

August 2022 Update

Aloha Hawai‘i Aquaculture Collaborative members,

It’s been a productive summer for Hawai‘i aquaculture! Here is a summary of progress and actions.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- HDOA Microgrants for Food Security Program – [Application](#) deadline: 9/19/22 before noon
- State of Hawai‘i Grant-in-Aid – prepare your proposals now to be ready for the RFP in Dec 2022 and due in Jan 2023. The [application](#) format will be similar to previous years.

Summer 2022 Progress

Aqua+Culture video airs on KHON, Hawaiian Airlines inflight programming, and social media	150 stakeholders attended What’s the Catch? Cultivating Hawai‘i’s Seafood Future	81 stakeholders attended Tech & Research Brown Bags	4 new aquaculture positions created at the HDOA	HDOA releases the Aquaculture Development Program Strategic Plan for 2023-2033	60+ aquaculture jobs posted at hiaquacollab.org
Please see below for more updates and details					

Increasing Government Support & Communications/Marketing

1. In June, approximately 150 stakeholders gathered at the premiere of [Aqua+Culture](#), a Taste Our Love for Hawai‘i video to promote aquaculture in Hawai‘i. The premiere was coupled with What’s the Catch? Cultivating Hawai‘i’s Seafood Future, [keynote](#) by Dick Jones of Blue Ocean Mariculture; and [panel discussion](#) with Alexia Akbay from Symbrosia, Ikaika Rogerson of the Waimanalo Limu Hui, John Dobovan from Kulahaven Farms, and moderated by Senator Glenn Wakai. Mahalo to Blue Ocean Mariculture, Hawai‘i Fish Company, Kunia Country Farms, Kupu Place, and Local I‘a for contributing to the delicious gourmet bento. Attendees enjoyed a swag bag with surprises from Cyanotech, Kualoa Ranch, and info from NOAA, HDOA, KUA, Limu Hui, and others partners. Mahalo to the Hawai‘i Ag Foundation for their collaboration and partnership!
2. This event helped spur dialogue with legislative staff on what the Hawai‘i aquaculture industry needs from policymakers and government partners. See this [Discussion Table](#) for industry and government perspectives, resources, funding opportunities, and collaboration.
3. Mahalo to Todd Low from the HDOA who shared the [Aquaculture Development Program Strategic Plan for 2023-2033](#).

Technology & Research; Processing & Feed

4. In partnership with NELHA, Aquaculture Tech & Research Brown Bags commenced every 2nd Wednesday of each month from noon-12:30 p.m. via Zoom and in the NELHA Conference Room.

Mahalo to Dave Anderson of Kauai Sea Farm for kicking us off with [Cyanobacteria vs. Diatom Production in a Restored Loko I‘a \(help us grow clams!\)](#). Here are the [slides](#) and [recording](#).

Mahalo to Neil Sims of Ocean Era for [Sashimi with a softer footprint – sustainable feeds for farming marine fish in Hawai‘i](#). Here are the [slides](#) and [recording](#).

Our next session is on Sept 14 @ noon. The topic and meeting link will be sent out soon and will be posted on hiaquacollab.org.

These problem solving sessions bring industry leaders and stakeholders together to collaborate on aquaculture solutions. If you have an aquaculture problem to solve, please contact Kai at bradleyf@hawaii.edu.

Workforce Development

5. Blue Ocean Barns is recruiting multiple [algae technicians](#) and they are connecting with education partners to help build a talent pipeline. We forwarded info on the Algae Technology Educational Consortium [Algae Cultivation Extension Short-course Part 1: Macroalgae](#), which is a free online curriculum. They are assessing whether the course can be applied in Hawai'i.
6. We are coordinating a meeting with Windward Community College and their plans for an algae technician training program.

Thank you for your leadership and partnership! Please let us know what questions you have and how the Hawai'i Aquaculture Collaborative can help you advance your work.

Mahalo,

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