

CALIFORNIA CA AQUACULTURE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN CALIFORNIA AQUACULTURE

Introduction

The California aquaculture industry is the most diverse aquaculture industry in the United States. It has an ex-farm value in excess of \$50 million and consist of both marine and freshwater segments and produces a variety of food and non-food products. Employment opportunities are there for talented personnel, however, potential employees have to know how to obtain information about these opportunities. The best source of good information is always personal contacts within the industry. This publication will address sources of employment opportunities for individuals without personal contacts and with limited knowledge of the industry.

Producer Associations: Producer associations are always a prime source of information about employment opportunities. The California Aquaculture Association (CAA) is the industry association for aquaculture producers in the state. The association represents the about 80 percent of the commercial growers and includes both freshwater and marine segments of the industry. The CAA maintains a cross reference for both producers looking for good employees and people looking for jobs within the industry. CAA produces a newsletter, *California Aquatic Farming*, that contains information about employment opportunities, along with articles about individual companies and local and national aquaculture issues. The association also publishes an annual *Member Directory: Product & Services* that contains names and addresses, as well as products and services offered by member companies. In

addition, two annual meetings sponsored by the CAA, the *California Annual Aquaculture Conference & Trade Show* and the *Western Regional Aquaculture Expo*, provide an excellent forum to meet producers and exchange information about job availability and specific talents.

For information about how to enter these information loops, or to join the association, contact:

California Aquaculture Association
 P.O. Box 1004
 Niland, CA 92257
 (619) 359-3474

California Department of Fish and Game: The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) is the lead agency for the aquaculture industry in California and all aquaculture companies are required to register with the CDFG to obtain an aquaculture license. The CDFG also publishes lists of freshwater and marine aquaculturists in the state, and the published lists are available to the public. The lists also contain information about growers who are not members of the CAA. The list are limited in that they do not differentiate between commercial companies and non-commercial aquaculturists, and registered

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individuals may request not to be included in the published list. To obtain the published lists contact:

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1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 653-6194 (Freshwater)
(916) 653-6218 (Marine)

The U.C. Davis, Aquaculture and Fisheries

Program: The U.C. Davis, Aquaculture and Fisheries Program (AFP), located on the UC Davis campus, is a source for information on employment, primarily for students. The AFP maintains an employment clipboard with job and student employment opportunities that is posted on a clipboard located near the entrance to the office. The AFP does this as a service for students, but does not provide additional information beyond that which is posted. The AFP welcomes you to visit the clipboard, but the AFP does not become involved in references or requests for additional information. The clipboard contains information on job opportunities in industry within the state and often posts jobs that are available at other academic institutions or industries nationally. The AFP office is located in Meyer Hall located on LaRue Road, parallel to the Arboretum, on the U.C. Davis Campus.

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