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ASMFC Awards Grants to Four Aquaculture Pilot Projects

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, with the support of approximately \$570,000 from NOAA Fisheries, has selected four aquaculture pilot projects along the Atlantic coast to receive funding. NOAA Fisheries provided the funds as part of its efforts to foster responsible aquaculture and seafood security in the U.S. After rigorous reviews, which included an evaluation of the technical aspects of the proposals as well as their compliance with environmental laws, the following projects were selected. All four projects explore promising, but less commercially-developed, technologies for finfish and shellfish aquaculture. The projects are scheduled for completion in 2024.

To date, \$3.43M has been distributed or committed through six grant opportunities made available by NOAA and ASMFC. To find out more information on previously funded projects, please visit the story map available on our website at <https://arcs.is/Hab100>.

FY2023 Aquaculture Pilot Projects Grants	
Principal Investigator	Title
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science-Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology	Functionally balanced and sustainable shrimp feed production by upcycling food wastes for enhancing shrimp aquaculture in the US
Thomas Seafood of Carteret, Inc.	A novel, cost-effective and automated production system combining extensive plankton culture with intensive, commercial-scale larviculture of blue crab, <i>Callinectes sapidus</i>
TerrAqua Environmental Science and Policy, LLC	Encouraging successful recirculating aquaculture and aquaponic systems
Virginia Institute of Marine Science	Co-culture of native grazers species with established farmed bivalves

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and diadromous species.