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Ms. Michelle Arsenault National Organic Standards Board USDA-AMS-NOP 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Room 2648-So, Ag Stop 0268 Washington, DC 20250-0268

RE: Docket: AMS-NOP-13-0049

NOSB Livestock Sub-Committee

Trace Minerals for Aquatic Animals Proposal

We agree with the Livestock Subcommittee's recommendation to add trace minerals to the National List for use in Aquaculture livestock production. We further commend and thank the Livestock Subcommittee for recommending that trace minerals be listed as petitioned by the Aquaculture Working Group *without* any additional annotation to the listing at §205.603(d)(2).

Respectfully Submitted,

Oregon Tilth

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