



## **Announcement: Shellfish Raft Design Workshop**

We want your input!

**Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 - 2:00**

Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo

Building 373 (CSR), Room 206

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Joy (Joy.Wade@viu.ca)

The Centre for Shellfish Research in partnership with the BCSGA has received funding from the *Aquaculture Innovation and Market Access Program (AIMAP)* to develop up to four new raft designs using current state-of-the-art materials and techniques.

Significant components of this project include the involvement of contracted engineers to produce designs based on collaborative involvement of the end-user group (shellfish farmers) with the design/construction plans being issued as “open licensing” and made available to industry.

We would like to engage shellfish farming industry stakeholders to provide their time and expertise in the design and implementation of these new rafts, as the technology will ultimately be transferred to BC shellfish farmers for their use and benefit. The goal of the new designs is to improve economic profitability and environmental sustainability of the industry.

Goals of the workshop:

- Outline the workplan for the project.
- Introduce the engineers contracted to work with us on a design.
- Provide an opportunity for industry input into the design.

For more information:

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