



Oregon Aquaculture Advisory Group*

Mission, Vision and Action Statements

Following the Groups regular meeting of 27 March 2014, the following principles and activities have been agreed upon to guide the Group's work:

OAAG Vision

A progressive, safe and resilient aquaculture community that positions Oregon as globally competitive in the culture of fish, shellfish, and other farmed aquatic products.

OAAG Mission

To promote and facilitate an innovative state-wide program to develop aquaculture as an agriculture sector in Oregon that is economically beneficial, environmentally friendly, and socially responsible.

OAAG General Goals

- * Foster economic development through sustainable aquaculture farming and best management practices.
- * Promote safe, local food production through aquaculture.
- * Protect and enhance environmental and social quality.
- * Educate consumers, communities, and policy makers about the benefits, opportunities and challenges of aquaculture.
- * Support innovative research to foster beneficial aquaculture production and decision-making.
- * Clarify and streamline regulatory and legislative processes governing aquaculture.
- * Support agency, university and institutional capacity for fostering sound aquaculture development.
- * Identify waters, lands and tidelands most suitable for aquaculture development through collaborative planning processes.
- * Compliment and grow existing agricultural and fisheries infrastructures and businesses in concert with aquaculture.

OAAG Outputs & Actions

It is anticipated the OAAG will develop, review and endorse the following key elements guiding the State aquaculture program's development:

- ◆ Mission, vision, goals, and output statements
- ◆ Strategy document for the way forward;
- ◆ “White Paper” reviewing the *status quo*, opportunities and constraints as well as elaborating developmental options including target species and systems;
- ◆ Recommendations for immediate adjustments to constraints as highlighted by the White Paper;
- ◆ Prioritizing opportunities as identified by the White Paper;
- ◆ Synthesis of optimal relationships between stakeholder groups;
- ◆ Recommendations for updated regulations, policies, and legislation, including enhanced monitoring;
- ◆ Recommendations for expanded marketing and branding of Oregon Aqua Products;
- ◆ Suggestions and models for strengthening the State Producer Organization(s);
- ◆ Suggestions for relevant capacity, research and outreach development and support;
- ◆ A draft *Oregon Aquaculture Development Plan* including components of all of the elements above;

In addition, OAAG is expected to take the following actions:

- ❖ Seek funding for specific work and projects as needed through intramural and extramural sources;
- ❖ Communicate OAAG progress and outputs using appropriate methods to targeted stakeholder groups;
- ❖ Create Annual Action Plans to address current and emerging aquaculture issues with specific goals and outputs;
- ❖ Form specific task forces as necessary to create draft documents for OAAG review and submission to ODA.

() Membership in OAAG includes: Relevant ODA services; Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; Oregon State University; Oregon Sea Grant; US Department of Agriculture; Oregon Aquaculture Association; Ecotrust Citizen's Group; Fish and shellfish processors; and, Fish and shellfish growers*

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