

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §19-32-1**

## **§19-32-1. Legislative findings and purpose.**

The Legislature finds and declares that aquaculture has the potential for reducing the United States trade deficit in fisheries products, for augmenting food supplies, for expanding employment, for promoting economic activity, for improving public health, for augmenting existing commercial and recreational fisheries and for producing other renewable resources, thereby assisting West Virginia and the United States in meeting its future food needs and contributing to the solution of world resource problems. It is, therefore, in the state's interest and it is state policy to recognize aquaculture as agriculture and to encourage the development of aquaculture in West Virginia.