

Ohio Aquaculture Cooperative Exploratory Meeting

December 16, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 9:45am Registration and Refreshments
- 10:00am Refresher – What is a co-op? Ohio co-op examples – marketing, purchasing, service
Keep things small and realistic
- 11:00am Small group roundtables
1. What function should a cooperative serve to provide the greatest benefit to your farm?
 2. To the aquaculture industry in Ohio
 3. What major challenges would a marketing/purchasing/service cooperative face in Ohio aquaculture?
- Report backs from small groups
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 12:30pm Prioritizing cooperative function - Large group discussion about the cooperative function that would be most beneficial to producers
- 1:00pm Cooperatives start up process
- 1:30pm Form a steering committee and assign tasks/timelines to that committee
- Business plan
 - Bylaw development – e.g. how the co-op functions
 - Plan to report to OAA meeting in January
- 2:00pm Adjourn



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