



What does it mean to be accepted as a member of the MAINE SEAWEED COUNCIL?

If you are a harvester, scientist, environmentalist, conservationist, business owner or simply care about seaweed, you have pledged to support:

- The Mission Statement of the Maine Seaweed Council:

The Maine Seaweed Council strives to protect the ecosystems of Maine's marine algae and adhere to sustainable cultivation and harvest practices, promote the use of Maine seaweeds, educate the public, regulators and elected officials, and provide a collaborative forum for its members.

- Collaborative and responsible information sharing to promote a positive and accurate reputation within the community.
- Being a member in good standing, attending meetings when possible and supporting the Council financially through membership dues and recruitment.

In addition, if you are a harvester or processor you have agreed to the following:

- Sustainable cultivation and harvest practices as outlined in the MSC Harvester's Guidelines found at www.seaweedcouncil.org.
- Compliance with all State mandated harvesting regulations such as Annual Licensing and Monthly Landing Reports to the DMR.
- Promoting positive relationships with your neighbors on the water.
- *You must also agree to be audited for your compliance to these goals by a 3rd party (tbd). Non-compliance will result in termination of membership without refund.*

Member Signature

Date

Printed name