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Dr. Michael Triantafyllou  
MIT Sea Grant Director

Dear Dr. Triantafyllou,

I have read with interest the details on Manna Fish Farms' proposed SeaGrant project entitled "OFFSHORE MARINE TESTING OF AN ECONOMICAL SUBMERSIBLE CAGE SYSTEM FOR AQUACULTURE".

This proposal address one of the fundamental barriers to the U.S. offshore aquaculture industry, namely cages that are economically cost-effective for the fish farming industry. This proposal will test the durability of the StormSafe submersible cage system, which has been successfully used in the extreme conditions of Lake Huron, in the notoriously challenging waters of New England. Testing this technology is imperative, as it is significantly less expensive than the current technology on the market today. The successful demonstration of this technology could be a significant boost for the entire U.S. offshore aquaculture industry, and I am excited to see Manna Fish Farms testing this system in collaboration with scientists and engineers at MIT.

We greatly admire Manna's leadership role in breaking barriers to support offshore marine aquaculture in the NE region, by assembling a team of research collaborators comprising experts from the various academic institutions and other East Coast aquaculture firms. Integration and partnerships between academia and industry are vital to advancing offshore aquaculture. This research proposal is vital for sparking the sustainable and cost-effective development of offshore marine aquaculture in the US.

We believe that the experimental plan and the team that Manna has assembled offer a strong likelihood of success, and we wish them every success in this proposal, and in advancing US aquaculture.

Thanks, and aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Anthony Sims'.

Neil Anthony Sims  
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