

NEWFOUNDLAND AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION



6 July 2016

Dear NAIA Members and Supporters,

We are now accepting nominations for the **NAIA Aquaculturist of the Year 2016**. The award for **Aquaculturist of the Year** will be presented at the banquet at the end of our annual meeting on the evening of Wednesday 21 September 2016, in St. John's. Details are as follows:

Purpose of Aquaculturist of the Year

The Aquaculturist of the Year Award honours individuals for outstanding contribution to NAIA and/or the development of the aquaculture sector in our Province (see Appendix for further details). *The emphasis is on significant contributions to NAIA or the industry over time.*

Award Eligibility

Any person from *industry, the supply sector, academics or a government agency* that has made a significant contribution to NAIA and/or the NL aquaculture industry over a prolonged period of time is eligible to be nominated to receive the Aquaculturist of the Year Award.

Award Nomination Process

1. The criteria for evaluating Aquaculturist of the Year Award nominees are intended to be inclusive. That is, people from all sectors of Newfoundland aquaculture should be equally considered as potential nominees.
2. The nominator(s) must provide a written nomination with reasons for nominating the individual or group, including their achievements, and how they best exemplify NAIA's objectives (see Appendix for details).
3. Nominations **must be received no later than 15 August 2016 by email to the Awards Committee Chair, Cyr Couturier** for review and approval by the Committee.

Please submit your nominations in confidence to:

Cyr Couturier, Chair
c/o NAIA Committee for Aquaculturist of the Year 2016

via email at cyr@naia.ca

Award Selection Committee (past AOY winners): Cyr Couturier (chair): Allens Fisheries, Clyde Collier, Boyd Pack, Jennifer and Doug Caines, Juan Roberts, Jonathan Moir, Terry Mills, Patrick Dabinett, Job Halfyard, Geoff Ball, Joan Strickland, Vernon Watkins, Jennifer Woodland.

Thanks in advance for your nominations,



Cyr Couturier
Chair, NAIA Awards Nomination Committee
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The Award and Context

1. The Aquaculturist of the Year Award recognizes an individual or group who best exemplifies the aims and objectives of the Association.
2. The Award recognizes significant achievements or accomplishments realized over time in keeping with the NAIA objectives, and not simply an accomplishment in the past calendar year.
3. The primary objectives of the Association are to promote, assist and foster the development of commercial aquaculture activities in the Province.
4. The Award recipient will be recognized formally with a plaque by his / her peers at a special ceremony during our annual conference banquet. Complimentary travel and accommodations will be provided to the Awardee.