

Greg Dale

Biographical Statement

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Greg Dale grew up in Alaska and attended Humboldt State University where he received a BS in Fisheries Biology and a teaching credential in Science. He has worked in the oyster industry since 1990 and has been the Southwest Operations Manager for Coast Seafoods Company's Eureka, California farm and processing facility since 1995.

As the Southwest Operations Manager for Coast Seafoods Company, Greg worked through a long and involved process to plan and permit the conversion of Coast's Humboldt Bay bottom culture farm to an off bottom farm. This process resulted in the collection of a considerable amount of scientific information on the habitats and processes of Humboldt Bay, as well as a great deal of scientific evaluation of that science. The process also involved a good cooperative working relationship with all the various regulatory agencies that oversee and regulate Humboldt Bay. As a result of this process Coast's Humboldt Bay farm is widely considered to be one of the most ecologically sound and sustainable shellfish farms in the country.

Greg represented the aquaculture industry as a member of the Humboldt Bay Management Plan Task Force in the two year effort to develop the Humboldt Bay Management plan, (HBMP). The Task Force took stakeholders input from all sectors of user groups in Humboldt Bay and assisted in the development of the HBMP. Once the plan was developed and had completed the CEQA process the Task force assisted in developing the Humboldt Bay Management Plan Implementation Goals and Guidelines.

Greg is an active member of the Humboldt Bay Shellfish Technical Advisory Committee (STAC). The STAC is a committee established by legislation that evaluates shellfish growing area water quality and includes members from federal, state and local agencies that are involved in regulating water quality. The STAC has performed several water quality studies in and around Humboldt Bay to determine water quality impacts, the sources and solutions. The STAC works cooperatively to maintain and improve water quality in and around Humboldt Bay. As a result of the STAC's efforts Humboldt Bay has exceptional water quality and is ever improving.

Greg is the Vice President of the California Aquaculture Association (CAA) and has served on the Board of Directors for many years. CAA actively promotes the production of seafood using sustainable culture techniques. Greg has been active on the government relations committee for CAA and as a result has been active working with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) staff to promote aquaculture in California.

Greg is a Governor appointed member of the CDFG Aquaculture Development Committee (ADevC). The ADevC is mandated by fish and game code to meet and work

to develop aquaculture in the state by making recommendations to the Director of Fish and Game as well as the Governor.

Greg is also a Directory appointed member of the CDFG Aquaculture Disease Committee (ADC) which meets as needed to discuss and make recommendations to CDFG Director on diseases that may affect the resources of the state.

Greg is a member of the Board of Directors of the Humboldt County Farm Bureau and is currently the 2nd vice president. He represents Humboldt County on the Commodity Advisory Committee for Aquaculture.

Greg lives in Fortuna, CA with his wife and 4 children and is a Governing Board member of the Rohnerville School District. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka and is active in his community.