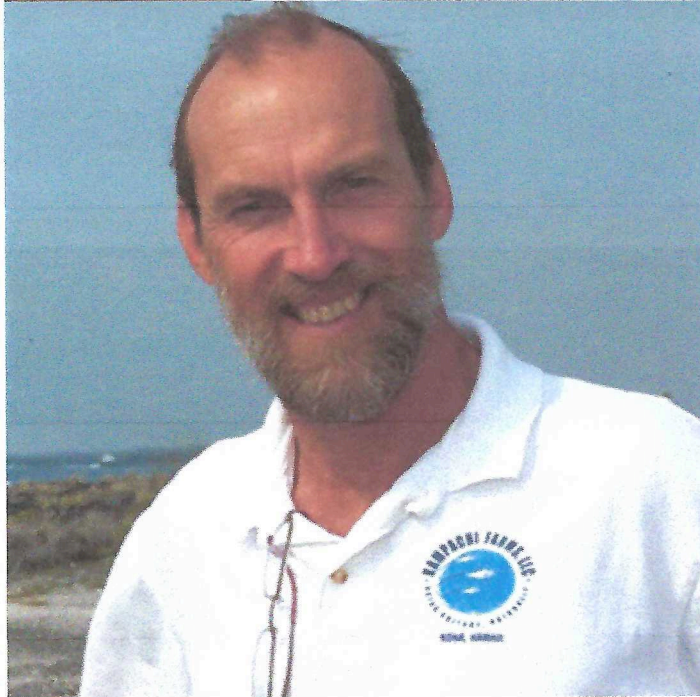


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Panelist Neil Sims

Panelist Donna Lanzetta

Panelist David OBrien

Offshore Aquaculture: Challenges and Opportunities for Advancing Sustainable Seafood in the Deep Blue Sea

Offshore aquaculture has been promoted for more than a decade as the next logical step in future fisheries production. However, there has been little progress in this industry, particularly in affluent countries like the United States. This session will examine the challenges preventing offshore aquaculture expansion, the struggles of fish farmers to make this happen, and the potential opportunities of this new frontier. The session is designed to provide the audience with a glimpse into the nuts and bolts of this industry through the frank storytelling by some of the US's trailblazing offshore farmers and innovators. A moderator will direct panelists to expound on topics such as the permitting process, fruitful governmental resources (i.e. at the local, regional, or federal level), issues with public acceptance, and what they see as the major challenges and opportunities for the future of this industry. Following the panelists' remarks, the audience will be invited to engage the panelists and propose ways to address these challenges and help to develop a list of priorities. A successful dialogue may result in a road map that outlines the major hurdles and possible solutions for future offshore aquaculture in countries like the United States.

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