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## NARA Promotes Rendering, Leads Session at 2024 Aquaculture America

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, February 13, 2024** – The North American Renderers Association (NARA) is excited to announce their attendance at the [World Aquaculture Society \(WAS\)](#) national aquaculture conference and exposition, the [2024 Aquaculture America](#) in San Antonio Texas, February 18-21. [Register here.](#)

NARA’s Vice President of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, Dr. Charles Starkey, will be leading a three-hour session on February 21st titled “Terrestrial Animal Proteins and Fats for Sustainable Aquaculture Production.” Presentations from the session include *Fatty Acid Requirements of aquatic organisms with emphasis on the utilization of fats in aquaculture diets*, presented by Dr. Bruno Araujo, University of Mogi das Cruzes, Mogi das Cruzes, Sao Paulo, Brazil; *Future production of sustainable aquafeed in response to compelling factors of global climate Change and food security*, presented by Dr. Lou D’Abramo, Mississippi State University (Emeritus), Starkville, MS, USA; *The use of bovine and porcine meat and bone meals in aquaculture*, presented by Dr. Tere Viana, Autonomous University of Baja California, Ensanada, Baja California, MX; and *Sustainable contribution of amino acids from animal proteins vs. marine proteins for livestock*, presented by Dr. Charles Starkey, VP Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, NARA, Auburn, AL USA. [View the full meeting session agenda here.](#)

“We are excited to have the opportunity to educate on rendering’s contributions to sustainable aquaculture practices at Aquaculture America,” said NARA Vice President of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, Dr. Charles Starkey. “Animal proteins and fats can be nutritious feed ingredients while offering benefits for the industry’s growing efforts to reduce carbon emissions. We hope those interested in learning more about rendering’s benefits to sustainable aquaculture will consider attending this important event.”

The [World Aquaculture Society](#) promotes the educational, scientific, and technological development and advancement of aquaculture throughout the world. The society has a diverse membership with chapters in, Japan, Korea, the Latin American and Caribbean region, the Asian-Pacific region, the United States, and Africa.

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### About the North American Renderers Association

The North American Renderers Association (NARA) represents the interests of the North American rendering industry to regulatory and other governmental agencies, promotes the greater use of animal byproducts, and fosters the opening and expansion of trade between foreign buyers and North American exporters. In addition to its U.S.-based headquarters, the association maintains offices in Mexico and Hong Kong, and has market consultants in strategic locations around the world. NARA publishes a bi-monthly trade magazine, *Render*. For more information, visit [www.nara.org](http://www.nara.org).