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DR. LYLE STANHOPE ST. AMANT

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DR. LYLE STANHOPE ST. AMANT, Lyle or "Doc," as his many friends and associates knew him, was born 10 April 1915 in New Orleans, LA. He was educated at Louisiana State University (B.S., 1935; M.S., 1938) and Northwestern University (Ph.D., 1941). He served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps during World War II, and began his 34-year career with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 1 March 1946 as a wildlife biologist. On 26 January 1955, Dr. St. Amant was transferred to the Department's Oyster, Water Bottoms, and Seafood Division, where he subsequently became Division Chief in 1962. On 4 May 1969, he became the Chief Marine Biologist and the Director of the Louisiana Marine Research Laboratory on Grand Terre Island. Dr. St. Amant became the Assistant Director of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in 1971, with marine resources and their management as his speciality. Finally, on 1 October 1976, following reorganization of state government, he became Assistant Secretary and headed the Department's Office of Coastal and Marine Resources; he continued in that position until retirement on 30 June 1980.

During his 34-year fisheries career, Dr. St. Amant

authored more than 80 technical publications in the fields of marine and estuarine fisheries, ecology, and hydrocarbon pollution and development. He served on numerous commissions, committees, and advisory councils that dealt with marine and estuarine fisheries including the National Research Council, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Coastal and Estuarine Management Advisory Committee and Marine Affairs Action Group, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Estuarine Industrial Problems, National Sea Grant Advisory and Coastal Zone Management committees, the Federal Power Commission's Supply-Technical Advisory Committee of the Natural Gas Survey, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Chairman Emeritus), and the U.S. Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (as a consultant). Countless people at international, federal, and state levels sought his counsel and advice. He helped hundreds of organizations in reaching important decisions regarding management of valuable marine resources. Dr. St. Amant was recognized as a national and international authority on marine and estuarine matters including shrimp, crab, and oyster biology and management, and he was a champion of multiple use of natural resources including estuarine shellfish and the oil, natural gas, and sulfur deposits that were below coastal estuaries.

Dr. St. Amant received numerous distinguished awards, certificates, and plaques from various local, state, and national groups including the Governor's Award as the outstanding professional in fisheries conservation in 1964 (presented by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation), the Conservationist of the Year award in 1970 (by the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association), and the selection as Honorary Member of the National Shellfisheries Association in June 1973. In his honor, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission renamed the Grand Terre Marine Research Laboratory the "Dr. Lyle S. St. Amant Marine Laboratory," certainly a fine tribute to his professional life and accomplishments.

DR. LYLE STANHOPE ST. AMANT passed away on 21 December 1981 at the age of 66. He is survived by his wife Monroe, of Hammond, LA; two sons, Joseph and William; a daughter, Katherine; and hundreds of friends and colleagues in Louisiana and the NSA. Shellfisheries of the Gulf of Mexico have benefitted from his work and management efforts; he will be missed, but his legacy remains.

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