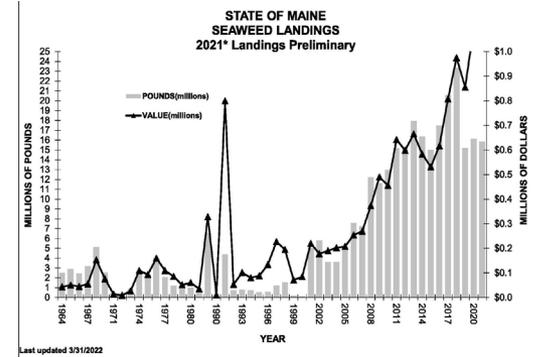


# Maine Seaweed Council



## Our Mission

The Maine Seaweed Council strives to protect the ecosystems of Maine's marine algae and adhere to sustainable cultivation and harvest practices, promote the use of Maine seaweeds, educate the public, regulators and elected officials, and provide a collaborative forum for its members.



## History

- Seaweed has been harvested in Maine for centuries for food, fodder, and fertilizer
- Commercial harvest of Irish moss in Maine reached 1,000 mt in 1944
- Maine's rockweed industry was established in the 1960's
- Maine Seaweed Council (MSC) was founded in 1993
- Maine's 1st kelp farm was established in 2009



## What We Do

- Promote sustainable seaweed harvesting
- Develop management guidelines
- Provide Best Practices to harvesters & growers
- Educate the public and policy makers
- Support seaweed research and citizen science
- Support seaweed artists



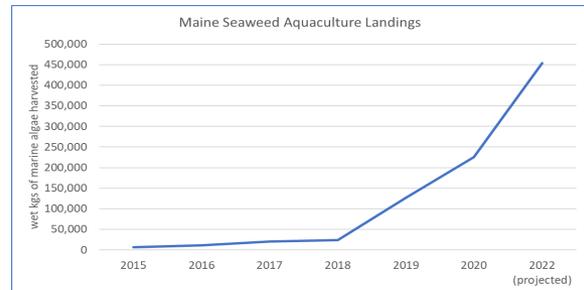
Eight species make up landings but most of the seaweed harvested in Maine is rockweed (*Ascophyllum nodosum*). The Maine Dept. of Marine Resources regulates the fishery and tracks commercial landings.

## MSC Membership

95 members and growing! Membership is open to harvesters, farmers, processors, dealers, researchers, educators, artists, and citizens. We meet six times a year and all are welcome.



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Maine's seaweed aquaculture sector is projected to grow 12% to 15% annually. Most of the seaweed presently cultured in Maine is sugar kelp (*Saccharina latissima*) and *Alaria esculenta*