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16TH ANNUAL MURRAY A. NEWMAN AWARDS PRESENTED AT VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

VANCOUVER, B.C. – Excellence in Aquatic Research and Conservation was celebrated at the Vancouver Aquarium on January 19 where Dr. Randall Peterman and Jackie Hildering were presented with the prestigious Murray A. Newman awards.

“The annual Murray A. Newman awards recognize significant achievements in Aquatic Science and Conservation,” said Dr. John Nightingale, president of the Vancouver Aquarium. “It is a great honour to present Dr. Peterman and Ms. Hildering with these awards to recognize the dedication of their careers to Aquatic Research and Conservation, and to have them join the amazing list of those honoured over the past 16 years.”

Dr. Randall Peterman was recognized for *Significant Achievement in Aquatic Research*. Dr. Peterman holds a Canada Research Chair in Fisheries Risk Assessment and Management in the School of Resource and Environmental Management at Simon Fraser University. Over a 40-year career he has specialized in quantitative methods to improve fisheries management. He focuses on fish population dynamics, including pioneering approaches for quantifying and reducing uncertainties affecting conservation risks and management decisions.

Jackie Hildering was recognized for *Significant Achievement in Aquatic Conservation*. As Communications Director of Save our Salmon, Ms. Hildering has dedicated her life to marine conservation through education. Often described as a *marine guru* she spent summers working as head naturalist for Stubbs Island Charters and winters working as regional Education Coordinator for Fisheries and Oceans Canada before moving to Save our Salmon in 2009.

For more information about the Murray A. Newman Awards and the award recipients, please visit vanaqua.org/MurrayNewmanAwards2010.

About Murray A. Newman Awards

The Murray A. Newman Awards were established as a tribute to Dr. Murray Newman, the founding director of the Vancouver Aquarium. When Dr. Newman retired in 1993, his friends and colleagues came together to recognize his contribution to public awareness and understanding of the aquatic world. Their hope is to create a long and lasting endowment for the Aquarium for years to come.

About Vancouver Aquarium

The Vancouver Aquarium is a global leader in connecting people to our natural world, and a self-supporting, non-profit association dedicated to effecting the conservation of aquatic life through display, education, research, and direct action. Learn more at www.vanaqua.org.

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