

## Congressional Staff Briefing

# THE RISKS OF COMMERCIAL NET-PEN AQUACULTURE ON THE GREAT LAKES

Representatives from conservation organizations will hold a Congressional briefing on

**Wednesday, September 27th from 10:00 – 11:30 AM in Cannon 421.**

The briefing will provide Congressional staff, and interested members of the media and public, the opportunity to hear directly from conservation experts about the adverse impacts of commercial net-pen aquaculture to the Great Lakes. The briefing will include an overview of the impacts, first-hand accounts of current activities in U.S. and Canadian waters, as well as an interactive discussion of legislative and administrative actions at the state and federal level in protecting the Great Lakes and in-land waters from commercial net-pen aquaculture.

The list of speakers includes:

- **Marc Smith, Regional Conservation Director, National Wildlife Federation**
- **Dan Eichinger, Executive Director, Michigan United Conservation Clubs**
- **Taylor Ridderbusch, Great Lakes Organizer, Trout Unlimited**
- **Dennis Eade, Executive Director, Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fisherman's Association**
- **Tom Baird, Anglers of the Au Sable**

Presentations will be followed by a Q + A session with the panel.

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