

## **Michael Hasey**

Michael Hasey was formally trained in the techniques of Aquaponic vegetable and fish production under Dr. James Rackosy at the University of the Virgin Islands gaining certification from the International Aquaponics and Tilapia Aquaculture Program. This is paired with 20+ years experience growing plants and raising fish, of which the last 7 years have been spent growing leafy greens, basil and watercress at The Farming Fish location which he founded with his wife Olivia.

Michael's work in pond and lake management, fish breeding, and aquatic plant culture in San Diego, CA led him to research Aquaponics and to recognize his own techniques of vegetative filtration and bio-remediation as the key to sustainable agriculture. His belief in and understanding of Aquaculture and plant husbandry drive his desire to help change the trajectory of agriculture by continuing to build a commercial model of Aquaponics capable of leading the industry to higher production of higher quality fish and vegetable crops using fewer resources.

Michael also owns and runs a company that specializes in building controlled environment growing systems. Aquaponics Consulting Team has grown to become a leader in design and construction of greenhouse growing systems, aquaculture & aquaponic growing systems on the west coast.

Outside of consulting and building systems for other growers; on the farm, you'll find him working on water quality/nutrient/biology management, pest management, fish care, plant care, seeding, transplanting, harvesting, crop planning, repairs and maintenance of all farming machinery, equipment, natural habitats, land and infrastructure, fencing, employee management, educational presentations, as well as tours and programs for youth. He is an advisor for the local FFA chapter, and works with elementary and high school students in Central Point School District, the Farm to School program and the Rogue River High School Ag program.

The Farming Fish, has established a successful track record in the Aquaponic industry for producing quality Organic crops and sustainably raised fish. Identification and execution of innovative agricultural production techniques has opened multiple plausible paths in food growth and processing.