



Massachusetts Aquaculture Association

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Dear producer,

The Massachusetts Aquaculture Association is sending you this correspondence as we are regenerating a solid base of growers to support the actions of the association in better representing our growing industry and you.

The aquaculture industry in Massachusetts has not grown only in production and by the number of farms in operation (Supply), but also in areas of local, state and federal policy and regulation as well as in consumer awareness of good sustainable foods produced through aquaculture (Demand).

The Association is far more representative of our industry than ever before.

- MAA is partnered with the Massachusetts Ocean Partnership and the Massachusetts Ocean Coalition as well as the States Aquaculture Centers, Division of Marine Fisheries and Department of Agriculture as we develop the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan undergoing final stakeholder review. This is important for the security of pre-existing aquaculture sites in the management plan area, proposed aquaculture sites and development of new aquaculture species and technology in the plan area.
- MAA engages our State Representatives and Senators each year with current issues at the “Agriculture Day at the State House” event.
- MAA works with Massachusetts farm Bureau and the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association in matters of state and federal policy and regulation
- MAA is partnered with the local “Buy Fresh Buy Local” marketing initiatives to further promote the sustainable practices of the industry to consumers.
- A new initiative created last year, MAA will promote an annual “Shellfish Festival” in Boston. Last year many grower participants sought good profits from sales at this event and MAA was able to raise considerable monies for itself.

These are but a few things MAA is addressing and expanding on. We are looking for growers to become actively involved in guiding the association, providing inputs for future events, marketing and policy decisions. Attached is the membership application. Please list any areas where you might be able to contribute.

Thank You,

Massachusetts Aquaculture Association Trustees



**MAA Membership Application
for 2009**

(expires 12/31/09)

Please support us by joining today, so that we can continue to support you!

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2009 Membership Application

*Fill out the application below and return; please include a business card for advertising on our
web site*

Please print or type

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Business Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

- Species Raised** Quahogs Oysters
 Soft Shell Scallops
 Tilapia Other: *

*** If you are growing or selling other farm raised products, please list:**

***Committee or area you would like to contribute, please list:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member (Non-growers, no vote) | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Growers Membership | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant / Dealer (advertising) Membership | \$75.00 |

Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

*Please make check payable to;
Massachusetts Aquaculture Assoc. or "MAA"*

THANK YOU!

