



Neil Sims has been working with the Nebraska Soy Board and the US Soybean Export Council for more than a decade on perfecting a soy-based diet for kampachi. Photo: Kampachi Farms

Ocean Stewards Institute endorses US aquaculture bill

A similar act was introduced in the US Senate this summer.

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The Ocean Stewards Institute said Wednesday it supports the American Aquaculture Act, which looks to advance offshore aquaculture in the United States.

“With wild US fisheries at maximum sustainable yield, increasing domestic aquaculture is critical to reduce the current seafood trade imbalance,” said Neil Anthony Sims, president of the Ocean Stewards Institute and co-founder and chief scientific officer of Kampachi Worldwide Holdings.



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Representatives Steven Palazzo (R-MS) and Collin Peterson (D-MN) introduced the “Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture Act,” or the AQUAA Act, last week. An identical version of the bill was introduced in the Senate over the summer.

The bill seeks to increase the United States’ involvement in the aquaculture industry by enabling its development in federal waters, which extend from 12 miles offshore through to 200 miles offshore.