



SAVE-THE-DATES

Join Us for a Series of Regional Workshops on Farming Seaweeds and Seagrasses in Coastal Waters of the United States

The United States Department of Agriculture and the Center for Seafood Solutions at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences are pleased to announce a series of virtual, half-day stakeholder engagement workshops focused on a report being prepared for Congress on the prospects of seaweed and seagrass farming in coastal waters of the United States.

Overseen by the [Interagency Working Group for Farming Seaweeds and Seagrasses](#), the report will consider the opportunities for farming seaweeds and seagrasses to deacidify ocean environments and provide agricultural products such as livestock feeds. The Working Group also supports a range of demonstration products which seek to demonstrate capacity for ocean deacidification, or produce livestock feeds or other products derived from seaweeds.

We want to hear your perspective and hope you'll join the discussion! Mark your calendars and share this save-the-date with farmers, non-profits, scientists and others who might be interested to join. The workshops will be regionally focused and held on the following dates.

- October 23, 2023: US Islands and Territories
- October 30, 2023: Gulf of Mexico Region
- November 6, 2023: East Coast Region
- November 9, 2023: West Coast and Alaska Regions

An agenda for each workshop, registration information and a draft copy of the report will be circulated in the months ahead.

Purpose of the workshop series: Each workshop will provide a forum for participants to engage on the following topics:

- Explore how the draft report captures the state of the science
- Learn about pilot studies funded under this initiative
- Discuss key topics and priorities with subject matter experts
- Review and consider draft report recommendations
- Generate awareness of coordination capacity and ways to advance collaboration in the future (both in the United States and abroad)

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We hope to see you and many others at one or more of these virtual events!