

Invitation
Aquaculture Industry Meeting

Sept. 2, 2008

4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

RCC Glenns Campus

RSVP!!

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Purpose

VIMS has been considering developing a shellfish aquaculture training program for a number of years but lacked funding. Recently, we proposed the idea to a private donor who agreed to begin funding the program for a year, with likely funding in the future if the program is valuable and attracts trainees. We have joined with Rappahannock Community College for the planning stages and for later collaboration in the training. We invite you to attend a meeting of shellfish aquaculturists to discuss interest in such a program and devise priorities for the curriculum. Questions to be discussed: industry priorities for training, length of the program, use of internships and externships, specializations, stipends and other program planning challenges.

Agenda

1. Opportunity to provide aquaculture training at VIMS Stan Allen, VIMS
 - A. Funding
 - B. Possible forms of the training
 - C. Industry needs and other potential uses

2. Possibility for an Apprenticeship Program with RCC Nancy Lloyd, RCC
 - A. Fundamentals of an apprenticeship program
 - B. Requirements to include Apprenticeship in the program

3. Discussion of the priorities of the training program from an industry prospective and what form the program should take

4. Canvass industries for likely candidates for the program

5. Questions/wrap up