

64th Annual

FISHERMEN'S NIGHT



King Neptune Seafood Buffet Scholarship Program Reception

“In Support of Good Science and Scholarship in Fisheries”

Leif Erikson Hall 2245 NW 57th Street Ballard, WA

Thursday, December 11, 2014 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm



King Neptune Award

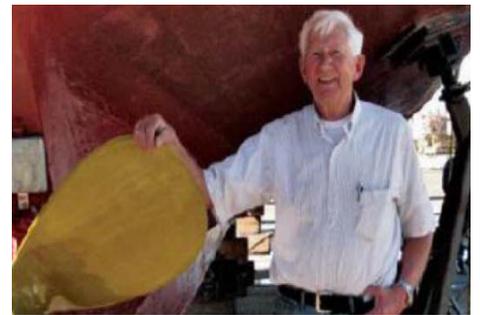
The NCC Norwegian Commercial Club King Neptune Award was initiated to honor individuals or organizations whose contributions have furthered the economic growth, well-being and recognition of the North Pacific fishing industry. The award is intended to honor long-term commitments and contributions to the industry as well as breakthrough contributions.

<i>1995</i>	<i>Dr. Ole A. Mathiesen</i>
<i>1996</i>	<i>Harold Lokken</i>
<i>1997</i>	<i>Peter G. Schmidt</i>
<i>1998</i>	<i>Robert M. (Bob) Thorstenson, Sr.</i>
<i>1999</i>	<i>Bart Eaton</i>
<i>2000</i>	<i>Dr. Dayton Lee Alvorsen</i>
<i>2001</i>	<i>Tink Mosness</i>
<i>2002</i>	<i>Dave LeClercq</i>
<i>2003</i>	<i>Wally Pereyra</i>
<i>2004</i>	<i>Robert Alvorsen</i>
<i>2005</i>	<i>Kaare Ness</i>
<i>2006</i>	<i>Anne Mosness</i>
<i>2007</i>	<i>Chuck Bundrant</i>
<i>2008</i>	<i>James Cole</i>
<i>2009</i>	<i>Senator Ted Stevens</i>
<i>2010</i>	<i>John Bruce</i>
<i>2011</i>	<i>Gary Stauffer</i>
<i>2012</i>	<i>Capt. Ivar Reiten</i>
<i>2013</i>	<i>Warren Aakervik, Jr.</i>
<i>2014</i>	<i>Magne Nes</i>

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Magne Nes



Magne Nes was born in Karmøy, Norway June 18, 1936. When he was 14, Magne went to sea in the Norwegian Merchant Marine. His mother told him not to come home too soon as it was hard times for everyone after the war. For the last 64 years Magne has been at sea, exploring deep waters to 1,000 fathom depths utilizing varying fishing methods. Magne has always been into research, whether it be for fishing or for safety.

In 1951 Magne joined the Norwegian Merchant Marine sailing freighters throughout the world. In 1955 Magne immigrated to the United States, New Bedford, Massachusetts, fishing scallops on the FELICIA, selling to Fulton Market, trawling for Bottom Fish, Clams, Lobster, Atlantic Cod and Flounders, from Cape May, New Jersey to Boston, Massachusetts.

Magne owned and operated over 26 fishing vessels and held over 125 Alaska fishing licenses. In 1979 the NORTHERN AURORA was featured in the Aleutians Alaska Geographic Magazine. He gave back to his community and sponsored many of his countrymen to come to the United States. He always told his fellow fishermen where to find the fish. Starting with King Crab fishing in 1961, Magne had deliveries in excess of 50 million pounds, well before the “Deadliest Catch”.

Magne ventured to Seattle’s Fishermen’s Terminal and fished for Jackie Ray on the 73’ HAVANA. In 1959 Magne moved permanently to Seattle, trawling from Washington State and outside the Oregon Coast to Canada on to Alaska. He gillnetted and purse seined salmon in Kodiak and Prince William Sound, fished halibut with hook and line and seined and gillnetted in southeast Alaska. He fished with Dan Luketa (WESTERN FLYER) and Sverre Hansen, hanging out on Ballard Avenue at Ingvard “Inky” Boe’s Ballard Tavern with Sverre’s brother Karl Johan, John Sjong and many others in the business.

In 1961 Magne became a U.S. Citizen. Ole Hendricks and Thorleif Petersen, owners of the 82’ wooden SEASTAR, gave him a job fishing king crab in Kodiak, Sand Point, Dutch Harbor and Adak using round steel pots with manilla line delivering to the DEEP SEA. Magne was the first owner of the 83’ wooden NORTH BEACH with Thorleif Petersen and Harold Hansen.

In 1964 Magne started gillnetting for salmon in Bristol Bay fishing alongside John Johannessen and Einar Langesater. Magne paid for John’s airplane ticket but was a little miffed when he tried to bring a suitcase onboard. The year after the 1964 earthquake in Kodiak, Magne leased the NEPTUNE I from Rudy Petersen delivering to Wakefield in Kodiak and Seldovia. Three new gillnetters followed including GAIL T in 1978. She was a State-of-the-Art gillnetter, the first catamaran type with water jets driven by diesel engines and speed to 32 knots, shallow draft of 12” with refrigerated seawater to cool the catch.

In 1965 Magne built four fishing vessels designed for king crab in Alaska, the NORTH PACIFIC, PACIFIC VOYAGER, ROYAL PACIFIC and ANNA MARIE, which was also a combination trawler/crabber. Magne was on the NORTH PACIFIC scalloping at the same time as his brother Kaare was on VIKING QUEEN with Egil Ellingsen on SMARAGD, Mike Love on OUNGONDY and BOUNTIFUL with 13 New Bedford buddies including Anders “Andy” Andersen, Magnus Eliassen and Johan Lund, all from the east coast - New Bedford and Fairhaven, MA, shucking scallops out of Seward.

Since 1965 Magne has made numerous trips on vessels in Norway researching, from shipping live crab to testing new equipment, including a clean meat crab extractor to 500 kilograms an hour. 1969 was spent researching tuna fishing with Kenny Petersen out of American Samoa.

In 1970 Magne fished King Crab, Scallops and Salmon in Alaska with converted vessels. The largest was the combination vessel SEAHAWK, double rigged out-riggers for shrimp, mid-water trawling and king crab freezing and processing, cooking crab in 55 gallon drums with partner Peder Nornes. They took

a load to Hawaii, went broke and ended up doing survey work for the NMFS. He fished the trawler PAT-SAN-MARIE and seiner CRYSTAL S, converted in Salina Cruz, Mexico.

Magne was the first to initiate survival suits on the CRYATAL S in 1974. He was the first to have medical prescription chests on the fishing vessels NORTH PACIFIC, PACIFIC VOYAGER and ROYAL PACIFIC. Magne, together with Rudy and Jackie Petersen, was one of the first to have a doctor on standby 24 hours a day via single sideband radio through KMI, San Francisco and provided insurance for crew members and their families. Other pioneering activities include the use of sodium lights for night time crab fishing, hydraulic rams and dogs on pot launchers and longlining full sized crab pots in strings.

State-of-the-Art vessels followed fishing and processing black cod with the Mustad Autoline System on the LONGLINER a combination vessel and the trawler/crabber OCEAN LEADER. In 1978, he partnered with Jens Jensen, Tor Tollessen, Bob Wyman, Ron Brill and Charles Knutsen to convert a Navy FS to the NORTHERN AURORA for fishing scallops with automatic shucking equipment, freezing 5-pound cartons ready for markets. Development of deep-water brown and Baradi crab continued on the INTREPID and NORTHERN AURORA.

At the NCC Fishermen's Night in 1979, Magne received the NCC Norwegian Commercial Club Special Award with K. Larssen and Tor H. Tollessen as Captain, maneuvering the NORTHERN AURORA, rescuing man overboard Sigmund Ingebretsen who had fallen overboard the night of October 29, 1978 in the Bering Sea. Magne was part owner with Tor who jumped into the sea to rescue Sigmund with Magne at the helm. Sigmund's grandmother Ragna could never forget the good deed they had done and was forever more than thankful as Ragna's husband Simon drowned outside Washington coast in the 50s a few years after they had arrived here from Karmøy.

1980 brought new processing equipment installed on NORTHERN AURORA and GREAT PACIFIC for split salt cod in the Bering Sea with markets in Norway and Portugal. Brown crab fishing/processing on board SEAHAWKER and ARCTIC ROSE in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Isles. Hawaiian Islands tuna and deep-water prawns to 700 meters. Magne fished deepwater red and golden crab to 1,500 meters depth in Florida. Starting in 1982 he fished Calico scallops, golden Florida crab, slipper (bulldozer) lobster, mahi mahi, deepwater red crab, mullet and groupers.

In 1990 Magne and Einar Langesater partnered with Francis Miller of Arctic Alaska on the ARCTIC ROSE scallop fishing the converted old mud boat ARCTIC COMMAND at a cost of \$12,000,000. A Marshall Islands Tuna Project and Montevideo Uruguay seabass/toothfish Argentina by traps came next. Fishing/Processor/Longline/Traps Project SEAHAWKER skippered by Sören Sörensen, Hawaiian Islands deepwater shrimp and sushi grade at -60°F tuna by surface longline.

With Frances Miller he partnered in the TUCANA, JAMIE B and KRISTINA tuna fishing in Marshall Islands and deep-water fishing sea bass/toothfish in Argentina to 1,600 meters by longlining of traps along with swordfish and suna by surface longline. Next was Mexican deepwater black cod (sablefish) down to 1,600 meters. Worked with Richard Stephenson of San Diego developing bluefin tuna in pens off Baja California, Mexico. Offshore F.A.D.S. research on seamounts scouting bluefin and other fish by spotter planes. He fished Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands deepwater brown king crab for which he was wrongfully denied quota when the new "Rationalization" was devised by a few people in power.

2000 brought Magne to Peru, Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Mexico tuna/mahi fishing. He worked offshore with Dick Stephenson and his vessel CONNIE JEAN off Mexico and Costa Rica. He fished with floating radio beacons, seining and transporting to San Diego with the 1917, 68' x 80 ton wooden BERIT J, all done outside the 200-mile zone on seamounts. Average assorted catch was 50 tons per day. He anchored radio beacons off California and Mexico. He fished crab, black cod and assorted tuna off San Diego. He fished slime eels in pots and trolled for albacore from California to Washington.

Today, Magne is researching, prospecting and fishing Hawaii on the BERIT J with plans for a new State-of-the-Art shallow draft gillnetter. Over the years Magne has saved many in overboard situations. After Sigmund Ingebretsen, Greg Curtis and Helge Snørteland followed with a dive in the ocean from the pilothouse to save Noralf Langaker. The latest saving is what appeared to be an actual Mermaid, clinging to a raft and crying for help, rescued by Magne onboard the BERIT J during the hurricane in Hawaii in July and returned her safe as red and blue lights flashed on the beach searching off Barbes Point, Oahu.

It is our pleasure to present Magne Nes with the 2014 King Neptune Award.