

Bill Dewey Presented with Wallace Award

During the annual meeting in Monterey, CA, Bill Dewey (Taylor Shellfish) was selected by the Executive Committee to receive the David H. Wallace Award. This award was developed in honor of David Wallace in recognition of his long and dedicated service in promoting research, understanding, and cooperation among shellfish scientists, culturists, managers, producers, and regulators (for more information about the Wallace Award see <http://shellfish.org>).

Since graduating from the University of Washington's School of Fisheries in 1981, Bill Dewey has spent 20 plus years as a shellfish farmer in Washington State, and has taken an active role in shaping public policy as it affects the shellfish culture industry. He was featured in the Western Regional Aquaculture Center (WRAC), Water-lines Newsletter (Spring/Summer 1997 issue) when he first served on the Industry Advisory Council of WRAC and was Division Manager of Taylor Shellfish, serving the needs of the company as well as the whole industry. It was stated in that newsletter, "In all aspects of his involvement with aquaculture in the State of Washington, Bill has served the industry with integrity and with an eye toward the future. His training, experience, and expertise in the shellfish industry have put him in high demand, and we are fortunate that he has been willing to further expand his efforts on behalf of the WRAC program." Needless to say, Bill has been a most recognized advocate in the aquaculture arena.

From his start at Rock Point Oyster Co. and then Taylor Shellfish, his keen interest in promoting the well-being of the shellfish industry on the west coast was apparent. He started his own shellfish farm (Chuckanut Shellfish Farm) in 1991. Through the years Bill has had an exceptional record of effectively bringing together research scientists and industry groups/producers so that the products of research are effectively applied for the benefit of the shellfish industry. He has tirelessly made it his personal charge to be aware of any legislative and/or political matters that can be of potential concern for the industry, and has shared that information with industry members for action. His broad training, expertise and accomplishments have led to his appointment to the National Aquaculture Association (NAA) Board of Directors, as well as several other task force committees and councils both locally and

nationally. Thus, he is a true "watch dog" for the shellfish industry.

Bill works closely with the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association (PCSGA) and has served as its President. He was also instrumental in helping to organize the Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI), which develops and disseminates scientific and technical information to the general public, shellfish farmers and public officials in connection with shellfish related environmental and animal/human health and safety issues. Well known are Bill's efforts as major organizer and synthesizer of user documents such as the "North America West Coast Shellfish Industry's Research and Initiatives Priorities 2010". This document was first published in 1999, and revised in 2003. Through his involvement in PSI, Bill was able to get cooperation from many members in the PCSGA and the Pacific Coast Section of NSA to develop and revise this document which is important not only to the west coast, but as a reference throughout other coastal areas of the U.S. He is presently working with key scientists and growers in updating this important user document to 2015 priorities. Bill was also a major co-investigator in the 2002 publication, "Environmental Codes of Practice for the Pacific Coast Shellfish Industry", a useful document for orienting shellfish growers of their need to

stay on top of environmental issues/impacts when farming shellfish.

In many ways, Bill has shown similar attributes defined for David H. Wallace in his accomplishments to assist the shellfish industry. Congratulations are extended to Bill for being honored with the NSA David H. Wallace Award for 2006.

Ken Chew
Past President
Wallace Awardee

