Farmer Veterans and Small Scale Fisheries

John Adams Sound Fresh Clams and Oysters Washington Chapter, Farmer Veteran Coalition

This is the story so far:

Continue to improve together



WA Farmer Veteran Coalition

Supporting the veterans and family members engaged in agricultural pursuits



Why farming works for me

- Constant challenge
- Growing food
- Mental health



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Tides

Respiration of the estuary



Our Seagreen Project

- Pickleweed/ sea beans (Salicornia)
- Jaumea carnosa



Seafood Supply Chain

Where is your margin?



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Habitat Trends

Ocean Acidification (pH/chemistry change)

Sea Level Rise (shifts intertidal stratification)

Ocean Temperature (disrupts metabolism, ecosystem timing)

Climate Events. Rainfall, wind, sun, cold, drought

Frequency, severity duration



Ocean Acidification

Trophic system creates ripples of tertiary effects

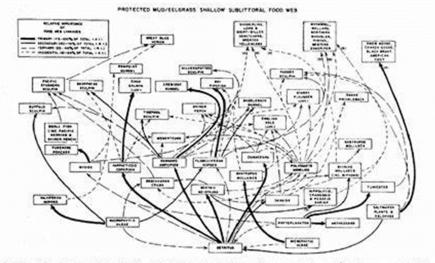


Figure 20. Composite food web characteristic of protected mud/eelgrass, shallow sublittoral habitats in northern Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca (after Simenstad et al. 1979).

Business Models

Scale Value based Agritourism (10-50%) Restoration Aquaculture Composite models are best



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Agritourism

Facilitates self discovery of food Helps connect food with place and environment Fully Engages senses



Seaweed is Food

Experience level of target market in product knowledge and food prep expertise Need for translation to

market

Farming and Resilience

Purpose: 40-70% of small businesses do not survive



Resilience

- Identify single points of failure
- Assess your risks, hazards and vulnerabilities
- Identify critical resources
- Contingency business
 planning
- Prepare. Reduce risks or vulnerabilities, build surplus, rehearse plan
- Develop collaborative network.



Questions?

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Washington Sea Grant Seaweed farming workshop webinar 20 November, 2019

Case study #2 – Patriot Shellfish Farms/Blue Greens co. Daniel Barth, Founder

My story My history My vision My hopes



To our veteran community:

Welcome Home – Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Seaweed farming may or may not be right for you. I'd like to help.





Where are we? Summary/highlights;

- Aquaculture around the world.
- Species
- Uses and markets (current and future)
- Organic verses Inorganic
- Ecological and personal restoration

- Training: classroom, on-line, webinars, pod casts, internships, mentors, on the job, trial and error etc.
- It's all not worth it if you don't have a farm site. Agencies need to come forward and really assist and foster seaweed and shellfish aquaculture as mandated by law, regulation and policy. Will they?

- Permitting new sites:
- Regulatory requirements.
- Costly.
- No guarantees you can do it.
- NIMBY's and appeals and time.
- Don't quit your day job.

- Is there help for veterans, socially disadvantaged groups, Farmers of Color, women farmers, disabled farmers?
- Perhaps. Consider the Farmer Veteran Coalition, VCC, 2501 Program of the Farm Bill, USDA and perhaps your elected officials to support you. You're not alone.

My hopes:

- "Real" agency support to "foster" seaweed farming. Select sites, pre-approve, secure regulatory permits (as done elsewhere) support small farmers, farmers of color and veterans.
- Lobby for funding (Federal, State, local and private investment)
- Reduce fees, eliminate burdensome redundant regulations.
- Support working waterfronts and rural communities and farming support businesses and more.

Thank you Daniel Barth Patriot Shellfish Farms LLC Blue Greens Co. Homegrown by Heroes Sea-Rations dbarth@localaccess.com





Questions? Audience live? Webinar land Live? Email follow up to Sea Grant or to me.

I hope this was okay, thanks again for listening to my story.

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Folks with military service. You may know some: Tim Conway, Norman Lear, Buster Keaton, Mel Brooks, Oliver Stone, Bob Dole, Charles Osgood, E E Cummings, Tony Bennett, John Fogerty, Robert Preston, R C Gorman, Jimi Hendricks, Robert Duvall, Sugar Ray Robinson, Clark Gable, Yogi Berra, B B King, Jack Lemon, Jack Palance, Jimmy Stewart, Steve Reeves, Elvis Presley, Rock Hudson, Steve McQueen, Audie Murphy, James Garner, Arnold Palmer, Ted Williams, Zeke Bonura, Charles Schultz, Audrey Hepburn, Claude Akins, Herb Alpert, Gene Autry, Jack Benny, Bill Cosby, Sammy Davis Jr., Clint Eastwood, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Henry Fonda, Morgan Freeman, Alec Guinness, Gene Hackman, Hal Holbrook, Ice-T, James Earl Jones, Sean Connery, Richard Burton, Anthony Hopkins, Gene Kelly, DeForest Kelly, Burt Lancaster, Jack lemon, Glenn Miller, Roger Moore, Willie Nelson, Bob Newhart, Paul Newman, Leonard Nemoy, Warren Oats, Lawrence Olivier, Jack Parr, Gene Rodenberry, Tom Selleck, Mel Tillis, Pat Tillman, Spencer Tracy, Gore Vidal, Darryl F Zanick, James Whitmore, Frankie Yankovic......