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Bill Taylor honored for Lifetime Contributions to the Aquaculture Industry

At the World Aquaculture Conference in San Diego the first week of March, Bill Taylor, President of Taylor Shellfish Company was presented with the Joseph P. McCraren Award for Distinguished Lifetime Contributions to the Aquaculture Industry. This award, named after Mr. Joe McCraren, a long-time Fish and Wildlife Service aquaculture scientist was presented by the National Aquaculture Association. Mr. McCraren helped establish the NAA and served as its first Executive Director.

Mr. Taylor was recognized as modern day shellfish farming pioneer who along with his brother Paul have done more to modernize and scale up the Pacific Northwest shellfish industry than any other shellfish farming family. The Taylor family has been farming shellfish for over 100 years. Today they are well known for their state of the art innovative farming practices, seed production and processing facilities. In the 1980's Taylor Shellfish Company adopted the use of hatchery reared seed, a change that has revolutionized shellfish production and led to Taylor Shellfish Company being the largest producer of farmed shellfish in North America. Besides being honored as a shellfish farming revolutionary Mr. Taylor was also praised for sharing his successes, failures and lessons learned with other shellfish growers.

Mr. Taylor also received accolades for the active role he and his employees take in shaping public policy regarding shellfish farming. Mr. Taylor served as President of the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association from 1992 to 1996. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Puget Sound Restoration Fund, the Cascade Land Conservancy, and the Pacific Education Institute.

Mr. Taylor acknowledged in receiving the award that the company's success was due to outstanding employees and being surrounded by other progressive shellfish companies all working together to advance the industry.

Attended by approximately 3,000 people the World Aquaculture Conference draws fish, shellfish, shrimp, abalone and algae culturists and equipment suppliers from around the world.

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