

# Alliance for Responsible Aquaculture

To whom it may concern:

We know your aquaculture farms often endure hardships: fish die from disease, water quality is poor, you receive little support from the for-profit sector. And the farmed fish subsequently live very poor lives.

Fish Welfare Initiative (FWI), a non-profit organization, is offering you the opportunity to join the Alliance for Responsible Aquaculture. As an ARA farmer, you commit to creating a more natural environment and improving the welfare of your fish as outlined below. By committing to and following the requirements of this commitment, you will gain additional support from our organization in improving your farming conditions.

## What is required from you:

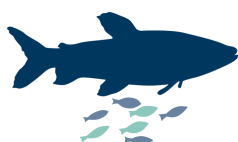
1. Stocking at the recommended levels.
2. Taking corrective action to improve water quality as recommended by your local FWI representative.
3. Allowing your local FWI representative access to your farm.
4. Informing your representative about stocking and harvest events.

## What you gain access to:

1. Free of cost water quality monitoring.
2. Free of cost advice from our expert team.
3. If eligible, assistance in obtaining credit linkages.
4. Possible future market linkages.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,



Fish  
Welfare  
Initiative



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# The Commitment

My farm hereby agrees to the following:

1. Beginning in the next growout stocking period, my
  - a. growout stocking will not exceed 2500-3000 fish/acre and 80,000 shrimp/acre.
  - b. breeding stocking will not exceed 50,000 fish/acre.
2. Beginning now, my water quality parameters will remain within the following required ranges. I will allow an FWI representative to conduct regular water quality checks, and take the FWI representative's recommended action for parameters that fall outside the required range:
3. I will inform an FWI representative about (partial) harvest and stocking events at my farm as they occur.

| Water Quality Parameter    | Required Range | Ideal Range |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Dissolved Oxygen (Morning) | 3 - 5 mg/L     | 4 - 5 mg/L  |
| Dissolved Oxygen (Evening) | 8 - 12 mg/L    | 8 - 10 mg/L |
| pH                         | 6.5 - 8.5      | 7 - 8       |
| Ammonia                    | < 0.5 mg/L     | < 0.15 mg/L |
| Turbidity                  | 15 - 50 cm     | 30 - 40 cm  |

## Your FWI Representative

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I hereby commit to following the guidelines as laid out above and will become part of the Alliance for Responsible Aquaculture.

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Place, Date

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Last Name, First Name

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Signature