

## **Tri-State Aquaculture Forum**

For the first time, the annual Aquaculture Forum will be held jointly with three states: West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky. Producer associations, regulators, and educators are working together to develop a program of interest. The meeting will be held on January 16, 2010 at the Memorial Student Center on the Marshall University Campus in Huntington. Doors are expected to open at 8:30 am and close at 5:00 pm. The program will feature an industry update, research highlights, presentations by leading aquaculture businessmen, and discussions about development of the aquaculture industry. Planned activities also include a poster session featuring results from aquaculture research, and a reception featuring aquaculture products grown in the region. Organizers also seek to offer a tour of a prominent aquaculture facility on Friday afternoon the day before the meeting. Nearby lodging will be available at the Pullman Plaza Hotel. This is an uncommon opportunity for growers, researchers and regulators from these states to exchange ideas. Though growers in these states have much in common, programs in each state are in different regions. Kentucky is in the southern region. Ohio is in the north central region. West Virginia is in the north east region.