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ASMFC Awards Grants to Five Aquaculture Pilot Projects

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, with the support of approximately \$610,000 from NOAA Fisheries, has selected five aquaculture pilot projects along the Atlantic coast to receive funding. NOAA Fisheries provided the funds as part of its efforts to foster responsible aquaculture and seafood security in the U.S. After rigorous review, which included an evaluation of the technical aspects of the proposals as well as their compliance with environmental laws, the following projects were selected. All five projects explore promising, but less commercially-developed, technologies for finfish and shellfish aquaculture, with projects ranging from lobster to shellfish aquaculture. The projects began in July and are scheduled for completion in 2023.

To date, \$2.86 million has been distributed or committed through five grant opportunities made available by NOAA and the Commission. To find out more information on previously funded projects please visit our story map at <https://arcg.is/Hab100>.

Fiscal Year 2022 Aquaculture Pilot Projects Grants	
Principal Investigator	Title
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission	Economic potential of on-growing lobsters in Florida’s spiny lobster fishery
University of Maine, Darling Marine Center	Comparing the biological and economic performance of rigid trays and lantern nets for the nursery culture of Atlantic sea scallops
Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries	Toward resolving wild sea scallop (<i>P. magellanicus</i>) larval spatial and temporal distribution along the Maine coast in support of developing scallop aquaculture
University of Maine	Optimizing settlement substrate and nursery practices in support of razor clam (<i>Ensis leei</i>) farming
Virginia Institute of Marine Science	Feasibility of offshore wind farm areas as multi-use platforms for lower trophic aquaculture

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and diadromous species.