

## **Wisconsin Aquaculture Association, Inc. Aquaculture Definition Resolution**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statutes do not have a clear definition of Aquaculture and,

WHEREAS, Aquaculture in the state of Wisconsin is a viable and economically important business and,

WHEREAS, responsibility for regulating Aquaculture in Wisconsin is divided into several state agencies, statutes and rules and,

WHEREAS, the growth of the industry, enhancement of aquatic resources and coordination of regulations will be best served by concise definitions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following definitions be incorporated into Wisconsin State Statutes and promulgated rules wherever necessary.

- (1) **“Aquaculture”** means the cultivation of aquatic organisms both plant and animal. Aquaculture is a type of agriculture.
- (2) **“Aquaculture producers”** means those persons engaging in the production of aquaculture products and holding a DATCP fish farm registration.
- (3) **“Aquaculture products”** means aquatic organisms and any product derived from aquatic organisms that are owned and propagated, grown, or produced under controlled conditions.
- (4) **Aquaculture** is water dependent.

Adopted and approved by the WAA Board of Directors at the quarterly business meeting on December 4, 2003.