

Dear Friends at NOAA,

I submit this as a strong recommendation that NOAA no longer support the mass aquaculture raising of carnivorous fish and shrimp, as this is not a good usage of our wild fish resources as feed to feed these species of farmed carnivores. It has been likened to raising tigers for human consumption. Furthermore, if you raise farmed fish by feeding them wild fish, you deplete the wild fisheries in the global South, denying local coastal communities access to sustenance from the sea in order to feed the wealthy consumer nations farmed salmon, shrimp and other carnivorous species. Support for carnivorous species aquaculture is a losing proposition, whereby more seafood is actually used up in feeding the farmed species than you are producing, resulting in a major net loss in productivity, as well as diminishing the natural biodiversity of our oceans at a time when repairs, not further damage, of our seas and coastal regions are desperately called for.

Therefore, herbivorous species only should be farmed on any significant scale, not carnivorous species such as salmon, cod or shrimp.

Towards A Sustainable Future,

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