



ACCABONAC HARBOR SUGAR KELP PILOT PROJECT

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WHAT IS SUGAR KELP?

- *Saccharina latissima*
- *Large brown marine macroalgae*
- *Native to our area, found growing wild off Montauk*



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WHY CULTIVATE SUGAR KELP?

- **Combats against excess nutrients entering waterways that impair water quality**
 - Atmospheric deposition
 - Surface runoff (fertilizer, etc.)
 - Groundwater (septic)
- **Provides high nutrient extraction**
 - 100' kelp line could remove 1# N/yr.
 - I/A OWTS system removes 12#N/yr.

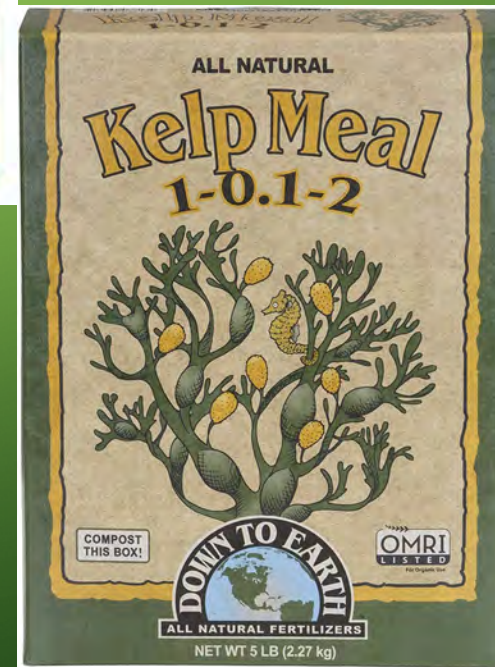


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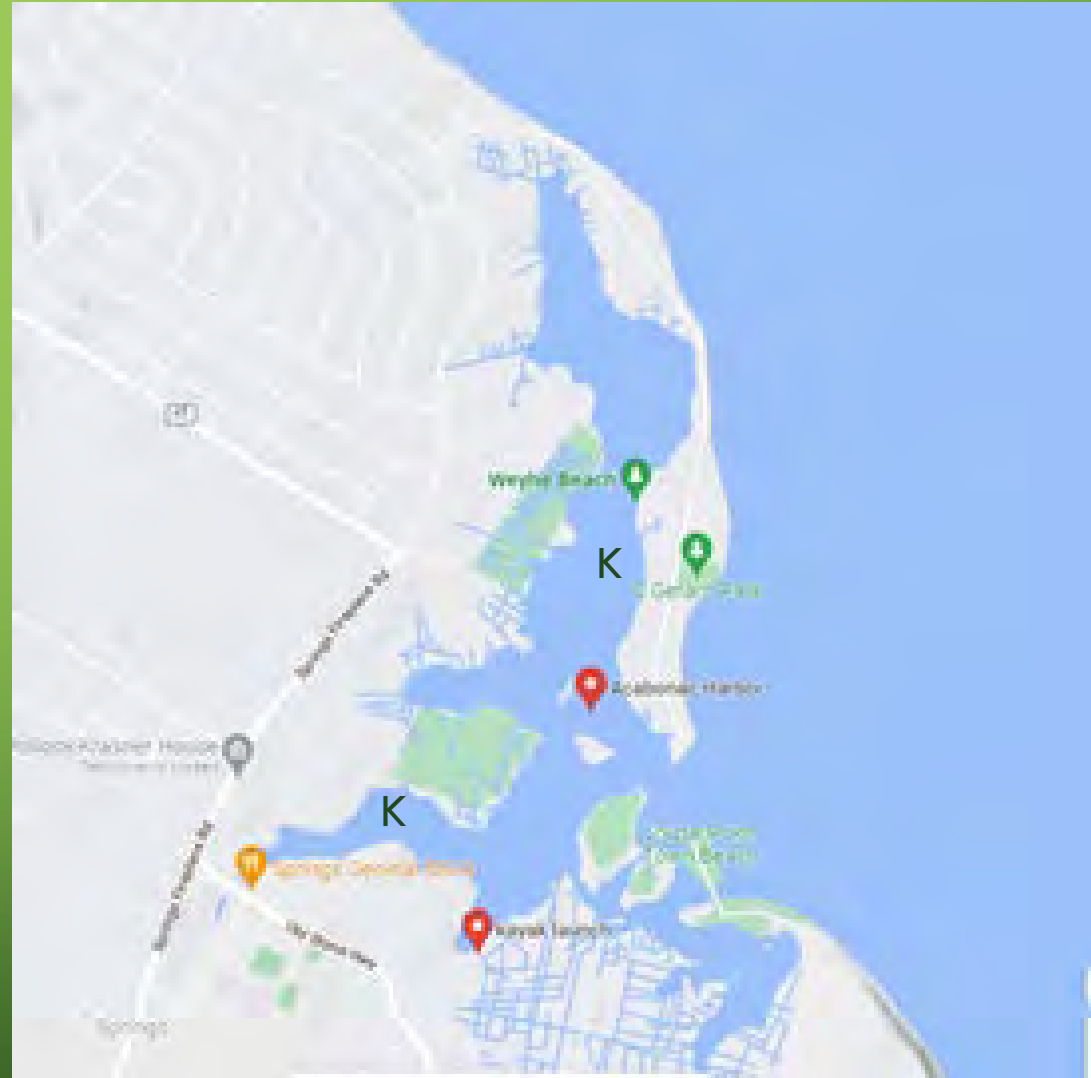
- Pharmaceuticals
- Aromatherapy
- Beauty industry (alginates)
- Food
 - High in fiber, vitamins, minerals
- Fertilizer
- Historical

- Growing season is Nov. to May/June, one season
- Fast grower, several inches/day

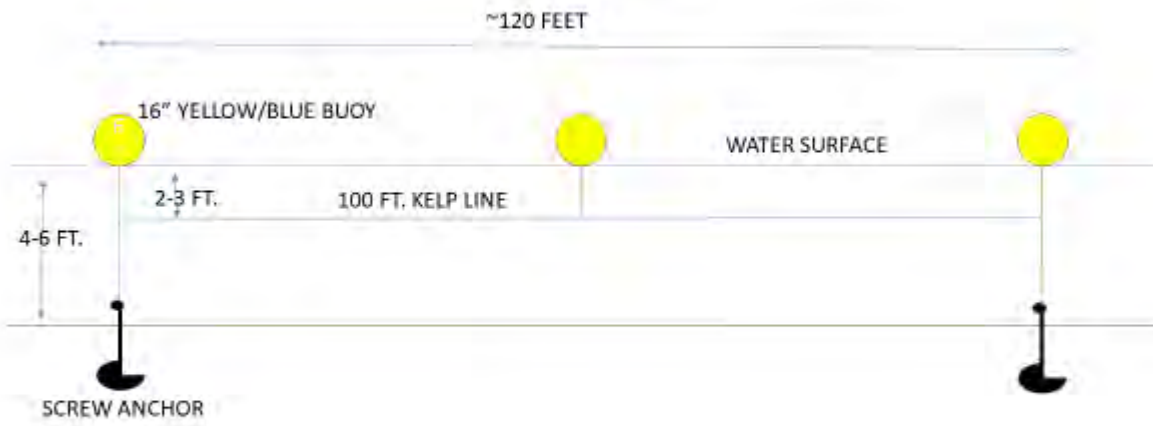


OUR PROJECT APPROACH

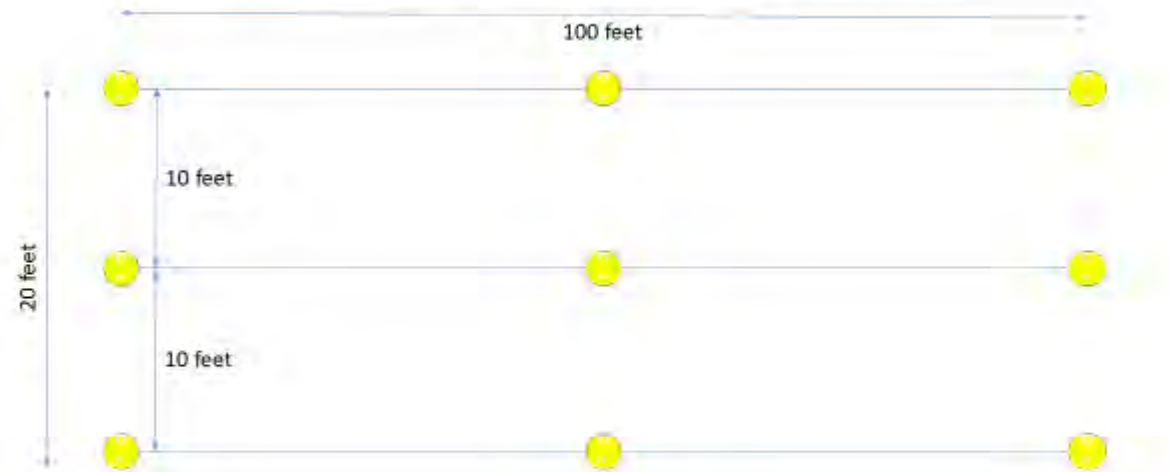
- Two sites each with 3-100' kelp lines
- “seeded” in December, monitored continuously for dissolved oxygen, temperature and light penetration
- Monitored monthly for Nitrogen & Phosphorus concentration, growth & salinity
- Harvest May for fertilizer at Town compost facility



SIDE VIEW OF KELP LINE



Plan view of three experimental kelp lines in Three Mile/Accabonac Harbors



Out-planting day 12-10-21



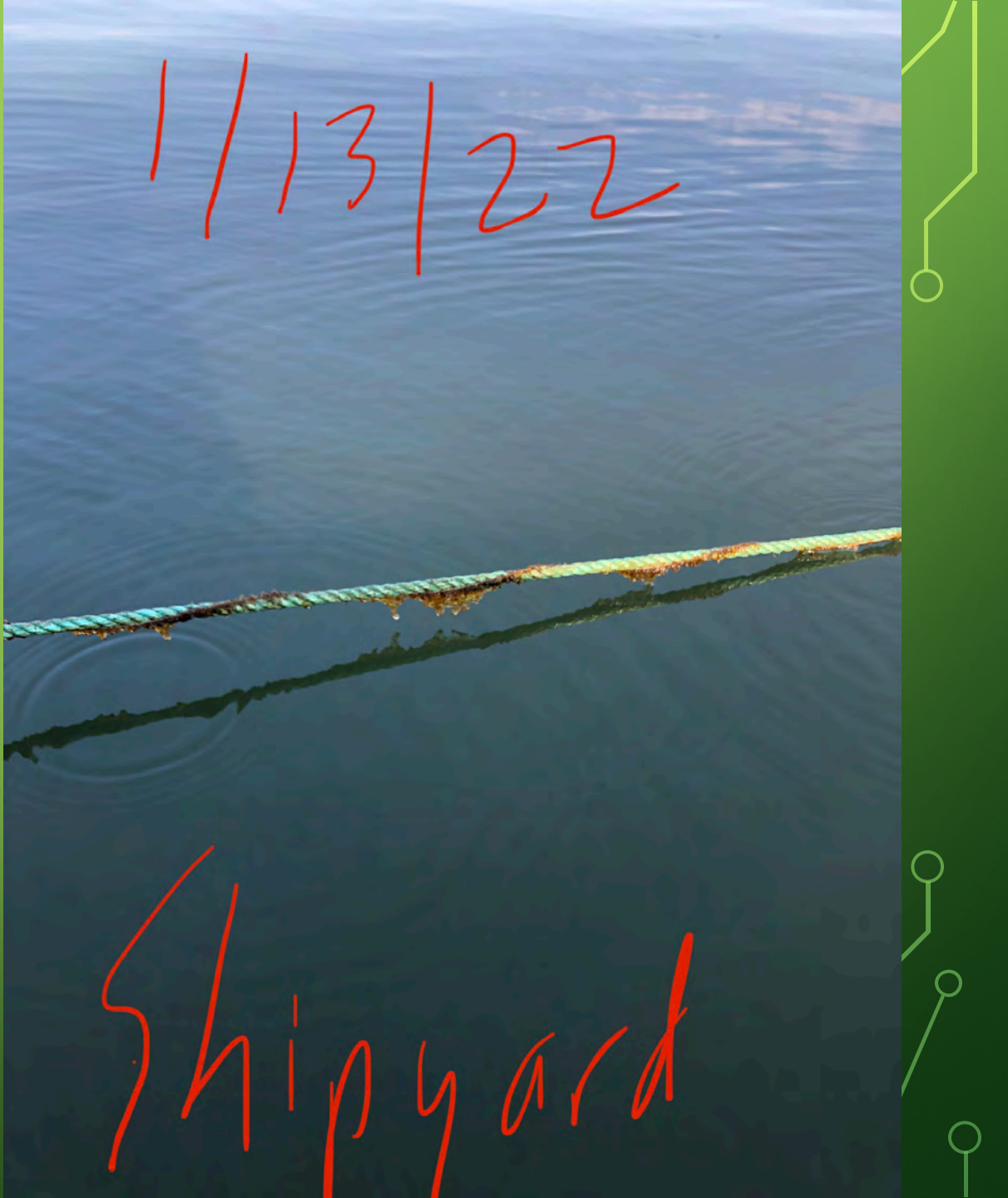
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