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## Alaska Regional Office

Collaborating with the State of Alaska over the coming years, NOAA will work to sustainably advance invertebrates (shellfish, sea cucumber), and seaweed farming in state waters.

Finfish aquaculture will not be considered during the identification of AOAs in Alaska because it is prohibited by state law.

NOAA provides science-based tools and strategies to help communities thoughtfully consider how and where to sustainably develop aquaculture that complements wild-caught fisheries, working waterfronts, and resilient communities.

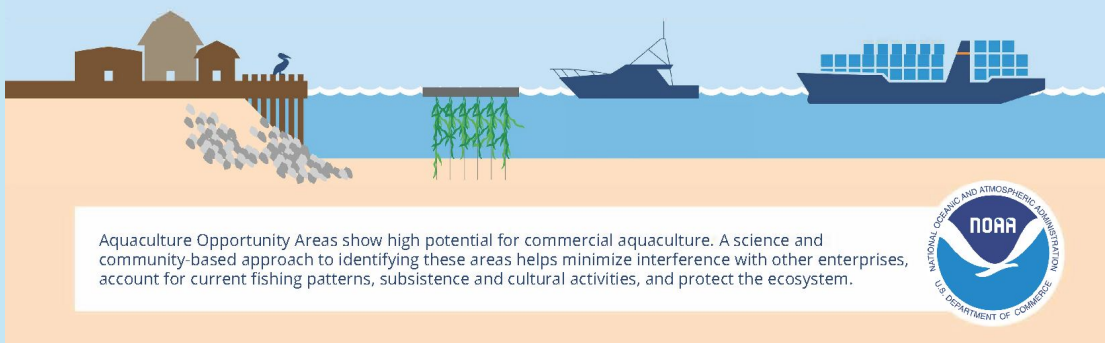
# Aquaculture Opportunity Areas: Additional Listening Session!

## What is an Aquaculture Opportunity Area?

AOAs will expand economic opportunities in coastal and rural areas, and increase our nation's seafood security.

AOAs use the best available science to find appropriate spaces for sustainable aquaculture.

AOAs minimize interactions with other users, such as shipping, fishing, subsistence activities, and the military.



Aquaculture Opportunity Areas show high potential for commercial aquaculture. A science and community-based approach to identifying these areas helps minimize interference with other enterprises, account for current fishing patterns, subsistence and cultural activities, and protect the ecosystem.

## We Want to Hear from the Public

NOAA is beginning the process to identify Aquaculture Opportunity Areas (AOAs) in Alaska state waters, in partnership with the State of Alaska. NOAA invites the public to provide relevant information on the identification of study areas, data, and analyses relevant to identifying AOAs in Alaska state waters. This includes areas that should or shouldn't be considered, subsistence harvest locations, culturally important or sacred sites, and other data.

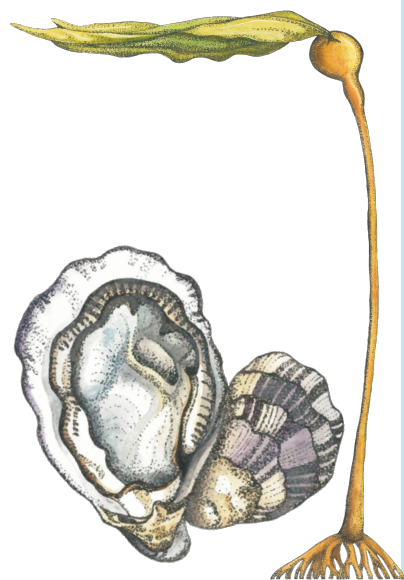
For more information on the Request for Information, and figures showing the potential AOA study areas that result from draft siting parameters visit the link via the QR code below.

Due to technical difficulties with the online access during our November 15th webinar (only phone access was available), we have scheduled an additional listening session with registration information below.

## 3rd Listening Session:

**Monday, December 11, 2023 | 2 PM to 4 PM AKST (6 PM to 8 PM EST)**

- **Registration Link:** <https://bit.ly/3R66E8O>
- **Call-In Number:** A call-in number will be available after registration



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Scan the QR Code for more Information

