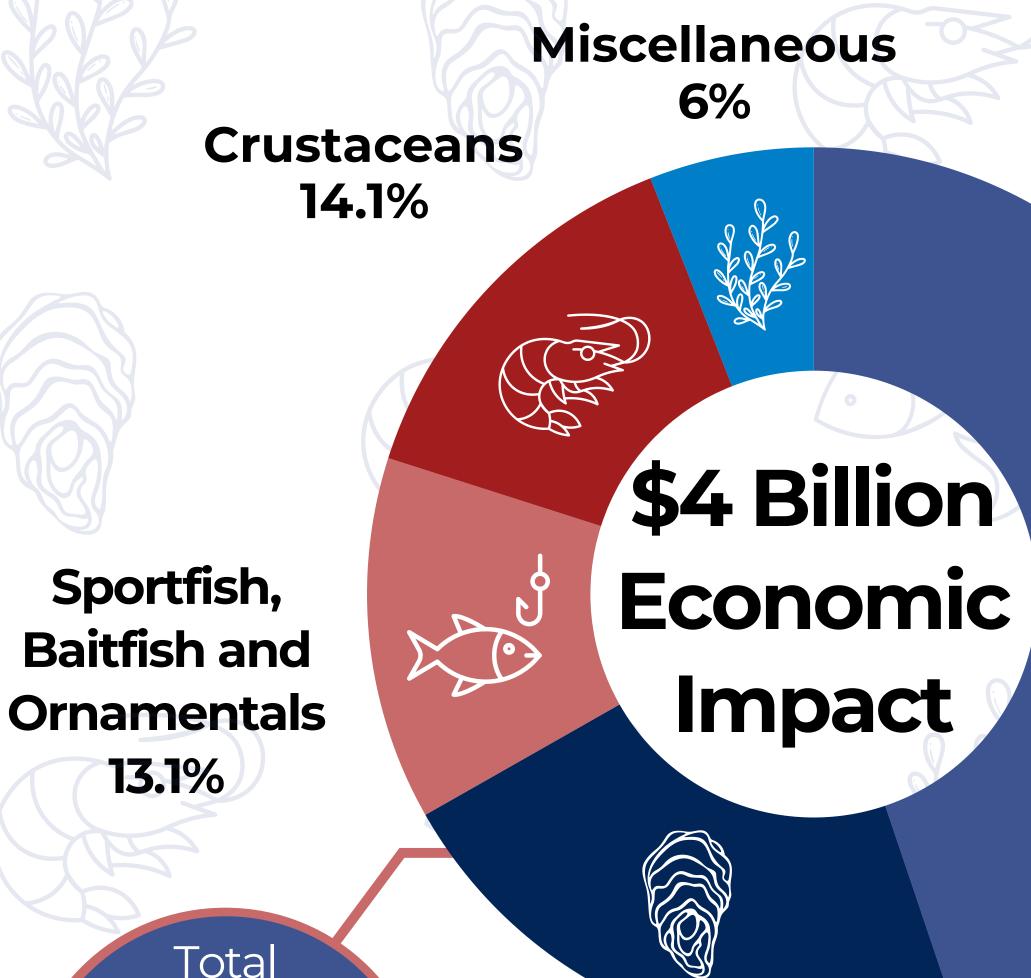
Economic Contribution of U.S. Aquaculture Farms



Total U.S. economic impact is 3-4x greater than the farm-level impact.

Shellfish 22%

Regulations are Impeding U.S. Aquaculture Development

In the U.S., regulatory complexity and compliance costs have resulted in loss of access to markets, lost business opportunities and thwarted attempts to expand current farms or establish new farms.

Lost Revenue

\$507 million

NationalAquaculture.org

Jobs Supported

15,730 direct farm jobs in rural America 2,288 indirect jobs supporting farms 4,391 induced jobs to local economies

Foodfish 44.8%

Tax Impact



\$33 million in local taxes \$46 million in state taxes \$115 million in federal taxes

22,000+

Every \$1 spent by aquaculture farms generates an additional \$0.73 to the economy.

Indirect **96% of Economic** Benefits Sectors

From feed and equipment suppliers to financial lenders and gas stations, 525 economic sectors benefit from U.S. aquaculture farms.

Reform priorities include harmonizing intrastate Foregone fish health regulations, injurious species exemptions 3,629 Jobs for domesticated stocks and clear property rights and permitting for marine aquaculture.



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Each job in aquaculture creates 0.42 additional U.S. jobs.

\$193 million

