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Dr. Laura Halfyard joined her family's Newfoundland organic mussel farming operation in 2012, as General Manager for Sunrise Fish Farms Inc. and Connaigre Fish Farms Inc. Over its 25 years of operation, Sunrise has pioneered continuous socking technology for sustainable best farming practices for the coldwater NL environment. Laura also has over 30 years of experience with the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland as an aquaculture/fisheries specialist, including education and gender resources, and has worked in Canada, Asian and African developing countries. She is presently Vice-President and a shellfish representative for the Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association.

Over the years, Laura has been active in Newfoundland/Canadian organizations focusing on non-traditional careers and Aboriginal youth, including being a Past-President and current Director of Women in Science and Engineering Newfoundland and Labrador and the Gender Advisory Committee for the Council of Marine Professionals.

"I welcome being part of the SAWA advisory group, as I hope to share and gain insight into challenges and solutions to increased participation of women in the agricultural industry, including aquaculture – which is one of the fastest growing food sectors of our Canadian and global economy."