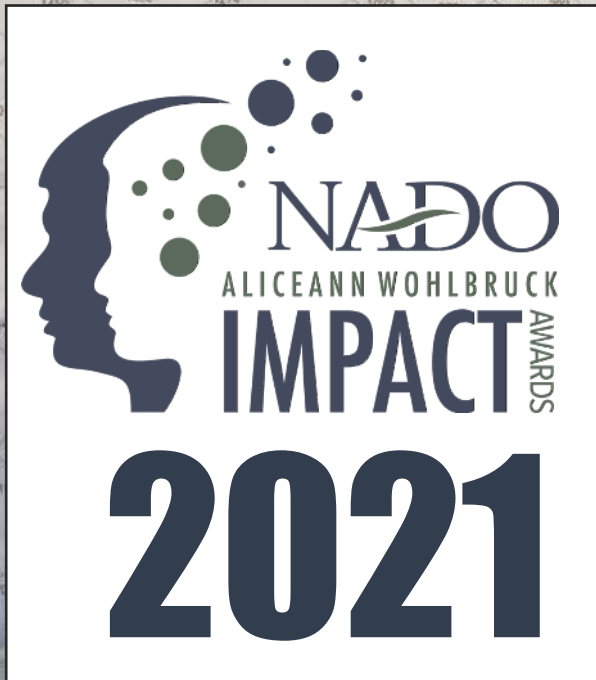


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2025 SOUTHEAST ALASKA ECONOMIC PLAN

Recipient of the 2021 NADO Impact Award



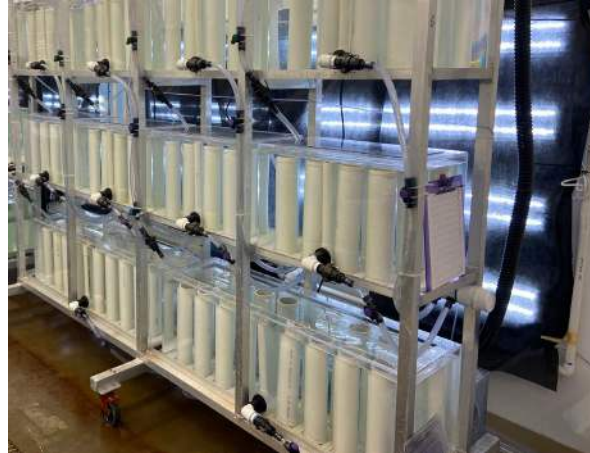
Southeast Alaska 2025 Economic Plan

Southeast Conference's Comprehensive
Economic Development Strategy
2021-2025



In Alaska, mariculture is enhancement, restoration and farming of shellfish and seaweeds.

Finfish farming is prohibited by Alaska Statute 16.40.210





ALASKA MARICULTURE CLUSTER



\$49 Million
EDA Funds

\$15 Million
cash & in-kind match



Project Period

Oct 1, 2022 -

Sept 30, 2026



**13 Subaward
Recipients**



7 Components

with more than 25 projects

- ◆ Mariculture Revolving Loan Fund
- ◆ Governance, Coordination & Outreach
- ◆ Workforce Development
- ◆ Research and Development
- ◆ Market Development
- ◆ Green Energy
- ◆ Equipment and Technology

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AWARDEES
Build Back Better Regional Challenge



AMERICAN
RESCUE PLAN



ALASKA MARICULTURE CLUSTER Governance Body

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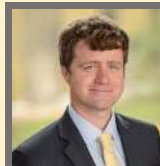
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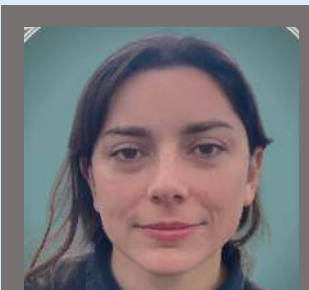
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The Alaska Mariculture Cluster (AMC) Component Project Updates

Revolving Loan Fund

Available Summer 2024

Technical Assistance Available



Governance, Coord. & Outreach

4 Governance Body Mtgs to-date

4 Tribal Liaison Contracts

Public Engagement Plan Initiated



Workforce Development

UA Mariculture courses are up & running – 40 students enrolled

Hands-on Training ongoing

Workforce Development plan completed



Research & Development

JIPs Funding 15 projects:

*Innovations in processing, farming, mooring, shellfish growth & enhancement *round 2 coming soon!*

- Mariculture Conference Feb 27-29
- Seaweed Tissue Analysis ongoing
- ADF&G- Kelp Genetic Research



Market Development

Mariculture Market Research Agenda & Landscape Assessment completed

Established Marketing Stakeholder Group



Green Energy

Project Initiated

\$800 stipend to 2024

participating farmers *see website for more details*

Equipment & Technology

4 RFPs Initiated

- + Feasibility Study- \$1M (*funded*)
- + Equipment- \$5.75M (*requested*)
- + Other Species- \$650K (*requested*)
- + Economic Services- (*published*)

ADEC PSP Equipment procurement initiated



Grant Management

Grant Evaluation Services through Ecotrust

3 Grant Management Positions funded

Ecotrust

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

40 STUDENTS
currently enrolled in UA's
BBB Mariculture Programs

+\$5M In new projects
Awarded in 2023

+\$8.8M Requested
in 2024





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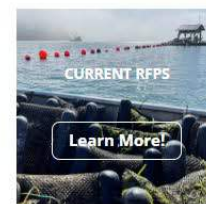
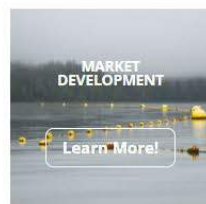
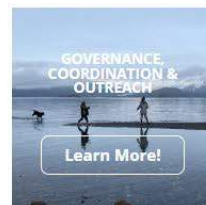
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Latest News

The Washington Post- [Climate Solutions: Alaska's Newest Gold Rush: Seaweed](#)

Join us in Homer for the [Kenai Peninsula Regional Mariculture Meet up!](#) Check the [calendar page](#) for details.

U.S. Department of Commerce Invests Approximately \$49 Million to Boost Mariculture Industry in Alaska Through American Rescue Plan Regional Challenge

Southeast Conference named as a winner in the U.S. EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge

Calendar

- AUG 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
9 Kenai Peninsula Regional Mariculture Meet Up
- AUG 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
17 Alaska Mariculture Cluster Market Research RFQ due
- FEB February 26, 2024 @ 8:00 am - February 29, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
26 2024 Annual Mariculture Conference

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