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Organic aquaculture celebrates two of its best

The Pacific Organic Seafood Association (POSA) salutes two of its members who were named organic champions at a recent awards event hosted by the Canadian Organic Trade Association (COTA).

COTA hosted the inaugural event in Vancouver April 5 and recognized Tim Rundle and Justin Henry as Organic Champions of the Year.

Rundle serves as chair of POSA and is the General Manager of Tofino-based Creative Salmon Co. Ltd. – Canada’s first certified organic farm salmon producer.

Henry is the general manager at Northern Divine Aquafarms Ltd. – the world’s only producer of certified organic sturgeon and caviar.

The champion award recognizes industry leaders who have distinguished themselves professionally for their pursuit of notable advancements to growing methods, programs, initiatives, new categories, or product development that promote the growth, sustainability or influence of organic agriculture and trade.

Rundle and Henry were chosen for the award for their contribution to and participation in the development of the Canadian Organic Aquaculture Standard which was published in May 2012.

POSA continues to play an active role with standards with participation in the Organic Agriculture Technical Committee for review of the Organic Agriculture Standards as well as the review of the Organic Aquaculture Standard.

“I’ve also been able to represent organic aquaculture for the last two years on two organic strategy working groups here in BC,” said Rundle. “Although much of POSA’s effort seems to be behind the scenes in creating structure and reviewing standards, POSA members also spread the organic message through tours of operations and customer education whether it is distributors, retailers, restaurants, or end consumers.”

POSA’s mission is to work together to improve organic aquaculture and share best practices for the producing, harvesting, processing, marketing, and selling of organic seafood products.

“I am honoured and humbled to receive this organic champion award,” said Henry, “and I accept it on behalf of all of the people who have worked so hard and contributed thousands of hours over the past two decades to make organic aquaculture and aquaponics a reality in Canada.”

Rundle added he is proud to accept the award for the many efforts by a lot of committed people “and to strengthen ties between organic aquatic farming and organic terrestrial farming.”

With members across Canada, the Canada Organic Trade Association works to connect everyone along the organic supply chain and provide a clear, unified voice on all issues that affect the Canadian organic sector.

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