

Cooperative Extension

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David A. Johnson
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Dear Dave:

I support your proposed project to the NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Enlarging your Sponsor-A-Beach Program throughout the state should not only clean up our beaches and create jobs directly but enhance our tourism industry which is one of the largest sources of employment in the State of New York.

Clean beaches will encourage people to visit our coastal areas, resulting in stays at motels and bed and breakfasts, as well as sales at shops, wineries and restaurants.

Good luck in the funding process.

Sincerely,

Gregg Rivara
Aquaculture Specialist