

**National Organic Standards Board
Handling Subcommittee Proposal
Marine Algae Listings on the National List
August 31, 2017**

Introduction

In 2016 and 2017, the Handling Subcommittee issued a discussion document and proposal on the topic of marine algae listings on the National List. These documents sought consistency in the nomenclature used to reference the various marine algae approved for and used in organic handling. These documents also sought public comment on the sustainability of marine algae sources. These documents are linked below.

April 2017

- [Proposal: Marine Algae listings on the National List](#)

November 2016

- [Discussion Document: Marine Algae Listings on the National List](#)

Request to Stakeholders for Additional Input

The Handling Subcommittee thanks the organic stakeholder community for the input it has provided in response to the previously issued discussion & proposal documents. Because of the shorter than usual written comment window in advance of the Spring 2017 meeting, a number of stakeholders expressed they did not have the time to substantively comment on the proposal put forward by the Subcommittee. Because of this, the Handling Subcommittee requests further stakeholder input on this topic via the NOSB open comment docket: https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=AMS_FRDOC_0001-1600.

Note that it is not necessary to resubmit comments and suggestions that were previously submitted in response to the prior discussion and proposal documents, as the NOSB has maintained a complete record of these. Please submit only **new** comments and suggestions. We look forward to receiving your input.

Approved by Lisa de Lima, Handling Subcommittee Chair, to transmit to NOSB August 29, 2017