



# Delegation to CVRD Board

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# The Good: Economic Contribution

- CVRD is single largest producer of shellfish in BC (70%) and largest producer of oysters in Canada
- \$30 million in production annually
- 608 full-time jobs,
  - 20% ESL participation
  - Significant Indigenous participation



# The Bad: Existential Threats

- COVID-19 (losses of \$2.4 million per month)
- Sudden Mortality Syndrome (20-80% mortality events)
- Declining water quality from upland development
- Costs of regulatory compliance (new DFO Conditions of Licence)
- Labour shortages
- Sea lions



# The Ugly: Debris

- Debris continues to be a huge issue for the industry
- Farm failures have exacerbated the problem in recent months.
- BCSGA launched their Shellfish Farm Environmental Plan (SHEP) in March 2021.





# How does SHEP work?

- Farmer do self-assessment of their farms based on,
  - Exposed foam floatation
  - Non-seabed debris
  - Wildlife protection measures
- Independent audits undertaken no later than 2023 would determine whether farms were compliant.
- Members that are compliant receive special marketing certification
- Farmers that did not participate or were found to be non-conforming would be subject to administrative sanctions.



Questions?

