

I am a meteorologist with NWS who has raised livestock "on the side" for many years.

While on assignment with NMFS in Juneau under the NOAA LCDP program in early 2005, I attended the local town hall meetings hosted by NOAA on aquaculture. Having investigated the commercial poultry industry extensively as a possible business venture in the past, I was somewhat amazed by the knowledge sharing and benchmarking opportunities it presents for those pursuing fish farming and perhaps other types of aquaculture as well.

Hopefully someone in NOAA, or more likely Commerce (or Agriculture), is looking at the lessons learned from this industry with many parallels and lessons to offer as we look to fish farming in the future. I would be glad to discuss my perspectives with the people working this if they think it's of value to them. I can be reached at 405-573-8866 during office hours.

Thanks for the opportunity to share, and have a great day.