What: A workshop to provide an overview of a recently funded Saltonstall-Kennedy award (FY-21) that is exploring methods for sustainable commercial co-cultivation of shellfish and seaweed in Florida. In addition to invited talks from experts in the field, the project team will update audience on project objectives and engage participants in discussions about industry potential.

When: Thursday, November 17, 2022, Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM Eastern Time
Where: Online (registration required; click here to register)

Who should attend: Are you interested in the potential for a seaweed market in Florida? Are you a regulator, buyer, grower or researcher with an interest in this product? Register today!

WORKSHOP AGENDA

I. Introductions and overview of project objectives
Introduce project team and summarize overall goals of the current S-K project to provide context
   - Dr. Aaron Welch & Dr. Loretta Roberson

II. Background on topic (30 minutes)
Experts will discuss successful examples from other parts of the U.S.
   - Dr. Charlie Yarish, University of Connecticut: Seaweed Aquaculture for Nutrient Bioextraction & Ecosystem Services
   - Dr. Scott Lindell Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution: Sea Vegetable Farming in Coastal Embayments
   - Industry representative from GreenWave: Seaweed: An Industry Perspective

III. Florida Project Review
Project team will provide detailed update on project status and discuss potential market.
   - Dr. Loretta Roberson, Marine Biological Laboratory: Seaweed Production in Florida: Current Project Overview
   - Dr. Aaron Welch, Two Docks Shellfish: Seaweed Production in Florida: Business applications and market reality

IV. Facilitated Panel Discussion
Facilitated panel discussion and Q&A with participants.
Panel members to include industry, regulatory, research, Extension, and market representatives.