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PLANNING COUNCIL

## Plymouth County Food System Action Plan: Community Advisory Board (CAB)

### Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/NaRRxNA9RaueRoFr7NPNvQ>

Dial-in: 1-646-876-9923 (Meeting ID: 889 4338 7171; Passcode 148867)

Open to board members and the public

### Agenda

1. Welcome (Rita Higgins, Marion Institute)
2. Project Update (Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC)
3. Discuss **Theme 5, “Supporting Fishers, Farmers, and Other Food Producers, as well as Food Processors and Distributors”** (Rita and Joanne)
  - ★ Before meeting, please review Paper 1, which follows this agenda
4. Meeting Feedback and Next Steps (Rita)

Next Meeting: February 25, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (virtual); theme will be Food Sovereignty and Equity

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## Paper 1

### Instructions

We're using the Community and Agriculture Resilience Audit Tool (CARAT) (<https://caratool.org/>) as a collaborative platform to bring together community stakeholders for a self-assessment of our local food system. The results will inform the development of a Plymouth County Food System Action Plan.

The theme of this meeting will be “**Distributive and Democratic Leadership in our Food System.**” We will discuss each of the ‘indicators’ numbered below to assess our region's performance.

If you would like to explore what other places are doing, please see the “Resource Archive” at <https://caratool.org/guide/introduction> (located in the left menu).

### Indicators we'll cover at this meeting

To what extent, if at all, do we do or have the following? Please consider related policies, practices, programs, and projects, as well as the individuals and organizations involved.

#### **Section A: Providing broad access to leadership and decision-making authority among all community stakeholder groups, including those that have historically been marginalized**

- SD34. We have a local seafood/food policy body that includes fishers, aquaculture growers, and marginalized voices.
- SD35. We have leadership and policy training opportunities for fishers.
- SD36. We ensure BIPOC and small-boat fishers are represented in decision-making.
- CA51. There are educational opportunities for community stakeholders to build their capacity in the food system.
- CA52. We have a local food policy council (or similar established organization) that incorporates the concerns of local food system stakeholders / accessibility of meetings and initiatives.
- CA53. Our local food policy council (or similar established organization) actively seeks and recruits demographically diverse (racially, socioeconomically, lived experience, etc.) leadership to elevate the voices of those most affected by food policy.
- CA54. The membership of our local food policy council (or similar established organization) reflects the demographic and socio-economic makeup of the community.
- CA55. The membership of our local food policy council (or similar established organization) includes a wide range of food system practitioners from across the food supply chain.
- SD37. Our community supports co-ops for collective branding, distribution, and infrastructure.
- SD38. In our community, there are co-op/collective-owned seafood retail spaces.

CA56. Our community supports and grows formal agricultural cooperatives that sell local food in local markets.

CA57. Our community supports the creation and expansion of collective marketing networks (other than formal cooperatives). (sharing equipment, packing facilities, distribution routes, and/or transportation)

**Section B. Building economic resilience and enhancing risk management through cooperation and partnerships that expand local control of food production, processing, distribution, and marketing**

CA58. Our community supports the creation and expansion of cooperatively owned food retail venues that showcase locally grown foods and locally harvested fish or seafood to promote socially responsible practices in the food supply chain, and/or provide economic benefits to members.

CA59. There are programs or policies in our community that encourage reuse innovations for food packaging.

CA60. We have representatives of established local businesses provide mentoring guidance on food business development and operations to new business entrants.