



Shellfish Aquaculture with J.P. Hasteley & Angela Fortune

Tuesday, March 9th 6:30 pm [Please RSVP for reminders & Zoom links](#)

Curious about Shellfish Aquaculture?

Wonder how oysters are commercially produced? Want to learn more?

Join us for an open discussion of the opportunities, challenges and potentials within the shellfish aquaculture industry on the west coast including a behind the scene tour of a commercial shellfish hatchery. You will see first hand how Nova Harvest Ltd. produces seed for the BC shellfish industry.

The shellfish aquaculture industry is where J.P. and the Nova Harvest team want to make a lasting positive impact, helping to push the sector to its true potential, and make this sustainable food a regular on more dinner tables.



J.P. is easy-going and approachable with broad experience and perspective, and is happy to chat about anything shellfish. In 2011 J.P. Hasteley founded Nova Harvest, a company that applies innovative, science-based solutions to support the development of a sustainable shellfish industry. Nova Harvest's hatchery, located in Bamfield BC, is a top supplier of high-quality oyster, geoduck and manila clam seed. With a BA in Biology, a Master's degree in Animal Science, and named one of Hatchery International's Top 10 under 40, Hasteley says he has been able to apply every aspect of his education to develop and sustain his hatchery enterprise. Spending the first 10 years focusing on improving hatchery production, JP is now focused on and working towards developing west coast shellfish farming operations and completing the production cycle from egg, to ocean, to plate.



Angela Fortune is the Hatchery Manager at Nova Harvest and she is passionate about growing and eating shellfish, not just because they are a delicious ocean treat, but because they are the most sustainable protein on the planet and farming them has a positive impact on the environment. Prior to joining the Nova Harvest team in Bamfield, Angela completed her Masters of Science at DFO and UVIC where she studied integrated multi-trophic aquaculture. Conducting experiments at Effingham Oysters in Barkley sound is where she first discovered just how incredible shellfish farms are for ocean biodiversity and she has been hooked since.

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