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## **Shellfish Research Centre Dedicated to Quayle and Bourne**

On October 8, 2004, the Centre for Shellfish Research (CSR) officially opened at Malaspina University-College in Nanaimo, BC. Under the guidance of the CSR Director, Don Tillapaugh, the new 8000 Ft<sup>2</sup> building was designed and completed for September occupancy.

During the official opening, the building was dedicated to the late Dr. D.B. (Dan) Quayle and Dr. Neil Bourne, two well-known and highly respected shellfish researchers and founders of the BC shellfish culture industry. At the dedication, Neil Bourne was present and Moura Quayle, the daughter of D.B. Quayle represented the Quayle family.

During over 40 years of active research, D.B. Quayle set the foundations of what today has become a significant and expanding oyster culture industry in BC. He discovered BC's first local seed source for the Pacific oyster which freed the industry from dependence on Japanese seed. He also did fundamental research on many other west coast invertebrate species. To recognize his contribution to industry, Dan received the Wallace Award from the National Shellfish Association (NSA) in 1992.

Neil Bourne worked with D.B. Quayle for many years at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo where he developed methodology for the culture of the Japanese scallop in BC. Neil, recently retired from DFO, has also done major research on clam biology, both from fisheries and aquaculture points of view.

Neil is also a Wallace Awardee from 1991, served as President of the NSA in 1981-2 and has also received the Honoured Life Member award. The active research careers of these two scientists spans over fifty years – their achievements have contributed significantly to the development of the BC shellfish aquaculture industry.

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