

**Chris Davis** is a founding partner of the Pemaquid Oyster Company, a shellfish aquaculture business established in 1988. He also serves as Executive Director of the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center, a not for profit organization supporting research and educational efforts that advance the economic development of marine and freshwater aquaculture in Maine.

Chris is also an adjunct associate professor of Marine Sciences for the University of Maine and teaches courses in aquaculture and shellfish biology at the University of Maine's Darling Marine Center. His research interests include new aquaculture species development, selective breeding of bivalves and developing improved husbandry methods. He currently serves as President of the National Shellfisheries Association and serves on the boards of the Watershed School, Edwards A. Myers Marine Conservation Fund and the Maine Aquaculture Association.

Chris received his BA from Colby College and Ph.D. from the University of Maine and lives in Waldoboro with his wife and their two daughters.