Creating a Sustainable Economy on the Oregon Coast



## Aquaculture In Oregon



#### • 1970's & 80's

- Weyerhaeuser and other timber/landowners tried to diversify into salmon aquaculture
- Developed an aquaculture infrastructure on the Oregon coast
- Oregon State University partnered with industry

#### • 1990's

- Oregon State isolated several strains of local intertidal seaweeds
  - Clonal Propagation
  - High in Protein
  - High Productivity (200 grams/square meters/day)
- Abalone feed

#### • 2014

- Oregon Seaweed was founded
- Seaweed that tastes like bacon



## Timeline





## Controlled Environment Seaweed Aquaculture CESA

Reinventing Commercial Agriculture Revitalizing The Oregon Coast & Beyond

## Our Vision

#### **Present**

• Core Markets – Existing Farms

High Margin

Low Volume

- Restaurant
- Pet Food
- Ingredient



#### **Future**

- New Markets New Farms
- Cattle Feed
- Proteins
- Natural Dyes

Low Margin High Volume



## History of Agriculture



## **Batch System of Production**

- Sunk cost Infrastructure (\$5 trillion)
- High Inventory (\$240 billion)
- Perpetual subsidies (\$2 trillion)
- Decaying soils
- Plummeting fresh water supply
- GMO monopoly seeds
- Synthetic fertilizers/pesticides
- Concentrated supply chain/regulatory capture





## Paper Manufacturing



## **Continuous Process**

- Continuous production
- No subsidies needed
- No soil needed
- No seeds needed
- No fresh water needed
- No fertilizer needed
- No pesticides needed
- Save 155 billion protein miles per year



#### Grams of Digestible Protein per kg of C02 Emitted



## Oregon's Energy & Land – Better Investment

- Oregon is becoming a hub for energy intensive data centers
  - Energy
  - Water
- What if we used this same energy to produce a sustainable protein? \$7 billion industry
  - Energy
  - Water



## **Process Data or Grow Protein?**

#### **Oregon Can Have Both**





# \$200 billion market will open to Oregon



#### Our Proteins Compete With Soy

- Produce Dulse Protein @ \$2.50 kg
- Hyperscale Energy Price
- No Freshwater
- No Seeds
- No Synthetic Fertilizers
- No Pesticides

Oregon Can Assume Sustainable Leadership

## Data Centers

Sustainable Agrciulture

## Economic Development

## Revitalize Oregon Coast

Oregon's Green Workforce Goals

Easy to Scale

#### **Oregon Food Production**

# Improves the climate

Next generation agriculture

## Oregon Call to Action

#### Recognize

• Recognize dulse farming as a strategic energy use

Prioritize

• Prioritize abandoned coastal properties

Tend

• Tend energy policy frameworks (e.g., low rates, green PPAs to food innovation)

Fund

• Fund pilot-scale projects to demonstrate the full potential (\$5 million)