



Workshop 6

Date: June 1, 2017

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Place: Four Points by Sheraton Conference Facilities, Ventura Harbor

Becoming a VSE Shellfish Producer

The Ventura Shellfish Enterprise (VSE) is a collaborative effort that is centered on the creation of a permitting blueprint for offshore mussel farming operations in Ventura Harbor and other coastal California communities. We cordially invite you to attend the next public outreach workshop to learn more about this pioneering effort and share your valuable insights with the VSE team.

Overview | The Business of Growing Mussels: Key Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities

Obtaining permits on behalf of future VSE growers is part of a much broader plan to make offshore mussel farming an attractive and lucrative business opportunity for members of our working waterfront community. Efforts are now underway to secure funding for a comprehensive, service-oriented program that provides multiple levels of support for individuals seeking to establish an economically viable shellfish aquaculture operation in Ventura Harbor. In this specialized industry sector, sound business planning is shaped by a variety of specific financial and practical considerations that form the focus of this workshop. Tonight's speaker will draw upon his *on-the-ground* experience in a wide-range of aquaculture development projects to help you develop a realistic understanding of some of the key factors to consider when embarking on an aquaculture business.

About the Speaker

Scott Lindell is a marine biologist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and a leading national proponent for the expansion of offshore marine farming. In 2014, he successfully obtained permits for the first commercial aquaculture lease in federal waters along the East Coast. With over 15 years of fish farming experience, Scott advises offshore aquaculture developments in Alaska, California, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Morocco.

Workshop Program

Welcome and Sign-In	
Opening Remarks and Overview	7:00 p.m.
Speaker Presentation:	7:10 p.m.
Scott Lindell (Woods Hole)	
Q & A/Community Discussion	8:00 p.m.
Concluding Remarks	8:25 p.m.



For more information on this workshop, please visit the VSE website at www.venturashellfishenterprise.com

Promoting healthy oceans with sustainable shellfish aquaculture