MEMBER'S ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

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ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The National Aquaculture Association is a U.S. producer-driven, non-profit trade association founded in 1991. For over 32 years NAA has been the united voice of the domestic aquaculture committed to the continued growth of our industry, working with state and federal governments to create a business climate conducive to our success, and fostering cost-effective environmental stewardship and sustainability.

PRIORITIES / ACTIVITIES FOR FY2023

The NAA is led by a 23-member Board of Directors that represent: 1) 1,500 species, hybrids or varieties of aquatic animals and plants farmed as seafood, bait, recreational fishing, aquarium and water gardening, and biological control of nuisance aquatic plants, 2) indoor and outdoor production systems that include ponds, tanks, raceways, net pens, baskets, cages, cover nets, and net bags operated on land and in coastal, nearshore and offshore waters and 3) domestic and foreign markets. The NAA's work occurs within farmer-led subject matter oriented committees which reflect the aquaculture farming community priorities:

Aquatic Animal Health
Aquatic Animal Welfare
Marine Aquaculture
Non-Indigenous Species/Aquatic Nuisance Species
Research and Technology
Seafood Safety and Security
Transportation
Wildlife Depredation

Our primary focus is working with Congress and the federal agencies to improve or create legislation, programs, policies and regulation to responsibly expand US aquaculture. To achieve our advocacy mission during 2023, we will present during national, regional, state and species aquaculture association meetings, organize online webinars, sponsor the annual national aquaculture conference, "walk the hill" to visit with House and Senate offices, distribute electronic Updates and Alerts to members, and prepare comment letters to agencies, media, and Congress advocating for US aquaculture.