

## So you want to farm seaweed with ASF! Now what?

1. Reach out to Liz or Aurora to complete the **1 page farmer agreement**. We can do this electronically or with paper and ink. **Want us to follow up with you?** Before you leave the meeting, let us know how quickly you'd like us to reach out.
2. Next time you are out on the water **visit some potential lease sites and note coordinates**. You can always text us a picture of your plotter if you find a location you really like. Remember to keep in mind shellfish open waters, depth, bottom type, and surrounding uses.
  - Check out the **DMR Aquaculture Map** for more info on shellfish open waters and other leases in your area.
3. **Talk to everyone!** Start letting your community know what you want to do and the locations you are considering. Feedback and support early on makes the entire process run a lot smoother.
4. **Learn from the pros.** Reach out to other seaweed farmers to discuss gear, deployment, and the day-to-day of management of a kelp farm, or get out for a day of seeding or a harvest (we can help with this!).
5. Ready to start the **lease paperwork**? Give Aurora a call and check out the applications on DMR's website.

## Want to chat? Give us a call, text, or email!

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