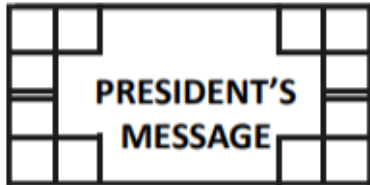




FLORIDA *Aquaculture* ASSOCIATION

Representing the Florida aquaculture industry since 1983.

Summer 2022 Newsletter



Hello everyone,

Here we are, half way through 2022, hope everyone is dealing with the heat! This year has been challenging for the farms that depend on air freight. All of the flight cancellations and the new OSHA rule on workers and heat, but as farmers we are problem solvers and we will find a way through.

Lastly I would like to talk about our one voice for aquaculture in Florida. United, the association has been very effective getting the word out and solving problems in Tallahassee. I would like to bring all the associations together under one roof for lobbying efforts in Tallahassee. In the next few weeks I will be sending out a proposal to change our bylaws to do so.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out.

Geno Evans

President

Lacey Act Amendments Do Not Move Forward in Congress!

A message from the National Aquaculture Association:

The CHIPS and Science bill signed by President Biden yesterday included the technology initiatives of the America COMPETES Act, USICA, and other bills. The portions of COMPETES not pertinent to the bill (including Section 71102, Lacey Act Amendments) were not included. This should be the end of any threat to US aquaculture posed by the ill-conceived Lacey Act amendments during the 117th Congress which ends January 3, 2023.

Thank you to everyone who contacted their Senators and Representative to express your opposition! Your informed outreach is hugely important when advocacy groups like the National Aquaculture Association, American Farm Bureau Federation, US Association of Reptile Keepers, Pet Advocacy Network and other like-minded organizations meet with legislators. Our message gains traction when Congress has been hearing from constituents.

Also, a huge thank you to the animal keepers and organizations who opposed the Lacey Act amendments! The NAA and US aquaculture were not the only ones fighting these provisions. Stopping the Lacey Act amendments demonstrates that various animal interest groups can work together, make a difference, and be effective against animal rights organizations that fought hard for the amendments.



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Upcoming Events FAA Annual Membership Meeting

Date & Location TBA

Women in North American Aquaculture Summit

Sept. 8th at 11:00 AM EST

Register at
[aquaculturenorthamerica.com/virtual-events/
women-in-north-american-aquaculture](http://aquaculturenorthamerica.com/virtual-events/women-in-north-american-aquaculture)

Aquaculture American 2023

Feb. 23-26, 2023

New Orleans, LA

What's on your bumper?

Thousands of dollars have been raised from the sale of the Aquaculture license plate to benefit aquaculture education, research, and development programs. Don't forget- the FAA receives funding from the Florida Aquaculture license plate to carry out important educational programs.

The FAA newsletter is funded with a grant through the HBOI Foundation.

We are grateful for their continued support for the FAA.



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FDA Takes Significant Step Expanding Indexed Drugs Option to Broodstock

A significant step has been achieved to fully implement a provision within the Minor Use, Minor Species Act (MUMS Act) authorizing Indexed drugs. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has withdrawn guidance for industry (GFI) #210, *The Index of Legally Marketed Unapproved New Animal Drugs for Minor Species*.

This breakthrough was triggered by the National Aquaculture Association presenting to the agency an analysis demonstrating: 1) broodstock do not typically enter the food marketing chain and 2) regulations at the federal and state levels reinforce drug label restrictions preventing broodstock consumption as human food.

An incentive established by the 2004 MUMS Act was the Index of Legally Marketed Unapproved New Animal Drugs for Minor Species, also commonly referred to as “the Index.” The Index consists of a list of legally marketed unapproved new animal drugs for minor species that meet the requirements of section 572 of the Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act. Indexing represents a pathway for legally marketing unapproved new animal drugs.

As the agency drafts new guidance for industry, they are encouraging potential Indexing applicants to consult GFI #201, “[Small Entities Compliance Guide for Index of Legally Marketed Unapproved New Animal Drugs for Minor Species](#),” and consult with the agency’s [Office of Minor Use & Minor Species](#) (OMUMS). OMUMS will determine the eligibility of a drug for Indexing on a case-by-case basis.

Next up for the National Aquaculture Association is an effort to achieve FDA recognition that early life stages are eligible for Indexing.

FAA Commodity Representatives

Commodity Representatives serve on the FAA Board to ensure that all aquaculture commodities and sectors are represented. We also recommend reaching out to your commodity representative with questions or concerns. If you are unsure about which commodity you would fall into or if you do not fit into one of the following commodities, please reach out to Tiffany Conner at Tiffany@flaa.org or 813.438.FLAA (3522).

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The 2022 Census of Agriculture is right around the corner and USDA NASS is making every effort to count all aquaculture producers in the United States. If you produce any aquaculture products and want to make sure that you are counted in the 2022 Census of Agriculture and the 2023 Census of Aquaculture, please sign up your operation using this online form: <https://www.agcounts.usda.gov/cgi-bin/counts/>

Once you have signed up, you might receive a short survey in the next two years to further categorize your operation. But most likely, you will not receive a survey until the 2022 Census of Agriculture in January or February, 2023.

Remember, participating in the 2022 Census of Agriculture and the 2023 Census of Aquaculture is ***Your Voice, Your Future, and Your Opportunity***. To learn more about the Census of Agriculture and Aquaculture, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov.

All information you provide will be held confidential under penalty of federal law. There is NO sharing of individual farm financial data with other federal agencies other than the final compiled reports that are publicly available. Since NASS surveys are conducted for statistical purposes only, individual reports are protected by law, even from other governmental agencies. Please read and share the NASS Confidentiality Pledge:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/About_NASS/Confidentiality_Pledge/index.php.

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