lia Heifetz
- Finance Committee - Chair Thea Thomas
- Governmental Policy Committee - Chair Julie Decker
- Governance Committee - Chair Heather McCarty
- Outreach Committee - Chairs Nick Mangini & Tomi Marsh

Mariculture in the News

Links to Alaska Mariculture news & reports

Food 52: [What I learned from a week of eating oysters in Alaska](#) & [Alaska Oyster Tour Overview \(Instagram\)](#) & [Vegan Kelp Caviar recipe \(Instagram\)](#) & [Foraged Risotto with Kelp recipe \(Instagram\)](#)

KRBD: [Kelp seed hatchery expansion could be coming to Ketchikan](#)

The Fish Site: [How seaweed is helping salmon keep Cordova's economy buoyant](#) & [A Wild Blueprint for Alaska's Coastal Communities](#)

Alaska Mariculture Research & Training Center: [October 2025 Newsletter](#)

NY Sea Grant: [Seaweed Food Safety Guidance](#)

Greenwave: [Shared Standards, Stronger Seed: Alaska Nurseries Put Proven SOP to work](#)

Visit [AMA's website](#) for links to other recent mariculture news!

Mariculture internships available through Students to Startups

Attention students looking for mariculture internships! The Alaska **Center for Innovation, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship**, the innovation hub at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, is hosting its **Students to Startups (S2S)** summer internship, with several mariculture operations serving as host companies. This 12-week paid, remote program collaborates with 30 diverse Alaska-based startups, offering positions where students work 32 hours/week directly with a chosen company and spend 8 hours/week in entrepreneurial training with Center ICE. Interns are paid \$18/hour (or their departmental rate for grad students), and UA system students can apply to up to three startups with a single application. For questions or more info, students should contact Michael Martins at mwmartins@alaska.edu.

Please share with any students you know interested in mariculture!

Build Back Better Updates



There's plenty underway at the Alaska Mariculture Cluster with the EDA's Build Back Better Regional Challenge.

Visit the [Alaska Mariculture Cluster website](#) to learn more about these opportunities!

Mariculture RFPs are live

- Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation's Joint Innovation Round 3 applications are due December 2. This opportunity supports individuals, businesses and organizations conducting applied research and development projects that address barriers to growth in Alaska's mariculture industry, specifically focused on **innovations in product development**. [Learn more online](#).

Green Energy in Mariculture report released

- A new report based in part on industry surveys analyzes how Alaska's mariculture industry uses energy and how it can transition toward cleaner, more efficient power sources. Learn more about [the AMC green energy project online](#), and [download the full report here](#).

Upcoming Events

Please join us for these upcoming events and stay in the loop on Alaska mariculture happenings by visiting our [website](#) and social media (linked at the end of this email).

- UAF Cooperative Extension Service: Invasive European Green Crab**, Webinar, November 19: 12-1 p.m. AK
- Alaska Mariculture Cluster: Summary of Work to Date (Ecotrust)**, Webinar, November 20: 12-1 p.m. AK
- AMA Board of Directors Meeting** Zoom, Dec. 11: 1-3 p.m. AK
- AMA Board of Directors Meeting** Zoom, Jan. 8: 1-3 p.m. AK
- AMC Quarterly Governance Body Meeting**, Anchorage, Jan. 14: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- AMA Partner and Ex-Officio Roundtable Webinar**, Zoom, Jan. 22: 12-1 p.m. AK
- AMA Partner and Ex-Officio Roundtable Webinar**, Zoom, Feb. 26: 12-1 p.m. AK
- Mariculture Conference of Alaska**, Anchorage, March 10-12, 2026
- Alaska Mariculture Alliance Annual Meeting**, Anchorage/Zoom, March 12, 2026
- Alaska Sea Grant Trainings**, Various, see the schedule for webinar and training info.
- Greenwave Trainings**, Various, see the schedule for webinar and training info.



Planning is underway for the 2026 Mariculture Conference of Alaska! The conference will be held March 10-12 at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage.

Registration is open for **attendees** and **vendors**, with the tradeshow slated for March 10.

Pre-conference workshops will be held March 9.

- NOAA Fisheries Alaska Region Fisheries Office is hosting an Alaska Aquaculture Opportunity Atlas Rollout and Webtool Planning Workshop, with limited travel support for participants. More details are available in [this flyer](#).
- Stay tuned for additional workshop announcements and other mariculture events during

Know of a mariculture event not listed here? Email us

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the conference week!

Miss an AMA Webinar?

AMA has a [Youtube page](#) with recordings of past webinars & roundtables. Catch up on our past webinars, and [send us a note](#) if you have an idea for the next one!

Mariculture Classifieds

Do you have mariculture equipment or vessels for sale? Email a brief description and contact info to info@alaskamariculture.org to be included in AMA's new classifieds section!



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