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Centre for Shellfish Research Announces New Manager for Research and Training Farm

Malaspina's Centre for Shellfish Research (CSR) is pleased to announce that Mr. Brian Kingzett has been selected for the position of Manager of its new Shellfish Aquaculture Research and Training Farm.

"Managing the farm will represent a unique challenge," says Don Tillapaugh, Director, CSR. "Farm operations will include the commercial production of a variety of shellfish, scientific research studies, as well as teaching, training and public education - all going on at the same time."

"We needed a Manager who not only had experience in each of these areas – but could also ensure that the areas worked synergistically to maximize the farm's contribution to BC's shellfish aquaculture industry," continues Tillapaugh. "And – given his education and experience – Brian is ideal for the position."

With a M.Sc. (Biology) from Simon Fraser University, Brian is recognized as a leading expert in the Canadian shellfish culture industry. He formed Kingzett Professional Services (later Blue Revolution Consulting Group) in 1990 to provide consulting services to the shellfish industry in areas such as business development, responsible aquaculture production practices, and strategic market-based development. Brian was also the owner/operator of a shellfish culture enterprise on the West Coast of Vancouver Island for 10 years.

During his career, Brian has served as President of the BC Shellfish Growers Association and as a Board member of both the Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance and the Canadian Aquaculture Sector Council.

Development of the CSR farm site – which is located in Deep Bay, BC – will begin this summer. Upon completion, the farm will include a state-of-the-art field research facility, deepwater shellfish production systems and an intertidal shellfish tenure.

"The BC shellfish culture industry has desperately needed a research and training farm for a long time – and I am excited to be involved with its development from the ground up," says Brian. "In the past, shellfish producers didn't always understand how they could apply the results of scientific research on their farms. But now we will be able to field test all new scientific information – and demonstrate how it can be practically applied in a commercial production system."

Brian's position at the CSR is effective May 29th, 2006.

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