Acadia Harvest—Wicasset, ME

CEI Loan Supports Innovation, Sustainability in Maine

Fishing company Acadia Harvest approached banks with an idea to harvest salt-water fish species in tanks. After struggling to find financing, a state funder offered grant money—*if* Acadia could find a lender to match funds. Coastal Enterprise Investments (CEI), a CDFI with a history of lending to agricultural business ventures, matched Acadia’s grant with a $50,000 loan to run a pilot batch of fish.

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**Impact**
- Created 12 jobs in Maine
- Helps preserve a struggling Maine fishing industry

“Acadia Harvest is a strong team with a unique concept... After studying its plan, we decided this investment was worth the risk.”

Dick Clime
Working Waterfront Project Developer, CEI

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