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Chris McKindsey is a research scientist with Fisheries and Oceans Canada. His research focuses on bivalve aquaculture-environment interactions, aquatic invasive species, and interdisciplinary work that examines the interactions between these two subjects. Research on aquaculture concentrates on carrying capacity of the benthic environment and the development of indices to this end. Research on exotic species includes work on exotic algae in eelgrass, ascidian tunicates, and the role of propagule pressure related to ship and small craft vectors on invasion success. Interdisciplinary research examines methods of mitigation of risks due to aquatic invasive species associated with stock transfers for bivalve culture and the importance of aquaculture to the establishment and spread of aquatic invasive species and the combined effect of aquaculture and aquatic invasive species on the environment. He is section head (Coastal and Benthic Ecology) in his home institute, chair of the ICES Working Group on the Environmental Interactions of Mariculture (WGEIM), and co-lead in the Canadian Aquatic Invasive Species Network (CAISN) and the Canadian Healthy Oceans Network (CHONe).