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# 2015 AQ Summit: Short Report

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## **AQUACULTURE IN MAINE: SUMMARY OF R&D PRIORITIES**

### **Shellfish Aquaculture R&D Priorities in Maine**

1. Selective breeding
2. Site selection for grow out
3. Harvesting efficiency

#### Other priorities identified:

Nursery technology  
Seed collection technology  
Direct sales from Farms  
Crop protection  
Shell hardness (mussels)  
Vibrio detection/resistance

### **Sea Vegetable Aquaculture R&D Priorities in Maine**

1. Identifying new high value products
2. Processing technology
3. Nursery & Seeding Technology

#### Other priorities identified:

Site selection for grow out  
Harvesting efficiency

### **Processing/Product Development Aquaculture R&D Priorities in Maine**

1. By-product re-use
2. Understanding consumer preferences & markets
3. Value added products for pharma, biotech etc industries

#### Other priorities identified:

Multi/shared-use processing centers  
Food traceability  
Social acceptability

### **Fin fish Aquaculture R&D Priorities in Maine**

1. Sea lice
2. Feed quality
3. Superchill

#### Other priorities identified:

Amoebic Gill Disease  
Bacterial Kidney Disease  
Disease diagnostics  
Effluent treatment  
Farming Blue Fin Tuna

### **Non-sector specific Aquaculture R&D Priorities in Maine**

1. Waste utilization
2. Social acceptability
3. Identification of new candidate species

#### Other priorities identified:

Management of invasive species  
Management of impacts of environmental change  
Offshore aquaculture  
Inter-tidal aquaculture  
Engaging citizen scientists for environmental data  
Knowledge sharing

### **Aquaculture Gear Technology R&D Priorities in Maine**

1. Re-using working waterfront infrastructure for aquaculture
2. Heating efficiency
3. Adapting lobster boats for aquaculture, & Using lobster pounds for aquaculture

#### Other priorities identified:

Gear share schemes