

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

**Bridget Fleming**  
Second Legislative District

**Chair**  
Ways & Means Committee

**Vice-Chair**  
Health Committee



**Committee Member**  
Public Safety  
Environment, Planning  
and Agriculture  
Public Works, Transportation  
and Energy

NOAA Sea Grant  
1315 East-West Highway SSMC3, R/S  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

April 17, 2019

RE: NOAA's "Exploring New Aquaculture Opportunities"

With this letter, I am endorsing a proposal submitted by New York Sea Grant, Manna Fish Farms, and New Hampshire Sea Grant entitled "Nothing Shrimpy About It; Advancing Sustainable Shrimp Biofloc Production in the United States."

The Second Legislative District of Suffolk County, Long Island, which I represent is comprised of hundreds of miles of coastline and is an area which has a history rooted in maritime culture. A part of that heritage includes aquaculture production which has been decreasing for many decades, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service. According to their data, the U.S. lags behind many nations in producing domestic seafood products despite the growing national demand, particularly shrimp consumption.

The Manna Fish Farms proposal in partnership with New York Sea Grant and New Hampshire Sea Grant seeks to model the best practices of the successful biofloc pilot farming technology developed by the University of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Sea Grant with the final goal of achieving sustainable shrimp aquaculture in the New York Metropolitan area. The potential is great for collaboration between farmers, academic institutions and government as a means to rebuild and sustain this valuable part of Suffolk County.

Sincerely,

Bridget Fleming  
Suffolk County Legislator  
Second Legislative District  
BF:id

75 Washington Street, P.O. Box 1827, Sag Harbor, NY 11963  
Phone: (631) 852-8400 Fax: (631) 852-8404  
Email: [bridget.fleming@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:bridget.fleming@suffolkcountyny.gov)