

# **AQUATIC LIVESTOCK ALLIANCE**

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**- or -**

**Uncoupling of International,  
National, and State  
Animal Health Laws**

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Failure to conduct official duties leads to -  
lost justification for budgets!

How does your State  
regulate Aquatic Livestock?

Do your State Actions Align  
w/ Intern't'l & National Laws?

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### History (Civics 101):

- US Constitution - (after Articles of Confederation failed. )
- State Constitutions
- US Supreme Court Decisions
- Lacey Act - 1900
- National Aquaculture Act 1980
- General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) - 1994
- Uruguay Round Agreement Act - 1994
- Animal Health Protection Act - 2002

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## Current Events:

**November 2007 - Aquatic Livestock Commerce Forum**  
(Des Moines, IA - 11 States, 5 groups)

**Three main findings:**

- Laws inconsistent and incompatible**
- Accredited Vets unavailable**
- Testing not validated or consistent**

**27 years after enacting the National Aquaculture Act!**

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### Current Events:

**National Aquatic Animal Health Plan (proposed)**

**Was created with improper public comments**

**Would violate State Veterinary Practice Acts**

**Circumvents State Animal Health Authorities**

**Permit non-accredited persons to certify  
interstate movement of animals.**

**Prescribes or delegates (?????) USDA's  
regulatory authority to other Agencies**

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### Current Events:

**NOAA - Off-Shore Aquaculture Legislation sought  
- w/o Veterinary Provisions**

**Is Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) a “Territory”?**

**What State Practice Act licenses Vets for EEZ?**

**Aquatic livestock into States from EEZ w/o CVI?**

**Aquatic Livestock restricted to Internat’l ports?**

**Will EEZ animal products jeopardize our access  
to foreign markets?**

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**ARE ALL AQUATIC ANIMALS WILDLIFE?**

**IF STATE ANIMAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES  
ALIGN STATE ACTIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL,  
NATIONAL, AND STATE LAWS -  
ALL FARM-RAISED ANIMALS ARE LIVESTOCK  
NEEDING CVI BY ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN  
TO BE MOVED**

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**All animals crossing State boundaries must have CVI's (animals – livestock or wildlife- moved by man)**

**Why do States allow animals in w/o CVIs?**

**Who regulates the wildlife regulators to keep them from moving uncertified animals between States?**

**Would these instances violate the Lacey Act or our Trade Agreements?**

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**'POLITICAL' SCIENCE**

is being substituted for

**EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SCIENCE**

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### Today's Situation - Trade Barriers Everywhere!

- Non-accredited persons certifying disease status for interstate shipments
- Defacto Regulators claiming “Co-Competent” Authority  
“Third-World-Level” Agencies w/o Accredited Veterinarian Infrastructure
- Unscientific-unnecessary-inhumane testing required
- Aquatic livestock industry not given requirements

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### How did we all let this happen?

- Some State Vets think all “fish” were wildlife!
- Some State Vets didn’t want to be bothered with fish ....  
or deer or ratites or.....!

The Aquatic Livestock Alliance aims to simplify and modernize interstate commerce for Producers, Accredited Vets, State Vets, Natural Resources; and, for Aquatic Livestock!