

2010 AWARD WINNERS

Irving Fox Award

The Irving Fox Award was not given out this year.

Jim Pojar Award

One nomination for the Jim Pojar Award was received this year, based on publications made in the last five years "that improve the scientific understanding or public appreciation of the ecological, social or human dimensions of natural resource use in northwest B.C."

The evaluation committee chose a group of northwestern B.C. fisheries biologists and University of Alberta researchers for their work, which examined the effects of sea lice on Pacific salmon numbers based on three years of data on juvenile pink salmon from the mouth of the Skeena River. The paper *Effects of Host Migration, Diversity and Aquaculture on Sea Lice Threats to Pacific Salmon Populations* was co-authored by Martin Krkošek, Mark Lewis, Allen Gottesfeld, Bart Proctor, Dave Rolston and Charmaine Carr-Harris.

Volunteer Distinction Award

The Volunteer Distinction Award was presented to local lawyer and BVRC member **Richard Overstall**, whose efforts made last September's Skeena Salmon Habitat Conference a reality. The conference brought some of the Northwest's top salmon experts to Smithers. Much of this recognition that the BVRC is receiving is based upon Richard's tireless volunteer efforts, helping to position the centre as a key agency in moving forward with Skeena salmon habitat research and management.



RICHARD OVERSTALL ACCEPTING HIS AWARD