



Welcome back! Glad you could join us!

Day 2 – Thursday May 22, 2025

8:30a: **Check In & Coffee**

9:00a: **Opening and Keynote Speaker**

Associations, Politics & Working Together - TX Perspective
Brian Brawner, President, Texas Aquaculture Assoc.

9:30a: **Session 5 – Institutional Support**

Federal Advocacy Updates

Charlie Culpepper, Dir. Membership & Outreach, NAA
Partnership for Success: Supporting Florida's AQ Industry
Nicole Rhody, PhD, AQ Director, Mote Marine Laboratory
Principles & Practices: FFWCC Marine Fisheries Center
Jason Lemus, PhD, Research Administrator, FFWCC
Seedstock Improvement to Support US Marine Finfish AQ
Fernando Paredes, PhD, Assistant Research Prof, HBOI
HARVEST Program: Training the Next Generation Workforce
Emily Riewestahl, Marketing Specialist, FL Sea Grant

11:10a: **Coffee Break**

11:40a: **Session 6 – Feed & Broodstock**

Hatchery Technology & Broodstock Development
Cortney Ohs, PhD, Associate Professor, UF-IFAS
Marine Broodstock Mgt at UM Experimental Hatchery
Ron Hoenig, Manager, University of Miami
Future Proofing Aquafeeds and the F3 Program
Rick Barrows, PhD, CSO, F3-The Future of Fish Feed

12:40p: **Lunch (80 minutes)**

1:10p: **Lunch Video Presentation**

F3 Overview 2020 - Forage Fish and Aquaculture Feed

2:00p: **Session 7 – Health & Genetics**

FDACS Aquaculture Best Mgt Practices for Marine Farms
Serina Rocco, AQ Environmental Administrator
Aquaculture Risk and Health Management
Kathleen Hartman, PhD, Sr. Staff Veterinarian, USDA
Understanding Marine Finfish Risk & Health Management
William Keleher, CEO, Kennebec River Biosciences

3:00p: **Coffee Break**

3:30p: **Session 8 – Project Sustainability**

Finding balance in Cap-Ex and Op-Ex
Joe Cardenas, Chief Development Officer, Telchine
Operations & Maintenance Approach Op-Ex Management
Dan Farkas, Project Manager, HTH Full Spectrum
Anaerobic Digestion, Sludge Thickening, Energy Recovery
Abhinav Choudhury, PhD, Environmental Engineer, CFFI

4:30p: **Day 2 Closing Remarks**

5:30p: **Cash Bar After Party – Square Grouper, FTP Inlet**

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Day 1 – Wednesday May 21, 2025

8:30a: **Check In & Coffee**

9:00a: **Opening and Keynote Speaker**

Overcoming Challenges to Marine Finfish Aquaculture in U.S.
John Stieglitz, PhD, Research Associate Prof, Univ of Miami

9:30a: **Session 1 – Business Development**

Navigating New Waters: Tariff Impact on AQ Seafood Revolution
Robin Pearl, President, American Mariculture Inc.
Role of Aquaculture in Sustainable Development of Barbados
Damien Prescod, Consultant Manager, Export Barbados
Planning and Development of the Blue Economy
Max Holtzman, Terra Blue Farms
Discussing the Potential of Species other than Salmon
Eric Schnatter, Fisheries Biologist, Miccosukee Tribe

10:50a: **Coffee Break**

11:20a: **Session 2 – Species**

Spotted rose snapper aquaculture technology
Leo Ibarra-Castro, PhD, Assistant Prof, UF-Whitney Lab
Let's Talk Tilapia - Pathway to Profitability
Max Slaten, Tilapia Genetics & Production, Aquasafra Inc.
Snook aquaculture technology
Leo Ibarra-Castro, PhD, Assistant Prof, UF-Whitney Lab
Critical Role of Genetic Selection Driving Economic Success
Carlos Victor Lopez, Commercial Director, Spring Genetics

12:40p: **Lunch (80 minutes)**

1:10p: **Lunch Video Presentation**

Spring Genetics – Driving Economic Success

2:00p: **Session 3 – Technology**

RAS Fundamentals - Hydronic Heating & Chilling
Rick Murray, President, Delta Hydronics
Optimizing Pump Performance in Recirc Aquaculture Sys
Daniel Wroblewski, Dir. Business Development, MDM Pumps
Marine RAS Designs with Floating Bead Bioclarifiers.
Ron Malone, PhD, President, AST Filters

3:00p: **Coffee Break**

3:30p: **Session 4 – Technology 2**

Aquaculture Systems – Basic Uses of Valves, Pumps & Filters
Brian Brawner, Business Development, Hayward FC
Water Treatment, Ozone, and Implementation
Rob Turnbull, CEO, Telchine Energy Technologies
NC Sea Grant StriperHub – Overview and Updates
Tyler Gibson, Blue Thumbs Consulting LLC

4:30p: **Day 1 Closing Remarks**

5:30p: **Cash Bar Happy Hour – Sailfish Brewery, Ft Pierce FL**

