

Delivering on Aquaculture's Potential: A Call to Action

Aquaculture, or the farming of aquatic animals and plants, is widely recognized for making vital contributions to healthy diets and sustainable food systems. It is the world's fastest growing food sector. But, to fully deliver on aquaculture's growth potential, even more can be done to help ensure the sector's growth is purpose driven to provide nourishment in equitable and climate-resilient ways. Recognizing this, executives from across the international aquaculture sector gathered to better harness their knowledge and expertise to catalyze advancements towards more purpose driven aquaculture at speed and scale. **To help frame their work and deliver on this vision, the executives identified and committed to initiating collective actions on eight key areas:**

LEARNING AND SHARING EXPERIENCES

- 1 Establish a learning and acceleration hub and related database to collect and encourage the wider use of proven **models to scale sustainable aquaculture production**, such as pre-competitive collaboration platforms, innovative financing systems and open platform technology sharing
- 2 Aggregate business case examples for **breaking the 'commodity trap'** to help support producers investing in sustainable products and inform market-specific regional opportunities, accounting for distinct cultures and business climates

SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE REGULATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- 3 Develop a comprehensive white paper that describes the **business case for aquaculture's role** in supporting healthy, sustainable diets and communities, and provides a framework for evolving and forward-looking regulatory regimes, needed infrastructure and other opportunity areas
- 4 Support evolution of forward-looking aquaculture **regulatory systems** to encourage environmentally- and socially-sustainable growth for the sector
- 5 Expand **inclusive, sustainable financing opportunities to support growth** – encouraging the flow of finance into sustainable aquaculture to promote food and nutrition staples for smallholders, women and youth at scale

SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION AND INNOVATION

- 6 Assess opportunities for pre-competitive collaborations in **aquatic genetic resources**, considering better aquatic animal nutrition, genetic improvement programs, regional focus and diversification
- 7 Create **global and regional hubs and mechanisms for technology transfer** on effective innovations and best practices to accelerate dispersion at scale, including in underserved regions such as Africa

INCREASING TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS

- 8 Communicate the **role of aquaculture in supporting nutritious, resilient food systems** more effectively by providing transparency to all stakeholders on the sector's ongoing efforts to improve and deliver a responsible and healthy source of food

We invite others from private sector to join us in this Call to Action. Email Sophie Ryan (sryan@globalsalmoninitiative.org) & Aliesha Piggott (aliesha@futurefish.org) to get involved.



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