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## Company Overview

**Blue Star Foods Corp. (“Blue Star” or “BSFC”)** is an integrated ESG seafood company that processes, packages and sells refrigerated pasteurized Blue Crab meat, and other high-value seafood products.

### Corporate Profile<sup>(1)</sup>

Stock Symbol	OTC:BSFC
Market Cap.	\$145M
Shares Outstanding	~22.9M
Share Price	\$6.24
Insider Ownership	~65%

### Company Financials<sup>(2)</sup>

- FY-2019 | Revenue of \$23.8M
- FY-2020 | Revenue of \$14.1M | Profitable in H2-2021 (on a cash-basis).
- FY-2021 | Revenue of \$20M+

### Headquarters

Miami, FL | 21 Employees

### Recent Acquisitions

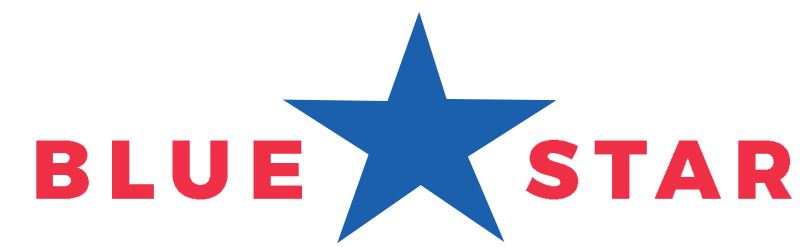
- **Coastal Pride**  
*South Carolina, United States | November 2019.*
- **Taste of BC Aquafarms**  
*Vancouver Island, Canada | June 2021.*

### Uplisting to NASDAQ

BSFC has started the NASDAQ application process (as of April 2021) and believes it can be uplisted in Q3-2021.

<sup>(1)</sup> Corporate profile statistics are as of July 12th, 2021.

<sup>(2)</sup> Financials are FY-2020 which will be reported on March 30th, 2021.



## John Keeler

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Founded BSFC in 1995; successfully built sales over the past 26 years to \$20+ million annually and is recognized as a leader and innovator in the measurable ESG enterprise model within the seafood industry.

BS in Economics from Rutgers University; attended Harvard Business School Executive Programs focused on supply chain management, negotiations and marketing.

Named Best CEO in Sustainable Seafood Industry by European CEO Magazine.

2017 Speaker at “The Economist World Ocean Summit”.



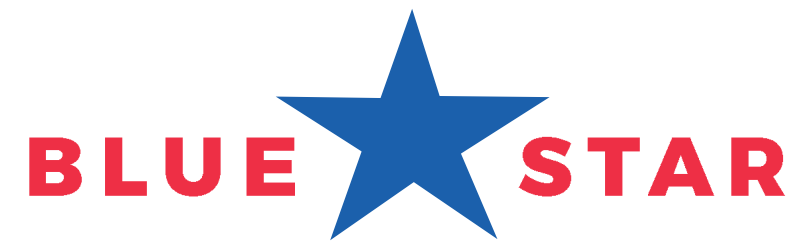
## Sylvia Alana

Chief Financial Officer

Former Senior Accountant at **Carnival Corporation (NSYE:CCL)**, where she was in charge of fixed assets, port accounting, and was part of the U.S. GAAP and IFRS reporting group.

Former Assurance Auditor at **PwC** and former Audit Manager at **Crowe LLP**.





## Distinguished Board of Directors



**Nubar Herian**  
*Member*

CEO of Monaco Group Holdings, a privately-held company headquartered in Miami, Florida, which owns and operates Monaco Foods, Inc., an importer, exporter and distributor of premium gourmet foods from around the world serving U.S. Foodservice market.



**Tim McLellan**  
*Member*

- Former President of Empress International, a division of Thai Union Group (SET:TU).
- Former Senior Managing Position of ConAgra Foods (NYSE:CAG) seafood division.



**Trond Ringstad**  
*Member*

- Former President of privately-held Pacific Supreme Seafoods, a global importing and wholesaling seafoods company. Mr. Ringstad later sold it to a publicly traded company.
- Former VP Sales & Marketing for privately-held Royal Supreme Foods, a Norwegian/Chinese seafood importer and sales company.



**Jeffrey Guzy**  
*Member*

- Former Operating Executives at several Technology/Telecommunications companies, including IBM Corp., Sprint International, Bell Atlantic Video Services, and Loral CyberStar.
- Independent director of several publicly traded companies, and the chairman of the audit committee for several of them, including Leatt Corp. (OTC:LEAT) and Capstone Companies, Inc. (OTC:CAPC).



# ESG & Environmental Stewardship

BSFC released its First GRI Standard Sustainability Report in January 2021.

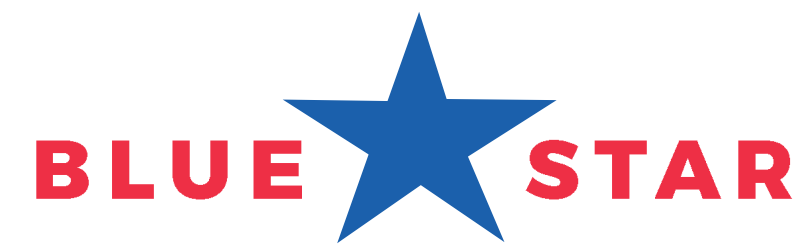


89-page report shows the company's performance during past 2 years against globally recognized, quantifiable and standardized ESG Key Performance Indicators.

- Only report focused on Blue Crabmeat category of seafood<sup>(1)</sup>.
- Report examines how BSFC looks after the ocean waters from where crabs are harvested, waste management, its relentless focus on its workers' social and economic wellbeing and efforts to empower local artisanal fishing communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> GRI Sustainability Report can be found here - <https://www.bluestarfoods.com/wp-content/uploads/PDF/BSF-Sustainability-Report-2020.pdf>





# Crab Meat Product Sourcing. Processing. Sustainable Catch.

**BSFC sources its main product, the Blue Swimming Crab from Southeast Asia.**

- In 2020, 90%(1) of product sourcing was from the Philippines (46%) and Indonesia (44%).

**Product is processed on site at local facilities, and packaged, and sent to their market destinations (U.S. and Europe).**

- Plants receive British Retail Consortium (BRC) audits every year.

## **Sustainable Sourcing**

- BSFC pays local fishermen that use their proprietary (GPS-based) technology system that allows them to trace product source.
- Encourages the capture of male crabs.
- Mapping waters where more mature crabs can be harvested.
- Catching crabs using Collapsible Traps instead of Gill Nets. Preventing Bi-Catch

(1) Source: Internal numbers as of Q4-2020







# Environmentally Friendly Packaging/Premium Labels



## Sustainable and ethical packaging.

- BSFC has several global patents on the Eco-Fresh crab meat pouches Worldwide. ONLY company to package Crab meat in pouches.

## Benefits of Eco-Fresh pouches vs. traditional metal cans include:

- Cost Efficient | longer Shelf life | Less CO2 emissions | decreases waste.
- Can attach RFID tracking codes for monitoring.

## Blue Star has premium proprietary brands within the crab-meat industry.

- All brands are recognized amongst its end-customers, for reliable, uniform, quality product.
- Commands higher margins in the seafood industry.







# Supplying Blue-Chip Customers Throughout North America

BSFC has built relationships with some of the largest, most prestigious companies in the United States.

- Quality product
- Reliable delivery
- Delivers auditable ESG check points for customer







# November 2019 Acquisition 1 Coastal Pride

Seafood company specializing in importing pasteurized and fresh crabmeat primarily from Mexico and LATAM.

- Sells premium branded label crabmeat to a diversified customer throughout North America.
- Headquartered in Beaufort, South Carolina.
- Company had >\$10M in sales and profitable.



## Key Transaction Points

### Management Team

- >30 years crab meat category market operators
- 2nd generation family company.

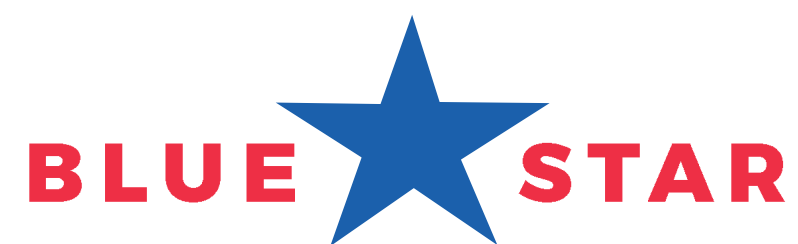
### Strategic Fit

- Can leverage each others' existing infrastructure (technology / credit lines / sourcing relationships / sales channels, etc.)
- Reduce OpEx. (by eliminating duplication)

### Deal Structure

- >90% paid in equity.
- Performance equity milestone bonuses.





# June 2021 Acquisition 2 Taste of BC Aquafarms

A land-based Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS) salmon farming operation. Operators are pioneers in the RAS industry, with longest running full grow-out salmon farm in North America.

- Headquartered in Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada.
- **Forecasting \$650,000 in sales and profitable in 2021<sup>(1)</sup>.**
- **Scalable plans to 21,000 MT by 2028.**

(1) FY-2020 is expected to have approximately \$600K USD in sales, and cash-flow break-even.

## Key Transaction Points

### Management Team

- >10 years in RAS field + 2nd generation family company.
- **Unique technical expertise to dramatically scale operations.**

### Strategic Fit

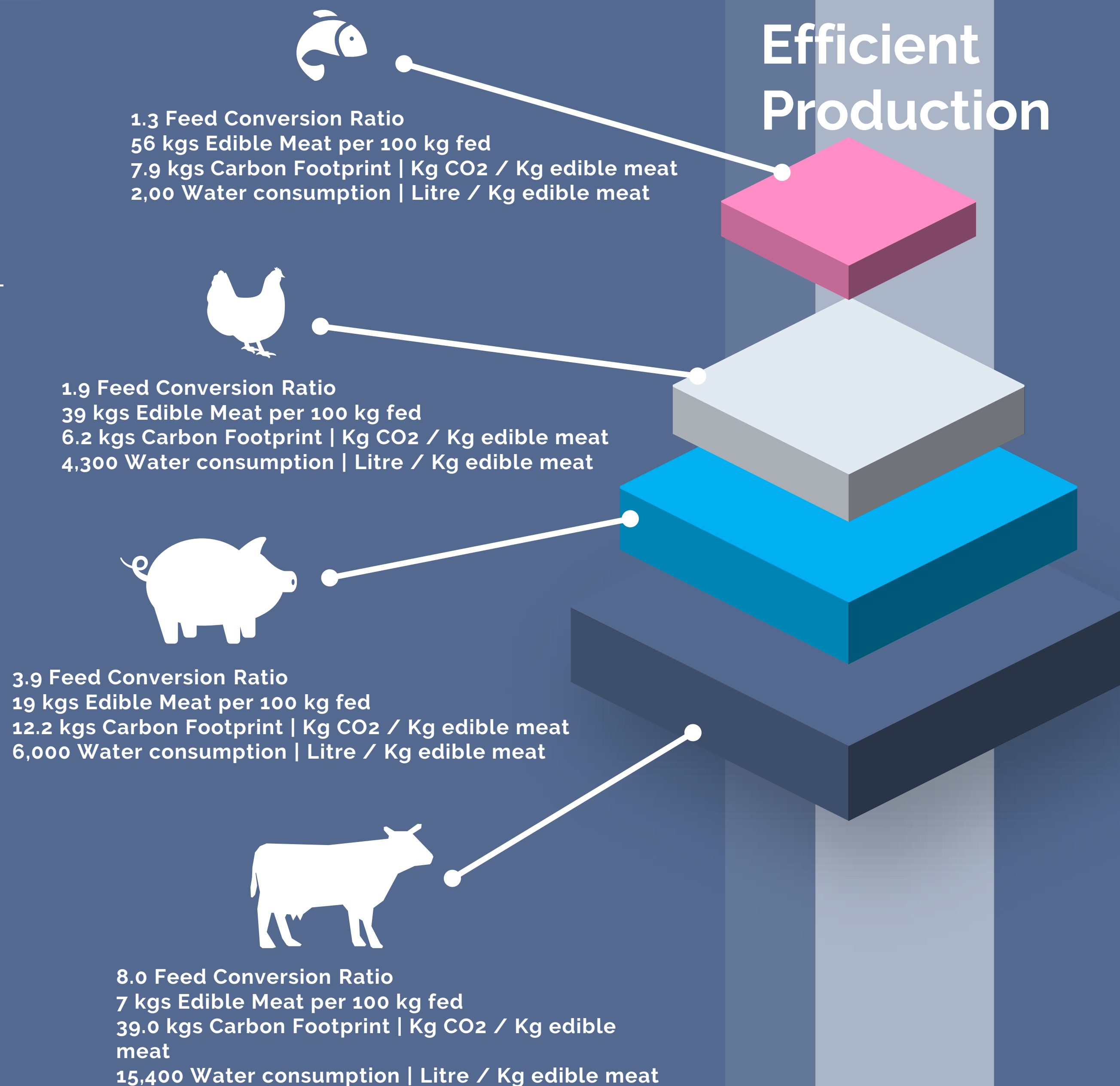
- RAS is a disruptive technology in the seafood industry
- Meeting the gap conventional supply vs growing worldwide demand

### Deal Structure

- >70% of the consideration paid in equity
- Performance equity milestone bonuses



## Resource Efficient Production



# Increased Global Marine Protein Consumption & Supply Gap

The global population is projected to be 9.8 billion people<sup>(1)</sup> by 2050;

Protein consumption is predicted to double by 2050<sup>(2)</sup>, marine-based proteins gaining a growing market share.

- Seafood proven to be most efficient creator of animal protein.
- Conventional Aquaculture provides a significant volume of seafood supply.

<sup>(1)</sup> The World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision, published by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

<sup>(2)</sup> Salmon Farming Industry Handbook 2020 (Mowi)



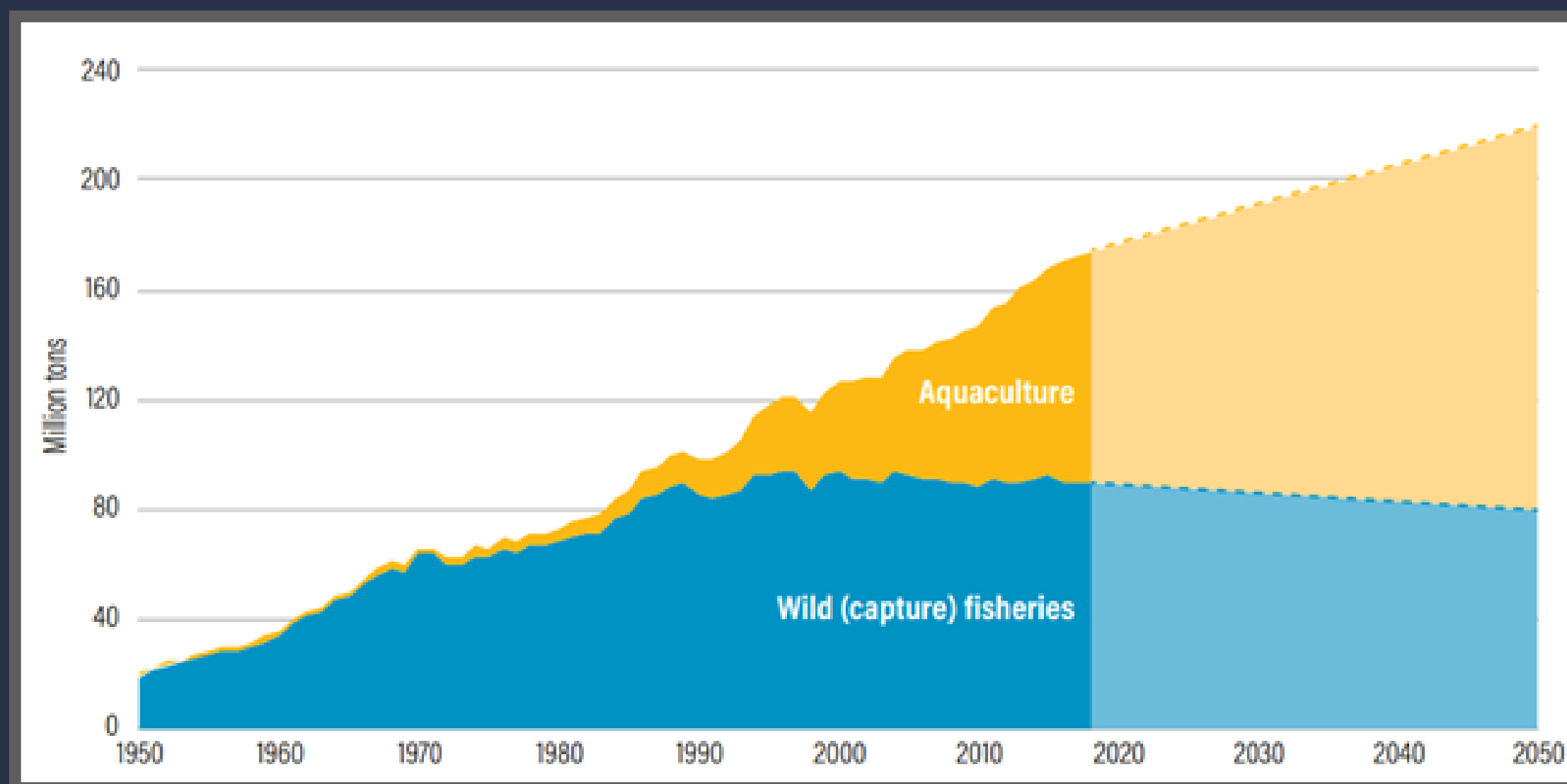


# Aquaculture Needs To Fill the Gap

The wild fish catch peaked at 94 Mt<sup>(1)</sup> in the mid-1990s and has since stagnated/declined. All future increase in world fish consumption will need to come from aquaculture.

- In 2016, aquaculture provided more than half (80 Mt)(1) of all fish consumed - making it one of the world's fastest-growing animal food-producing sectors.
- Aquaculture production >2X between 2010 – 2050; from 60 Mt in 2010 to roughly 140 Mt in 2050 (1).

## Estimates of Aquaculture Production vs. Wild Caught



(1) The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (2018) by the United Nations Fisheries and Aquaculture Department.

## Conventional Aquaculture



## Future of Aquaculture = RAS







# Global Salmon Market & Conventional Open-Net Salmon Farming Challenges

## Size of the Global Salmon market

- The market volume for all Salmon worldwide is estimated to be 3.7 million tons in 2021 and will be 4.0 millions tons by 2023(1).
- In 2019, the USD value for the global salmon market was \$17 Billion(2).

## Conventional Open Net Aquaculture detrimental to the environment:

- Invasive species can get free in new environment
- Use of antibiotics to control Sea Lice disease
- On going concern with Algae Bloom
- Increased fish waste direct disposed in the ocean.
- Harvested fish exposed to micro plastics

(1) Statista 2021 | Global salmon market size forecast 2018-2023

(2) U.N. FAO Statistical Data Search (December 2019)

A close-up photograph of several pieces of raw salmon fillets, showing the characteristic orange-pink color and white marbling of the fish.

**\$17B**

**2019 USD Global salmon Market <sup>(2)</sup>**





# GAP Solution: Recirculatory Aquaculture Systems

Recirculatory Aquatic Systems are a highly disruptive technology that harvest fish in indoor tanks in a “controlled” environment.

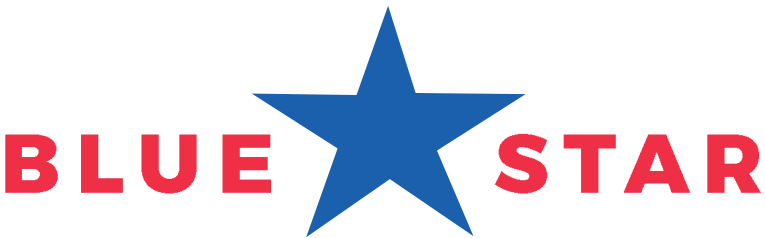
- The culture water is purified and reused continuously – in an almost completely closed circuit.
- Recirculating systems are capable of reusing ~90% of culture water.
- Solid waste, ammonium and CO<sub>2</sub>, are either removed or converted into non-toxic bio products (fertilizers).
- The purified water is subsequently saturated with oxygen and returned to the fish tanks.

## Advantages

- Fully controlled environment for the fish.
- No Antibiotics.
- Virtually No environmental impact.
- Efficient land and energy use (low to neutral CO<sub>2</sub> emissions)
- Optimal feeding strategy.
- Easy grading and harvesting of fish.







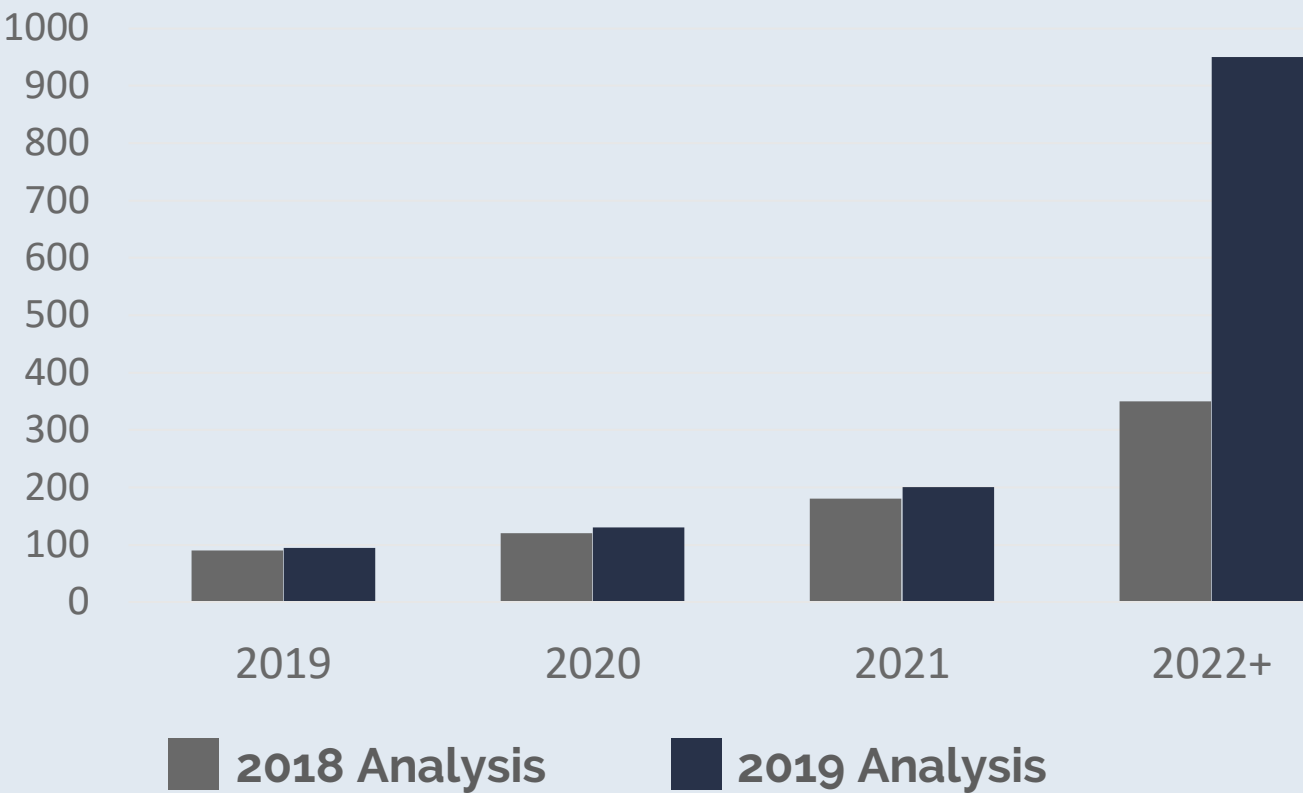
# Salmon Competitive Landscape

(Conventional Open Net & RAS Methods)

- Salmon farming competition is primarily in OPEN-NET sea cages and land-based farming.
- Growing momentum in land-based salmon farming projects has the potential to disrupt the industry.

Sources: DNB Land based Salmon; IntraFish Land-Based Salmon Farming Report 2019; SeafoodSource; company data and websites; Kontali Salmon World 2019

Growth in Land-Based Salmon Farming  
Volume plans identified in 2018 vs. 2019 (kt)



## North America RAS Farms in Production

Aquabounty	IN – 1,200 MT First Harvest 2020
Atlantic Sapphire	FL (Phase 1) – 10,000 MT FL (Phase 2) – 25,000 MT First Harvest 2020
Taste of BC Aquafarms	80 MT (Current)

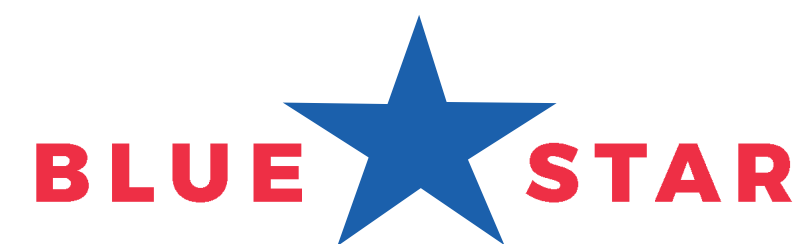
## North America RAS Farms Announced & in Development

Taste of BC Aquafarms	BC (Phase 1) – 1,500 MT BC (Phase 2) – 1,500 MT BC (Phase 3) – 3,000 MT BC (Phase 4) – 6,000 MT BC (Phase 5) – 9,000 MT
Nordic Aquafarms	ME – 33,000 MT CA – 33,000 MT
Whole Oceans	ME – 20,000 MT
West Coast Salmon	NV – 15,000 MT
Aquacon	MD – 100,000 MT
Pure Salmon	VA – 25,000 MT

## International Sea-Cage Operations

Mowi	417,000 MT
Cermaq	192,000 MT
Agrosuper	188,000 MT
Leroy	180,000 MT
Salmar	158,000 MT
Grieg Seafood	83,000 MT





## At a Glance

# Taste of BC

**Taste of BC has perfected a modular system that will enable scalable, predictable & repeatable results.**

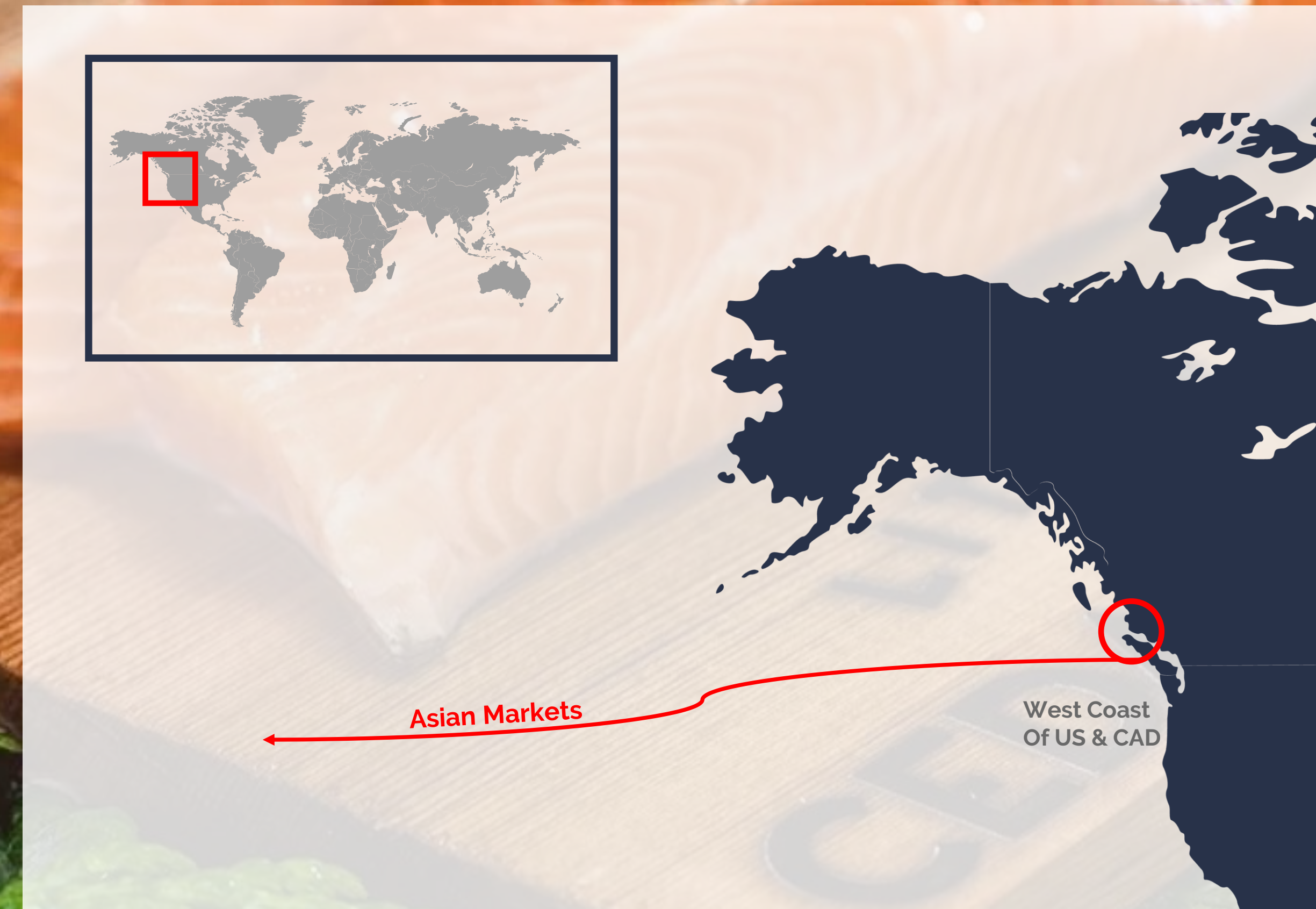
- Have produced over 500,000 lbs. of Steelhead Salmon since 2012.
- Is the oldest continuously operating Salmon RAS in North America.
- The 1st to successfully, predictably raise full grow-out Salmon in RAS.
- Have overcome issues like taste, early maturation, and coloration.
- <1 day delivery to entire West Coast of US / Canada / Asian markets.

**The management team of Taste of BC are highly efficient operators<sup>(1)</sup>.**

- 6 Month Average Fish Harvest Weight - 2.218Kg
- Target Minimum of 2kg for Steelhead Salmon
- 6 Month Total Harvest Downgrade Percentage of 1.36%
- Not fully optimized product (sells for less or waste)
- Last completed cohort achieved 1.08KG Feed/Kg bFCR.



<sup>(1)</sup> Company's internal statistics from June 30th, 2021.







# 1,500 MT Facility Economics

## Site Selection Update

- In progress.
- Have multiple sites as possibilities.

## Grants and No-Interest Loans

- Currently working with the Government of British Columbia on various incentive financing structures

Economics of 1,500 MT Facility <sup>(1)</sup>	
Facility Capacity	1,500 MT
CapEx	\$29.3M
Time To Production	28 Months
Full Harvest	37 Months
Annual Revenue	\$12.3M
Annual Net Income	\$5.5M
Net Income Margins	44.7%
Payback Period	8.3 Years

<sup>(1)</sup> Company's internal estimates.

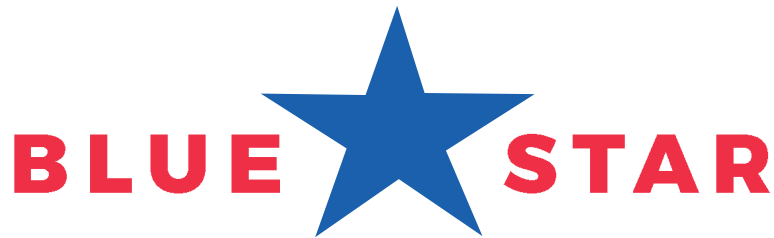
Engineering Partner



One of North America's premier engineering firms focuses on RAS facilities. Has been in business over 20+ years. Located in Nanaimo, BC, Canada.







Legacy & RAS  
Blue Star  
Revenue  
Forecast

2018 Legacy  
Estimates<sup>(1)</sup>

Net Income ~4%  
Revenue ~\$55M

Legacy Businesses<sup>(1)</sup>  
Millions of USD

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Revenue	\$20.0	\$46.0	\$47.4	\$48.8	\$50.3	\$51.8	\$53.3	\$54.9	\$372.5
COGS + OpEx	\$19.5	\$44.2	\$45.5	\$46.8	\$48.3	\$49.7	\$51.2	\$52.7	
Net Income	\$0.5	\$1.8	\$1.9	\$2.0	\$2.0	\$2.1	\$2.1	\$2.2	\$14.6

RAS Model<sup>(2)</sup>  
Millions of USD

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Harvest (MT) (Incremental)	0	0	1,500	0	1,500	3,000	6,000	9,000	
Harvest (MT) (Cumulative)	80	80	1,600	1,600	3,100	6,100	12,100	21,100	
Revenue	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$13.0	\$13.0	\$25.3	\$49.9	\$99.1	\$172.9	\$374.6
COGS + OpEx	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$7.1	\$7.1	\$13.9	\$27.5	\$54.7	\$95.5	
Net Income	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$5.9	\$5.9	\$11.4	\$22.3	\$44.3	\$77.3	\$167.2
Capital Funding Phases	Phase 1				Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Total
	\$29.3				\$29.3	\$58.6	\$117.2	\$175.8	\$410.2

(1) Legacy business assumes 4.00% growth in sales with historically similar net income margins.

(2) RAS Economics of new 1,500 MT facility are internal estimates from the management teams of Taste of BC Aquafarms and Blue Star Foods Corp.



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