



Mitchell Raynard
Founder, Fetch Kayaks

Mitchell is Founder/Operator of Fetch Kayaks, a kayak manufacturer looking to build kayaks, paddles and other composites from hemp. He grew up in the prairies but spent the last five summers Sea kayak guiding along the B.C. Coast.

This led to seeking out alternatives to current resource extraction in hopes of improving the health of ecosystems in which he paddles. The kayaks are not a final product but a stepping stone to gain the finances needed to expand into other products while educating people of hemp's capabilities.

Mitchell has manufactured several prototypes including kayak paddles and skateboards using materials supplied by BioComposites Group in Drayton Valley and Lipid Composites Group in Edmonton. This has resulted in products made of approximately 90% Hemp.

Mitchell now resides in Drayton Valley, Alberta where he is manufacturing paddles and working on kayak prototypes. With five functional kayaks, he plans to embark on a six-week trip around Vancouver Island to not only prove the concept but to advertise the hemp and sea-kayak industry as a whole in hopes of attracting environmental entrepreneurs to build other hemp businesses and expand the industry. Grow a Boat, Grow an Idea!



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