

## BLUE ECONOMY TASK FORCE

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### **PURPOSE OF TASK FORCE:**

**“...to support Maine's emergence as a center for blue economy innovation and opportunity in the 21st century . . . ‘blue economy’ means business sectors that rely on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic health, improved livelihoods, jobs or ecosystem health.”**

### **MEMBERS OF TASK FORCE:**

- **Maine Department of Economic & Community Development (staff)**
  - Office of Business Development
  
- **Representatives of public and private research institutions:**
  - Aquaculture Research Institute
  - Gulf of Maine Research Institute
  - University of Maine
  - Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences
  - University of New England
  - Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center
  - Maine Maritime Academy
  
- **Businesses that are innovating in various blue economy sectors:**
  - Kennebec River Biosciences
  - Blue Trace
  - Ocean Renewable Power Company
  - Cianbro
  - Lyman-Morse
  - Atlantic Sea Farms
  - Hodgdon Yachts
  - Windward Development Group
  - Washburn-Doughty
  
- **Fisheries businesses:**
  - Portland Fish Exchange
  - Madeleine Point Oyster Farms
  - Acadian Seaplants
  - Luke’s Lobster
  - Greenhead Lobster
  
- **Aquaculture businesses:**
  - Cooke Aquaculture
  - Kingfish Maine

- Atlantic Aqua Farms Ltd.
- **Equity investors in blue economy businesses:**
  - Maine Venture Fund
  - CEI
  - Bold Ocean Ventures
- **President of the Maine Technology Institute or the president's designee**
- **Other Participants:**
  - Governor's Office of Policy Innovation & The Future
  - Maine Aquaculture Association
  - Maine Renewable Energy Association
  - Island Institute
  - Maine Coast Fishermen's Association
  - Maine International Trade Center

Please note that a few other task force members have pending invitations and will be listed when invitations have been confirmed.