

CONFERENCE PROGRAM - Islands Agriculture Show - Friday February 7, 2020		
	8:00 AM Registration Desk Opens	8:30 AM Trade show Opens
Session Location	MNP CONFERENCE ROOM	BMO CONFERENCE ROOM
	New Opportunities-Cannabis, don't worry its legal	Food and Beverage Processing
SESSION 1 9:00 am - 10:30 am	Clearing the Smoke - What you Can and Cannot Do; Luc Biles, MNP, (Facilitator) Health Canada - Jacqueline Oddi; Cannabis Secretariat - Mary Shaw; CVRD - Lauren Wright. <i>Three levels of government involved in Canadian cannabis policy. This session will answer your questions on policy and regulations to help clarify the "what can and cannot" be done and help you understand all levels of government cannabis regulations.</i>	
	Network Break	
SESSION 2 9:00 am - 10:30 am	Breaking Down Barriers to Larger Buyers Panel - Morgan Milward, Penny DeWaal, Sarah Low, Paula & Nairn McPhee, James Street <i>What does it takes to sell to a food processor, post- secondary institution, senior care facility, private elementary, high school, retail outlet or restaurant? This session will provide a step by step guide with local examples to help demystify the process.</i>	
	Network Break	
SESSION 3 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Cannabis Supporting Food Security!? Cathryn Connelly (PhD) Sea Dog Farm & Dan Adelman, Cannabis Consultant & Farmer <i>Katy and Shawn own and operate Sea Dog Farm. They were one of the first licensed micro cannabis producers on Vancouver Island. Their presentation will provide guidance to new producers navigating the micro cannabis licensing process. Dan is an independent cannabis consultant that provides support to operations like Sea Dog Farm.</i>	
	Lunch Break	
SESSION 4 11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Eight Key Success Factors in Food Aggregation Darren Stott, Greenchain Consulting <i>Aggregation combines products from multiple food producers to be sold through a single channel to buyers. The purpose of this session is to share what factors make food aggregation initiatives successful, some of the common challenges and experiences from B.C.</i>	
	Lunch Break	
SESSION 5 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	The Recovering Farmer Keynote Speaker, Gerry Friesen <i>Gerry comes from a diverse background of experience, learning and discovery. Never short on humour, Gerry's presentation, titled "Pigs, politics and Diet Coke: Stories from a Recovering Farmer", shares tales of farming, relationships and tips on how to survive difficult times.</i>	
	Network Break	
SESSION 6 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Study on Demand for Cowichan Food Products Greg McLaren, Farm-Food-Drink <i>The Cowichan Region has initiated a project that analyzes the demand for local food products with large institutions and what is or could be produced by growers and food processors to fill the demand. In this interactive session, we will present our findings to date and allow for participant input.</i>	
	Network Break	
SESSION 7 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Challenges and Opportunities-Cannabis Business Fundamentals and Next Steps Luc Biles, MNP, (Moderator); Jasmin Liu, Purple Camas Consulting; Scott Wilkens, FX Insurance; Sarah Campbell, Craft Cannabis BC; Mary Shaw, Cannabis Legalization & Regulation Secretariat <i>With legalization of cannabis products comes opportunities, but not without risk. For those considering cannabis business ideas this panel will help ground those ideas in reality. With experts on policy, application processes, operations, risk management and innovation, this is the time to have your questions answered and set yourself up for success.</i>	
		
4:00 PM	Welcome Reception	

CONFERENCE PROGRAM - Islands Agriculture Show - Saturday February 8, 2020		
Session Location	MNP CONFERENCE ROOM	BMO CONFERENCE ROOM
	New Farmers	Change Management for Farmers
SESSION 8 9:30 am - 11:00 am	<u>Recipes for Success: New Farmers share their experiences - Ross Springford - Moderator</u> Cammy & James, Lockwood Farms; Nick & Niki, Tatlo Road Farm	
	<i>Cammy and James, vegetable and egg producers and sellers in Cobble Hill, were declared BC/Yukon Outstanding Young Farmers for 2019. Niki and Nick, producers in Crofton, are growing a variety of organic vegetables, herbs, and fruit which sell at their farm gate, local markets and through a supplier who distributes their produce to the west Coast of Vancouver Island.</i>	
	Network Break	
SESSION 9 9:30 am - 10:30 am	<u>Planning Wildfire Resilient Farms</u> Kevin Smith, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist, Regional District of the Central Kootenays	
	<i>Kevin introduces an exciting tool, aimed at producers, livestock owners and farmers. Kevin brings an educational approach that will leave attendees inspired to make the mitigation efforts to be prepared for wildfire.</i>	
	Network Break	
SESSION 10 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	<u>Future Harvest: Training Opportunities for the Next Generation of Farmers</u> DeLisa Lewis, PhD. Assistant Professor, UBC; Bob Haugen, Manager at North Island College	
	<i>Come learn more about existing and potential agricultural educational opportunities on Vancouver Island and in B.C. Bob will provide an overview of the North Island College's Market Gardener Training Program and a potential partnership in the Comox Valley. DeLisa will discuss existing farmer training programs in B.C. and new opportunities on Southern Vancouver Island.</i>	
	Lunch Break	
SESSION 11 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<u>Agriculture and Water: The Double-Edged Sword</u> Dr. Natalia Melnychuk, PhD. Social and Ecological Sustainability	
	<i>Agricultural water shortages, flooding and the degradation of water quality will all have an impact on production, markets, trade and food security. This workshop will provide a science-based overview of local water related issues, current government climate change risk reduction support, and a framework of considerations to take home to continue building resilient farming on the Island.</i>	
	Lunch Break	
SESSION 12 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<u>BC Traceability for Agriculture, Food & Seafood: Are you eligible for government funding?</u> Jen McIntyre, Associate, PwC Sustainable Business Solutions	
	<i>Traceability is a key component in food safety and can significantly reduce the economic, social and environmental impacts of food safety issues such as product recalls, or emergencies like a contagious disease outbreak. Learn about the Programs and the types of funding available.</i>	
	Network Break	
SESSION 13 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<u>Managing Soil Nutrients under the new Agricultural Environmental Code of Practice</u> Dr. Dieter Geesing - Provincial Soils Specialist, BC Ministry of Agriculture	
	<i>The Code of Practice applies to all operations in BC, from small hobby farms to large commercial operations. The session will summarize the requirements under the new AEM Code as it affects the management and storage of soil nutrients on your farm and how to obtain the information in the field and online.</i>	
3:00 PM	Conference and Trade Show Ends	